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## **BLACK HISTORY-MORE THAN JUST A MONTH: Celebrating Diversity at Bournemouth University.**

The Students' Union at Bournemouth university (SUBU) prides itself on the diverse range of ethnicities and backgrounds found in the membership. During the month of October, Black History Month celebrated this diversity and put SUBU on the radar across the UK for inspiring pride and inclusion across the month.



PHOTO: Student Black, Minority and Ethnic (BME) Awards (28/10/16)

The month of October is recognised as Black History Month; and the Students' Union hosted a vast array of talks, film screenings and events to join in the national celebration. Some

highlights of the month long campaign included the Liberation in Higher Education talk, which brought together speakers from across the UK to cover a range of issues; from the BME Attainment Gap, Black Mental Health, Homophobia and Cultural Appropriation.

Another standout moment was the first student BME Awards night, held at Citygate Centre, Lansdowne. This event highlighted the many successes of students within BME societies (Nigerian Society, Chinese Society, Indian Society, African Caribbean Society and the Islamic Society). There were vibrant performances from societies as well as awards which recognised the efforts of members who went above and beyond what was expected of them.



Following a very successful Black History Month, Daniel, SUBU President states;

*"I am really glad Black History Month was a huge success this year at SUBU, with the Conference and BME Awards which also celebrated Diwali; the festival of lights. Moments like this go a long way in making everyone feel part of this great community at SUBU. I am looking forward to working together to ensure the success of Disability and LGBTQ+ history months".*

-Daniel Asaya ,25, SUBU President

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