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SEE, SAY, AND KNOW THEIR NAMES AT ROBERTA'S ART GALLERY

Whitewater, Wis., April 1, 2021 - See their names, say their names and know their names at Roberta's Art Gallery from April 5 to May 7.

The "Say Their Names" exhibit pays respect to more than 200 African Americans who lost their lives since 1968 in incidents of police brutality. The exhibit's goal is to provide a space for everyone at UW-Whitewater to reflect on each life lost and educate themselves on issues of social injustice, systemic racism and police brutality.



Left to right: George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Elijah McClain are among more than 200 African Americans to be memorialized by name and in photos in the upcoming "Say Their Names" exhibit.

Many organizations across UW-Whitewater's campus have collaborated for the "Say Their Names" exhibit: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Black Student Union, and Whitewater Student Government. Jaida Shellaugh, Director of Public Relations for the Black Student Union and the Director of Student Affairs for Whitewater Student Government, has been collaborating with Roberta's Art Gallery to coordinate the exhibit for several months. Shellaugh said she was inspired to create the exhibit to bring awareness to the Black Lives Matter movement.

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“Being an African American woman, I have researched and witnessed others like myself being treated inequitably from police brutality, systematic racism and mass incarceration,” Shellaugh said, “I want to educate others on the burdens and fear that many African Americans may face every day. I hope this exhibit will pay respect to those who have lost their lives to police brutality and also educate UW-Whitewater students.”

Students, community members and other supporters are invited to join a virtual reception featuring Shellaugh. Tune in to the University Center’s Facebook Live on April 6 at 5:15 p.m.

Roberta’s Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the James R. Connor University Center (UC) at UW-Whitewater. The gallery hosts multiple exhibits and workshops each semester by collaborating with the artists--both locally and regionally. Many of our events are held virtually this semester.



Jaida Shellaugh, Director of Public Relations for the Black Student Union and the Director of Student Affairs for Whitewater Student Government, coordinated the “Say Their Names” exhibit.

Roberta’s Art Gallery prides itself on all of their exhibits being free and open to the public. This means anyone: whether you’re a student, a Whitewater community member, or someone wanting to support the exhibit, stop on by! For questions or further information, contact Roberta’s Art Gallery at (262) 472-3193 or ucart@uww.edu or visit our website.

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