



Yocum African American History Association

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*Frances Presley Rice attends invite only event at Florida
Governor's Mansion to celebrate black history.*

MEDINA, OH – Frances Presley Rice, vice president of The Yocum African American History Association attended the Florida Governor's Black History Celebration on March 16, 2022, held at the Governor's Mansion in Tallahassee.

The event featured Black History Month student essay and art contests, as well as the Excellence in Education Awards. The theme of this year's contests was Celebrating African-American Contributions to Florida's History.

Governor DeSantis and the First Lady of Florida invited a variety of distinguished guests, political figures, and community advocates that have shown their commitment to furthering the educational, business, and social opportunities for black Americans in Florida communities.

"We were delighted to be invited to attend the Celebration of African-American Contributions to Florida's History at the Governor's Mansion," said Frances Presley Rice, vice president of the Yocum African American History Association. "It was a great opportunity for us to see and learn how Florida is leading the country in race relations and how they celebrate the success of African Americans throughout the state. This is not unlike the efforts of our association sharing and teaching the success stories of unsung black heroes throughout US history."

As the evening progressed and awards were presented, YAAHA had the opportunity to meet with and discuss the mission of their organization with a collection of like-minded citizens and public figures. Unlike other states in our union, Florida remains poised to support black education with the emphasis on teaching facts and refusing the false narratives of CRT in their school systems.

The Yocum African American History Association's mission is to broaden the knowledge of the cultural sector, educational community, and the public by making available documented African American history, with the vision of having documented African American history available in libraries, schools and online platforms with public access around the Country.

About YAAHA

The Yocum African American History Association (YAAHA) is a 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to sharing educational resources about black American history. We provide resource materials such as lesson plans, a DVD production, valuable historical information, public speaking opportunities, online lectures on YouTube, and **BLACK HISTORY 1619 TO 2019: ILLUSTRATED AND DOCUMENTED BLACK HISTORY** available in eBook and printed format. Our team is intent on preserving the integrity of black history in America.

For more information, visit: www.YocumBlackHistory.org



Photo: Frances Presley Rice and Governor Ron DeSantis

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