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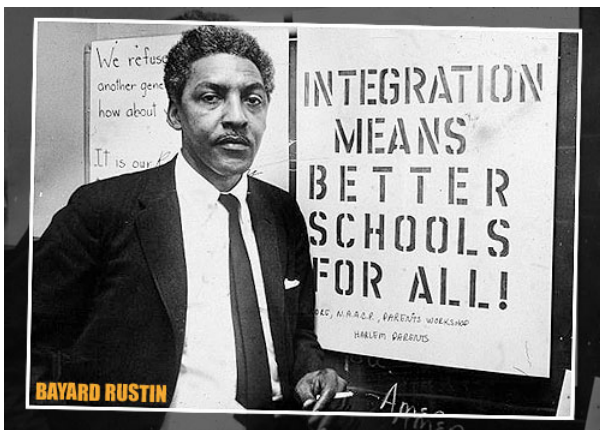
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## BlackedOUT History

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Friday, February 1st kicks off Black History Month -- and we have tools to help your GSA celebrate!

LGBTQ Black figures have made long-lasting contributions and have had a significant influence on U.S. culture. With GSA Network's [BlackedOUT History resource](#) [1], you can make sure the history of Black LGBTQ people is not erased at your school.



Better yet, California's [FAIR Education Act](#) [2] makes it easy to show your teachers the importance of learning about Black LGBTQ people. Under the law, you have the right to learn about LGBTQ historical figures, and that includes important Black leaders like Bayard Rustin, Angela Davis, and George Washington Carver.

Some of the activities you can do include:

- Invite speakers to your school who can talk about LGBTQ Black history.
- Organize discussions on the current events related to LGBTQ Black folks that demonstrate how homophobia, transphobia, and racism affect their lives today.
- Highlight local LGBTQ Black people who have given back to your community.
- Screen a film like *Brother Outsider*, which documents the life of Civil Rights leader Bayard Rustin.
- Create an LGBTQ Black History Timeline and display it in your school.

Check out our [BlackedOUT History resource](#) <sup>[1]</sup> and honor the contributions of Black LGBTQ people this February. Remember, though, that February is just the beginning. Take this time to talk to your GSA about how you can elevate the contributions, experiences, and voices of LGBTQ people of color all of the time, not just this month.

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