

Black History Month Events Calendar

Frederick Douglas debate series designed to engage students

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Fayetteville State University has established a new series entitled, "The Frederick Douglass Debates." FSU students, as well as students from surrounding universities, will debate on issues of civil rights, women's issues, education and immigration.

The debates will engage students in critical thinking and increase community understanding of the issues.

It will be held in the Seabrook Auditorium on Feb. 14th, at 6 p.m., judges for the first annual debates include, Rep. Rick Glazier, Dr. Karla Holloway and Sen. Eric Mansfield.

"The Frederick Douglass Debate Series has been established to provide the community an opportunity to come together and reflect on issues of relevance to both the community at large and to the celebration of Black History Month. For this inaugural set of debates, we plan to discuss equal representation, higher education, and social upheaval. All of these

topics are issues of vital importance to our society at this point in time," said Fayetteville State University lecturer and Director of Debate William Thomas.

By holding this event, Mr. Thomas has hopes of helping to create an environment of community inclusiveness that is both educational and entertaining.

According to Mr. Thomas this is a student-led event that will include six participants: three from FSU and three from Methodist University.

"The debate is just the beginning as we envision the Frederick Douglas debate series to be an annual event that hopefully will outlast everyone involved in its creation."

For more information, contact Mr. Thomas, at (910) 672-2514, or visit the official website, <http://organizations.uncfsu.edu/fsudebate/fdd>.

Other Black History Month Events on Campus and around the Community

February 8th @ 7:11 – "Black History Jeopardy" sponsored by the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Feb. 10th @ 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – "Celebrating African American Culture" presented by the FSU Dance Ensemble and Choir at the Fayetteville Headquarters Library

Feb. 10th @ 7 p.m. – "Cheryse McLeod Lewis: Mezzo-soprano in recital" in the Seabrook Auditorium (Department of Performing and Fine Arts)

Feb. 12th – Cultural Program's Road Trip to the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, NC

Feb. 17th @ 8 p.m. – "Respect Your Roots" in the Seabrook Auditorium

Feb. 18th @ 7 p.m. – A reception for "The Body in Motion" art exhibition in the Rosenthal Gallery (Department of Performing and Fine Arts)

Feb. 20th @ 7:20 p.m. – "The Brown Paper Bag Test" sponsored by the Omega Beta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Feb. 22nd @ 7 p.m. – "Black Valor: A History of African Americans in the Military" at the Fayetteville Headquarters Library

Feb. 23rd @ 8 p.m. – "Black History Month Celebration" at Methodist University

Feb. 25th @ 1 p.m. – "Broncos Building Bridges – Black History Month Program" at Pauline Jones Elementary School



Remembering King

(From Left): Josh Brown, a junior Political Science major; Allen Best, a senior Mass Communication major; and Chris Blacksher, a senior Political Science major, pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a candlelight vigil last week. Dr. King is one of the most celebrated Civil Rights leaders. The candlelight vigil was held at MLK Memorial Park on Washington Street in honor of his service.

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