

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2011

Celebrating the Arts

February 1

Black Arts Night

McCallum Ballroom, Bryan Campus Life Center, 7 p.m.

Join the Black Student Association for a night of vocal, musical and dance performances featuring members of the Rhodes community and the Memphis area to kick off Black History Month at Rhodes.

February 10

State of the Black Community: Rhodes College Black Town Hall Meeting Presented by the Black Student Association

Barrett 051, 7 p.m.

We've seen the CNN documentary *Black in America*, but what about black at Rhodes? Gain a better understanding of what it means to be black at Rhodes, discuss the community and set collective goals for the future. Dr. Charles McKinney, professor of History, will facilitate the discussion.

February 16

Black Student Association Family Night Soul Food and Sitcoms

Orgill Room, Clough Hall, 6 p.m.

View and discuss the images and ideology of black sitcoms such as *The Jeffersons*, *Good Times*, *Sanford and Son*, and *What's Happening!!* – all while enjoying a wonderful soul food dinner.

February 17

Open-Mic Night

Lynx Lair, Bryan Campus Life Center, 6–8 p.m.

Students, faculty and the public are invited to express themselves through poetry, song and dance. Between performances, enjoy short presentations showing how spoken word and performance became an outlet for African Americans during difficult times.

February 20

Stepping: Beyond the Line

Blount Auditorium, Buckman Hall, 7 p.m.

A documentary film researched and produced by Rhodes students, *Stepping: Beyond the Line* shows the history of the art form in the United States. Stepping is a unique dance tradition created by African American college students. In stepping, the body is used as an instrument to create intricate rhythms and sounds through a combination of footsteps, claps and spoken word. Stepping is interwoven with the history of African American resistance to oppression from slavery to the present.

February 21

Step Afrika!

McCallum Ballroom, Bryan Campus Life Center, 7 p.m.

Step Afrika! is a nationally known step performance group. Stepping comes from a long and rich tradition in African-based communities that use movement, words and sounds to communicate allegiance to a group.

February 22

Color TV: African American Careers in the Media

Orgill Room, Clough Hall, 5 p.m.

Engage with a variety of black professionals in TV, radio and print journalism for a lively discussion on media career opportunities.

February 23

Career Services Diversity Luncheon

Hyde Hall, Catherine Burrow Refectory, Noon

Students are invited to network, explore career fields and learn more about a company and its employment/internship opportunities—plus enjoy a full lunch buffet. The Diversity Luncheon, cosponsored by Career Services, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Disability Services.

February 26

The Fisk Jubilee Singers

Evergreen Presbyterian Church, 613 University Street 7:30 p.m.

The Curb Institute Concert Series presents the world-famous Fisk Jubilee Singers in concert. The Fisk Jubilee Singers, organized in 1871, are an African American a cappella ensemble of students at Fisk University in Nashville, TN.

February 28

Dr. Charles McKinney Lecture and Booksigning

Blount Auditorium, Buckman Hall, 6 p.m.

Greater Freedom: The Evolution of the Civil Rights Struggle in Wilson, North Carolina, a book by Dr. Charles McKinney, Assistant Professor of History, traces the many citizens of Wilson who fought so valiantly for the rights of black voters. A booksigning and reception will follow Prof. McKinney's lecture.

Also in February, visit a display in the Paul Barret Jr. Library celebrating African Americans who have excelled in the arts.

Black History Month events are sponsored by CODA; the Mike Curb Institute; Paul Barret Jr. Library; the Black Student Association; African American Studies Program; the Department of History; the offices of College Relations, Residence Life, Student Involvement, and Multicultural Affairs; and Career Services and Disability Services.

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