



Pepp Honors Black History Month

Design by Ali Levens, Creative Director | Photos by Audrey Hartono, Staff Photographer | A collage of portraits from the “Cultivators: Highlights from the Kinsey African American Art and History Collection” hang in the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art. The collection is displayed throughout the month of February to honor Black History Month.

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Throughout the month of February, Pepperdine will partner with several organizations to honor Black History Month. Black History Month is a time to honor and celebrate Black voices around the world, as well as educate others about Black history and Black culture.

The month is filled with activities including a Presidential Speaker Series highlighting racism across the United States and student-run events to promote education about Black history. The Kinsey Collection — an exhibit of African American history and art — will also be available on display at the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art throughout February.

“The best way to appreciate

Black history is to learn it, to educate yourself about it and to figure out what Black contributions were to society as a whole,” said Myles Dennis, Alpha Phi Alpha Incorporated president.

APA began in 1906 as the “first inter-collegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men,” according to the group’s website. The fraternity’s goal is to promote brotherhood among all Black Americans, according to their website.

The Kinsey Collection

The Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art kicked off February by showcasing the “Cultivators: Highlights from the Kinsey African American Art and History Collection.” The Kinsey Collection features Afri-

can American art, photographs, books, letters and manuscripts from the past five centuries.

Kinsey Collection founders Bernard and Shirley Kinsey both earned bachelor’s degrees from Pepperdine. Their art collection reflects their personal journeys of self-discovery and shared experiences, according to the Kinsey Collection website.

The official opening ceremony for the exhibit will be Feb. 19 from noon to 5 p.m., but the exhibit is open to the public from Jan. 15 to March 27.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Tua Lambda members went to the Kinsey Collection as a chapter activity, and said they were impressed by the collection.

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