

LOCAL AUTHOR TO HOST BOOK SIGNING

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A local author will be hosting a book signing at Barnes & Noble on April 25.

Clay F. Turner, author of “Lodesyia” and its sequel “The Dark Phoenix,” will be signing copies of his novels at the Barnes & Noble located in the Mall at Turtle Creek on April 25.

Turner returned to his Facebook page “Author Clay F. Turner” Jan. 25 with the status, “After a three-year hiatus from writing, I’ve decided to return. I’m so excited for what I have in store for the future. Stay tuned!” His recent posts have been reflecting on events such as book signings

and school visits from when his books were released in 2014 and 2017.

In regard to what inspired his return to writing after a three-year hiatus, Turner said, “Well, it was actually Kim, our manager here at Starbucks. She approached me about doing an event in the near future and it kind of excited me to get back to writing and pursue that which I haven’t visited in a few years.”

Turner’s novels are available for checkout at the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library, and for purchase at WordsWorth Books & Co. in Little Rock, Barnes & Noble at the Mall at Turtle Creek (as well as the Barnes & Noble website) and Amazon.



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Clay Turner’s first book signing was in Blytheville Aug. 29, 2015. The store it was hosted at was That Bookstore in Blytheville. Turner is now a barista at Starbucks and has announced his return from his three-year writing hiatus.

HistoryMakers Digital Archive Contest

Contribution by Shanita Sanders

Attention A-State students! Are you interested in learning more about African-American history while showcasing your talent? If so, you should enter this year’s HistoryMakers Digital Archive Contest! For this year’s Black History Month celebration at A-State, we are celebrating and discussing the Pan-African movement and the history of Pan-Africanism.

Given that our theme covers a broad array of historical figures and global experiences, this is the perfect opportunity to showcase the diverse aspects of this cultural movement across three artistic and expressive platforms while aiding in enhancing the month-long celebration at the university and within the local community.

The 2020 HistoryMakers Digital Archives Contest is open to all creators of the arts from written art and spoken word to creative and artistic works. In order to submit a piece, you are encouraged to view a HistoryMaker from the archives database under the subject Pan-African or Pan-Africanism and base your entry on the themes or ideology of the presented clip or HistoryMaker.

To access the site, you will go to the www.astate.edu website. Click on the Library tab at the top of the page, search the Library Databases and select T or type in The HistoryMakers and begin your creative expression and exploration from there.

Writers! You are encouraged to write a 500- to 700-word essay on Pan-African Influence or Pan-Africanism and its movement. The Winning written works will be featured by “The Herald” during Black History Month.

Spoken Word Artists! You are encouraged to create a 1- to 2-minute spoken word performance on the subject of Pan-Africanism or Pan-African influence! The winning performance pieces will be recorded and featured on the Multicultural Instagram page during BHM.

Artists! You are encouraged to create an artwork under any of the following mediums, drawing, sculpture, painting or graphic screen-printing. The winning artworks will be showcased during the culminating BHM event “EVOLVE” on Feb. 29.

The deadline for all works is Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. For more information, feel free to reach out to The HistoryMakers Student Brand Ambassador Shanita Sanders at shanita.sanders@mail.astate.edu or via phone at 870-680-4052 ext. 2836.

What’s Happening at A-State for Valentine’s Day?

Events and Fundraisers on Campus



GRAPHIC C/O INSTAGRAM (@ASTATEBSA)

Dating on a Budget

Thursday, February 13
12:30 pm -1:30 pm
White River Room
Student Union 3rd Floor

Scarlet to Black

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF THE A-STATE STUDENT FEED (MELANIE RICKER)

GENDER & SEXUALITY ALLIANCE

CandyGrams

Give sweets and a note to someone special this Valentine's Day!

COST Candygram \$3 Add a Rose +\$2	DATES Selling 2/10 - 2/13 Pick up 2/14
LOCATION First floor of Student Union	TIME 10 AM - 2 PM

GRAPHIC C/O INSTAGRAM (@ASTATEGSA)

SILENT DISCO

Feb. 13th 7:00-10:00p.m.
Centennial Hall

Bring your friends for a night full of Dancing, Music by DJ King Vick, and Andy's Frozen Custard!

Valentine's Day Themed!

GRAPHIC C/O INSTAGRAM (@ASTATESAB)

A-STATE AFRICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

A LITTLE TREAT FOR SOMEONE SWEET

The A-State African Students Association will be selling goody bags with candies and chocolates, and cupcakes on February 13th & 14th in the Student Union so swing by and grab a sweet treat!

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Interested in reporting? Join us every Monday at 5 p.m. in room 224 in the Communications Building.