



Wednesday, January 14, 2004

## OU to celebrate African-American Celebration Month

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Among the lectures, films, panel discussions, poetry readings and other cultural events that fill the month is Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Day, Monday, Jan. 19. OU has suspended classes for the day so students may participate in events that commemorate the life of the civil rights leader.

MLK day events start with the annual Association of Black Students March, which begins at 11:30 a.m. at the first floor Vandenberg Hall lobby. The march concludes at the Meadow Brook Theatre, where the Student Life Lecture Board will present author, activist and rapper Sistah Souljah at noon. Her lecture, titled "Forty Years after Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream: The Role of African-American Students on Campus," is free and tickets are not required. The day's events conclude with the Association of Black - more - Students Dinner and Candlelight Vigil in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. This free event will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

For information on any of the following events, contact the Center for Student Activities at (248) 370-2400 or [csa@oakland.edu](mailto:csa@oakland.edu).

**Friday, January 16** - Intrigue Hip-Hop Dance Team: Hip-Hop Phenomenon, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall

**Monday, January 19** - Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Day, OU campus

- Association of Black Students Annual MLK Jr. March Time: 11:30 a.m.-noon. Meet at First Floor Lobby, Vandenberg Hall
- Student Life Lecture Board: Sister Souljah, noon, Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall
- Association of Black Students Dinner and Candlelight Vigil Honoring MLK Jr., 6:30 p.m., Oakland Center Banquet Rooms

**Tuesday, January 20** · African-American Celebration Kick-Off, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

**Wednesday, January 21** · Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.: Film: Imitation of Life (1934 version), 7-10 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Rooms

**Thursday, January 22** · Educational Resources Lab: Multicultural Storytelling, 5:30-7 p.m., Atrium, Education and Human Services Building

**Sunday, January 25** · Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: Sunday Night Highlights, 7 p.m., Oakland Center, Lake Superior Room A

**Tuesday, January 27** · CSA: Reflections on Historically Black College Experiences, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

**Thursday, January 29** · Career Services: Diversity Career Fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Oakland Center Banquet Rooms

**Monday, February 2** · Educational Pathways of African Americans - Piney Woods, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Rooms

**Tuesday, February 3** · Cooley Law School: "Brown vs. The Board of Education" Mock Trial, 5 p.m., Oakland Center Banquet Rooms

**Wednesday, February 4** · Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc./NAACP: NPHC Panel Discussion, noon-2 p.m., Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

**Thursday, February 5** · School of Nursing: Health Fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

· Honors College: Poetry Reading, noon, 112 Vandenberg Hall

**Friday, February 6** · Taste of Africa Gala, 4-7 p.m., Oakland Center Banquet Rooms

**Tuesday, February 10** · Department of History: Black Workers in Revolt: The Story of DRUM, noon, Oakland Center Gold Rooms B and C

**Wednesday, February 11** · NSBE/NAACP: Affirmative Action Forum, noon, Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

· ABS/FANS/OUAA: Black Alumni Coffee Hour and Panel 6-8 p.m., Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

**Thursday, February 12** · Honors College: Poetry Reading, noon, Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

**Tuesday, February 17** · Closing Ceremony and Announcement of the MLK Jr. Celebration Essay Contest, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

**Thursday, February 19** · Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet with Keynote Speaker: First Gentleman of Michigan Daniel G. Mulhern, 6-9 p.m., Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion

**Thursday, March 18** · Honors College: The Art of Slavery Colloquium, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Oakland Room

**Saturday, March 20** Diverse Voices Conference Contact: Chaunda Scott, instructor, Department of Human Resources Development, (248) 370-4171, [cscott@oakland.edu](mailto:cscott@oakland.edu)

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