HAIR LOVE
Black hair is incredibly versatile, but even in its natural versatility it encounters discrimination. So much so, The Crown Act, a law that prohibits discrimination based on hair style and texture, has passed or is being considered in several states. In addition to legislation, Matthew Cherry and Karen Rupert Toliver just received an Oscar for the animated short film, Hair Love, a story about a daughter and father navigating caring for, styling, and embracing Black hair.

TED CORBITT, PT, MPT
Olympian, veteran, professor, and clinician are the many roles that Theodore "Ted" Corbitt had in his 88 years of life. Athletico Physical Therapy published an article on Ted's life describing his legacy as "the father of American distance running," serving in World War II, teaching at Columbia University, and being a clinician at the International Center for the Disabled in New York City. Ted's biography, among many others, displays a tenacity that has been transferred to generations of Black physical therapy students and clinicians.

THE UNDERBELLY YOGA
Durham local Jessamyn Stanley is shifting the culture of what health and fitness look like and enhancing the conversation around body positivity. As a yoga teacher, Jessamyn emphasizes students to consider, "How do I feel?" rather than, "How do I look?" Her very first experience with yoga as a teenager actually ended in frustration and a Cook Out milkshake, but her time as a graduate student at Winston-Salem State University reintroduced her to the practice. Since, she has received extensive training, written a book (Every Body Yoga: Let Go of Fear), created The Underbelly Yoga, and explored queer identity and aspects of gender and sexual diversity in a new podcast (Dear Jessamyn).
Mae Jemison

Duke's 15th Annual Event In the Jean Fox O’Barr Distinguished Speaker Series on Monday February 24th at 7:00pm in the Page Auditorium will feature Dr. Mae Jemison. Her session will focus on “Exploring the Frontiers of Science and Human Potential,” a topic related to all of Jemison’s work as a medical doctor, engineer, NASA astronaut, and being the first Black woman to travel in space. Dr. Jemison’s experience and accolades are extensive many of which include speaking fluent Japanese, Swahili, and Russian, being a distinguished member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, and so much more.

Kadir Nelson

Kadir Nelson is a Black artist and author from Maryland whose work has been featured in Sports Illustrated, The Coca-Cola Company, The United States Postal Service, Major League Baseball, The New Yorker, and many other publication platforms and museums. Nelson describes his work by saying, "I feel that art’s highest function is that of a mirror, reflecting the innermost beauty and divinity of the human spirit; and is most effective when it calls the viewer to remember one’s highest self. I choose subject matter that has emotional and spiritual resonance and focuses on the journey of the hero as it relates to the personal and collective stories of people."

Black Student Takeover at Duke

February 13th of 1969 Black students took over the registrar's office in the Allen Building at Duke University not long after the institution had been desegregated to bring awareness and attention to Black issues on campus. There were over 50 students in attendance, they had a list of 13 demands, they occupied the building for 9 - 10 hours, and 47 of the Black students who participated were placed on probation for the following year. The response to the takeover varied from 400 white students surrounding the building for support and safety of the students involved to alumni disapproval. Nevertheless, the event is a part of the university’s history and narrative that has been digitally archived in the university library.