

APRIL NEWSLETTER

EOC
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WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH

MALE MENTORING WORKSHOP

EOC will be continuing the Male Mentoring Workshops this month on April 14th & 28th at Ivory/Baker Recreation Center.

CELEBRATING GRADUATES

Join us on April 29th as we celebrate all of our EOC GRADUATES this month! If you have finished your GED program within the last academic year, come celebrate your accomplishment!

IMPORTANT DATES

UNC Charlotte (April 27th) and Johnson C Smith University (April 29th) COLLEGE TOURS for EOC participants!

W.O.W WORKSHOPS

Our Wednesday workshops at CPCA are scheduled for April 1st and 15th, see calendar!



MESSAGE FROM EOC

NEARING COMPLETION

Wow! You have almost come to the end of another successful semester! Now is the time to give yourself the final push. Think about your goals and find steps to work towards them. Join us for tutoring, to help you meet academic goals!

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EOC Spring Festival

Welcome the spring in style with us on APRIL 18! More info on page 2

Easter

April egg hunts, bunnies, and church services mark this holiday tradition.

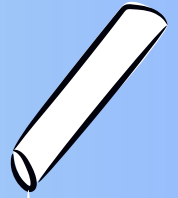
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April



EOC SPRING FESTIVAL

Join us on April 18th for our first annual SPRING FESTIVAL! EOC will be hosting a fun family event where the community can come together to learn about our services and have some fun!

Food, fun, games, and more!

Entry is free for everyone in the community. You can reserve your free tickets on Eventbrite or email us at eoc@academicinstitute.education

Community vendors, free raffles, face painting, bouncy house, shoe giveaways, line dancing, spring crafts, you name it! Bring the whole family!

SATURDAY APRIL 18th 10AM - 2PM

7506 East Independence BLVD, Charlotte, NC 28227

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Nature does not hurry,
yet everything is
accomplished."

- Lao Tzu

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

How We Celebrate SPRING in April!



EASTER

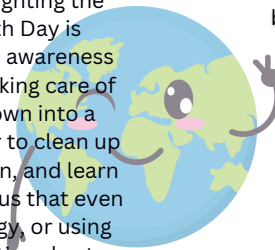
Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It marks the end of Holy Week and follows Good Friday, the day Christians believe Jesus was crucified. In the U.S., Easter is seen as a symbol of hope, renewal, and salvation.

Easter is also celebrated in a secular way, often centered around family gatherings, egg hunts, candy, and springtime fun. The Easter Bunny is a popular symbol, said to deliver decorated eggs and treats to children. Communities host egg hunts, parades, and festive brunches, and stores fill with pastel-colored candy and baskets. For many, it's a cheerful way to welcome spring and new beginnings, whether or not they observe the religious aspect of the holiday.

This year, Easter falls on April 5th!

EARTH DAY

Earth day is an annual observance highlighting the need to take care of planet earth. Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22 to raise awareness about protecting the environment and taking care of our planet. It began in 1970 and has grown into a global event where people come together to clean up communities, plant trees, reduce pollution, and learn about climate change. Earth Day reminds us that even small actions—like recycling, saving energy, or using less plastic—can make a big difference. It's a day to celebrate nature and commit to keeping the Earth healthy for future generations.



ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day, which is a day to plant and care for trees in the United States, is also celebrated in April, on the last Friday. This year, Arbor day is on April 26! Environmental protection is a big focus for the month of April!



Find your Spark In April

National Library Week

The first full week of April celebrates libraries, librarians, and literacy! Make time to go to the library April 19th through 25th. There are many resources for you beyond just books. Most public libraries offer access to Libby, which is an app that offers free access to eBooks and audiobooks, and Kanopy, which is a streaming service like Netflix or Hulu! Make time to thank your librarians both on campus and at your local public library!



Autism Acceptance Month

Autism Acceptance Month, observed every April in the U.S., is a time to celebrate neurodiversity and promote understanding, inclusion, and acceptance of people on the autism spectrum. Unlike older awareness campaigns that often focused on deficits, acceptance efforts emphasize autistic voices, strengths, and rights. It's a time to challenge stigma, support accessibility, and honor the diverse experiences of autistic individuals across all ages and backgrounds.



Arab American Heritage Month

April is Arab American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans across the United States. From art and literature to science, business, and public service, Arab Americans have played an important role in shaping the country. It's also a chance to learn more, challenge stereotypes, and uplift the diverse voices and experiences within Arab American communities.

