# February 2020

## Themes
- **February Theme:** Motivation
- **February Theme:** National Freedom Day

## Events
- **February 2:** Super Bowl Sunday
- **February 9:** 1944– Novelist Alice Walker born. Best known for *The Color Purple.*
- **February 10:** 1992– Roots author, Alex Haley died.
- **February 12:** Mix it Up at Lunch
- **February 14:** Valentine’s Day
- **February 16:** No School
- **February 23:** 1864-Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first Black woman to receive an MD
- **February 24:** 1848– Dr. W.E.B. DuBois born
- **February 25:** 1926- Carter G. Woodson founded Negro History Week

## Important Dates
- **February 1:** National Freedom Day
- **February 18:** 1864– Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first Black woman to receive an MD
- **February 19:** 1827– Actor Sidney Poitier born.
- **February 20:** 1940– Basketball legend Julius Erving, Dr. J.
- **February 21:** 1950– Barack Obama named President of the Harvard Law Review.
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- **February 25:** 1926- Carter G. Woodson founded Negro History Week
- **February 26:** 1872– Charlotte Ray became the first African American lawyer in the US.
- **February 27:** 1940-Hattie McDaniel became the first Black person to win an Oscar for her role in *Gone With The Wind.*
- **February 28:** 1986– The Oprah Winfrey Show launched.
- **February 29:** 1990– Nelson Mandela released from prison after 27 years.
- **February 30:** 1992– Roots author, Alex Haley died.
- **February 31:** 1990– Barack Obama named President of the Harvard Law Review.

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