



NATIONAL CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Join the DMAVA Office of DEIB as we observe [Caribbean American Heritage Month](#). This June we're thrilled to honor and celebrate the history and heritage of the Caribbean region. It is more than just a collection of islands—it's a vibrant tapestry of cultures, traditions, and histories that have shaped the world in countless ways. From the rhythmic beats of reggae in Jamaica to the colorful and vibrant festivities of Carnival in Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean is a treasure trove of diversity and richness. It's a place where every island tells a unique story, where every dish is a fusion of flavors, and where every celebration is a testament to resilience and joy. This month, we encourage you to delve into the richness of Caribbean heritage by exploring the fascinating facts and information provided below. In addition, test your knowledge and learn something new through our brief trivia quiz. Our aim is to offer fresh insights, glean from the triumphs and challenges of Caribbean history, amplify the voices of Caribbean communities, and stand in solidarity with our Caribbean colleagues and friends.

DID YOU KNOW?



[Little Caribbean New York](#)



Did you know outside of the Caribbean region, [Little Caribbean](#), located in Brooklyn NY is home to the largest population of Caribbean-American-LatinX individuals within the U.S. accounting for 20% of the 8.8 million people who live in New York. Learn more, [here](#).

[The Borinqueneers of Puerto Rico](#)



Did you know that hailing from the Caribbean, [The Borinqueneers](#), officially known as the 65th Infantry Regiment, were a distinguished unit of the United States Army composed primarily of soldiers from Puerto Rico. They played a crucial role in various battles during the Korean War, demonstrating exceptional bravery and resilience on the battlefield. Despite facing discrimination and prejudice, the Borinqueneers earned numerous commendations for their valor. Learn more, [here](#).

[Shirley Chisholm Barbadian and Guyanese Descent](#)



Born in Brooklyn in 1924, [Shirley Chisholm](#) made history as the first African American woman elected to the United States Congress. But did you know that Chisholm's roots trace back to the Caribbean? Her parents were immigrants from Barbados and Guyana, instilling in her a strong sense of pride in her Caribbean heritage. Learn more, [here](#).

Caribbean Heritage Trivia Quiz

