

# RICHARDSON ISD PRESENTS YOUR TICKET TO:

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Courageous Conversation "Down For the Crown: A Courageous Conversation with TaShara Parker"

Hair is the crown and glory of the Black community, however others do not always understand, appreciate, or accept how we show up with our crowns. With the passing of the Crown Act in Texas, RISD's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Department and the Richardson Area Alliance of Black School Educators (RAABSE) have partnered to discuss hair discrimination and its impact in schools and the workplace. Join us as we host WFAA Anchor, Emmy Award Winning Journalist, and Fierce Crown Act Advocate, TaShara Parker, to dive into this compelling topic!

**Monday, February 12  
5 p.m.**  
**Professional Development  
Center (PDC) Auditorium**  
701 W Belt Line Rd  
Richardson, TX 75080



Register at:  
[s.risd.org/crown](https://s.risd.org/crown)  
Staff will receive two non-duty hours.

## Video Series - A Lasting Legacy: Remembering My HBCU

In collaboration with Richardson Area Alliance of Black School Educators (RAABSE), local and district educators recall their HBCU college experience and its lasting impact on their lives, careers, and collective pride. *Follow us at @RISD\_Equity to view and learn more.*

## Districtwide Challenge: Visit Anderson Bonner Park at 12000 Park Central Dr, Dallas, TX 75251

Anderson Bonner was born a slave and became one of the biggest landowners north of Dallas by the turn of the 19th century. The Bonner family attended Anderson Bonner School and later Hamilton Park, which began as a K-12 school for Black students. *This month, visit Anderson Bonner Park, read and reflect about its history, and tweet us @RISD\_Equity and #RISDHonorsHeritage to share your pictures and reflections.*

Background Article: [s.risd.org/bonnerbackground](https://s.risd.org/bonnerbackground)

Reflection Questions: [s.risd.org/abonnerpark](https://s.risd.org/abonnerpark)

**RISD Staff:** Receive one hour of professional learning credit by completing [s.risd.org/bonnerform](https://s.risd.org/bonnerform) and uploading a picture of yourself and the statue or historical marker.



The Anderson Bonner Endowment scholarship, established and maintained by Bonner descendants, helps RISD students attend Prairie View A&M University. Learn more at [s.risd.org/bonnerpvamu](https://s.risd.org/bonnerpvamu) and [s.risd.org/risdships](https://s.risd.org/risdships).

## Resources

- Campus morning announcements: [s.risd.org/announcebhm](https://s.risd.org/announcebhm)
- Weekly District Celebrations via social media and district websites.
- Connecting Cultures resources centering Black History Month for classroom and campus use are available.
- Check campus websites and newsletters for campus-specific activities and events from Campus Equity Teams.

## Friday Themes that Teach:

Join us at [@RISD\\_Equity](https://twitter.com/RISD_Equity) on X each Friday as we discuss local Black History. Use the hashtag #RISDHonorsHeritage to catch up and chime in.

**Friday, Feb. 2**

### Little Egypt

Did you know that Richardson ISD is home to Little Egypt, a Freedman's Town north of Northwest Highway in Lake Highlands from 1883 to 1962?

*Note: a Freedmen's Town was an African American municipality or community built by freedmen, formerly enslaved people, who were emancipated during and after the American Civil War.*

**Friday, Feb. 9**

### White Rock Chapel

Located near the banks of White Rock Creek, where a white plantation owner donated land for a church founded by formerly enslaved men and women with whom he often worshiped in 1918, White Rock Chapel continues today as a nonprofit cultural and spiritual convening place.

**Friday, Feb. 16**

### Anderson Bonner School

Named after the formerly enslaved man who became one of the biggest landowners north of Dallas, Anderson Bonner School was the first public school for Black children in North Dallas. *See Districtwide Challenge for more.*

**Friday, Feb. 23**

### Share Your HBCU Pride

Did you attend an HBCU? Today, we're calling on all HBCU alum to share your HBCU pride.



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