



Monday, January 8, 2001

OU observes African-American Celebration Month

Oakland University will observe African-American Celebration Month January 15 through February 23 with a variety of educational and cultural activities in keeping with this year's theme, "Legacies: African-American People and Their Achievements."

A number of lectures, discussions, films, workshops and many other events that promote the unification of all cultures will fill the month, giving students, faculty, staff and the public an opportunity to learn more about our culturally diverse world.

The celebration begins on January 15 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

African-American Celebration Month schedule of events

January 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Day

- 11:30 a.m.-Noon - Association of Black Students Campus March starting in the First Floor Lobby of Vandenberg Hall.
- Noon-1 p.m. - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration at the Pioneer Food Court in the Oakland Center. Keynote speaker will be Nancy Quarles, Michigan House of Representatives, District 36, Southfield.
- 7 p.m. - Candlelight Vigil and Alumni Night in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

January 18-20 - Prospective Students of Color Weekend

January 18

- 7-9 p.m. - Legacy and Legend in Media Film Series and Discussion in the Oakland Center Oakland Room.

January 20 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Student Etiquette at Meadow Brook Hall. Tickets are available at the CSA Service Window in Room 49 of the Oakland Center.

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Spirituality in Service/Community Service Project at the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac. Participants are to meet in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

January 22-26 - Black Business Week

- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - The Wonderful World of National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) in the Main Hallway of the Oakland Center.

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- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Panel Discussion on "Diversity in the Workplace" in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.
- Noon-3 p.m. - Diversity Career Fair in the Oakland Center.
- 7-9 p.m. - Legacy and Legend in Media Film Series and Discussion in the Oakland Center Oakland Room.

January 26

- 3 p.m. - Student Life Lecture Board Speaker, Kweisi Mfume, president and chief executive officer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Meadow Brook Theatre.

January 29-February 2 - Black Education Week

- Trivia Contest about African-Americans and their achievements. Prizes will be awarded. Entry forms are available at the CSA Office, Room 49 in the Oakland Center; Hamlin and Vandenberg reception desks and main desks; Campus Recreation Center; Office of Equity, 121 North Foundation Hall; and the 20/20 Information Center in the Oakland Center.

February 1

- Noon-1:30 p.m. - Earl Lewis, dean of Graduate Studies and professor of History at the University of Michigan will speak on "Love, Marriage and Race Relations in the 1920's" in the Oakland Center Oakland Room.
- 7-9 p.m. - Legacy and Legend in Media Film Series and Discussion in the Oakland Center Oakland Room.

February 2

- 7-9 p.m. - "Phenomenal Women: A Tribute to African-American Women" in the Oakland Center Oakland Room and Gold Rooms.

February 3

- 8 p.m. - Music, Theatre and Dance: Lettie and Friends - "Three Generations of Composers" in Varner Recital Hall.

February 6

- Noon-1 p.m. - "Remember the Motherland - An African-American Woman and Her Achievements" in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

February 7

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - A Taste of Soul Food at Center Stage in the Pioneer Food Court of the Oakland Center.
- 3-5 p.m. - Black Faculty and Staff Reception in the Oakland Center Oakland Room.
- 7:13 p.m. - Soul Food Extravaganza in Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

February 8

- 7-10 p.m. - ABS Annual Male/Female Workshop in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms and Heritage Room.
- 7-9 p.m. - Legacy and Legend in Media Film Series and Discussion in the Oakland Center Lake Superior B Room.

February 9

- 7 p.m. - Friday Night Live: Comedian Rondell Sheridan in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.
- 9-11 p.m. - Ms. Excel Pageant in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

February 10

- 8 p.m. - Music, Theatre and Dance: Imaginary Homeland - Unique African-Inspired Jazz in Varner Recital Hall.

February 12

- 4-6 p.m. - Dr. Nancy-Elizabeth Fitch, '69, Associate Professor of English at the College of New Rochelle and author of How Sweet the Sound: The Spirit of African-American History will speak in the Oakland Center Oakland Room, followed by a book signing and reception in the Oakland Center Heritage Room.

February 13

- Noon-1 p.m. - SPB: Poetry Slam with Staceyann Chin in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

February 14

- 6 p.m. - "Keeper of the Dream" Banquet in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion with Harold R. Kutner, vice president of Worldwide Purchasing for General Motors Corporation, as the keynote speaker.

February 15

- 7-9 p.m. - Legacy and Legend in Media Film Series and Discussion in the Oakland Center Lake Superior B Room.

February 16

- 8 p.m. - ABS Mardi Gras Fashion Affair: "Let Fashion Diversity Teach Us a New Appreciation for Cultural and Ethnic Diversity" in Varner Recital Hall.

February 17

- Noon - 3 p.m. - Family Free Day at the Campus Recreation Center.

February 21

- 3- 5 p.m. - "Celebrating Future Legacies" Closing Ceremony and Reception in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

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