Between 1865 and 1920 the largest number of Black townships after the Civil War were in Oklahoma. African Americans founded dozens of Black townships and settlements in the region. A wealthy African American landowner, named O.W. Gurley, moved to Tulsa, and bought 40 acres of land that he named Greenwood after a town in Mississippi - there Gurley opted to only sell to Black settlers. Gurley started with a boarding house for African Americans and would loan money to people who wanted to start a business -this was the start of Tulsa's Black Wall Street.

KEYNOTE WITH DR. MELINA ABDULLAH
Dr. Abdullah is an academic and civic leader. She is the former Chair of the Department of Pan-African Studies at California State University, Los Angeles, and a co-founder of the Los Angeles chapter of Black Lives Matter.

During libation ceremonies water or another liquid is poured on the ground in the four directions that the wind comes from -we do so in remembrance and honor of our ancestors and in memory of departed loved ones. The ceremony calls on them to be present to witness events and to imbue us with their strength. During libation aids us in the process of remembering, connecting, and re-connecting to the earth, ourselves, and our ancestors. We also honor those authors, poets, educators, and individuals who have moved us and thought forward.

MOVIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH
Art With Impacts' mission is to promote mental wellness by creating space for people to learn and connect through art and media. Their aim and work are focused on reducing the stigma of mental illness and connecting people to the support they need. Please visit the following link for more information on ELAC, Art with Impact and Movies for Mental Health: http://bit.ly/m4mho-elac

We will screen short films about mental health which will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A's.

Please join East Los Angeles College’s Umoja Program and Office of the President in celebrating Black History Month 2022.

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