

CAMPUS NEWS/FEATURES

Hispanic Heritage Month is important, too

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Just as African Americans have Black History Month in February, Hispanics have National Hispanic Heritage Month. However, the month begins in the middle of a month on Sept. 15 and ends Oct. 15. For many Latin American countries such as Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, Sept. 15 commemorates the anniversary of their independence.

Approximately 44 million Hispanic people are living in the United States. The Hispanic population continues to grow.

National Hispanic Heritage Month began as a weeklong celebration under the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson. On Aug. 17, 1988, President Gerald Ford passed a law that turned National Hispanic Week

into National Hispanic Month.

Hispanics are persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American cultures or other Spanish descent. With so many cultures contained under one category, it is rare to hear of the accomplishments that Hispanics have contributed to this country.

Gen. Bernardo de Galvez, Spanish governor of the Louisiana Territory, sent money, rifles, blankets, and medicine to Gen. George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Latinos also raised money to aid the colonies' fight for independence. Many Latinos also fought War World II and the Gulf War.

Several cities have names that reflect Hispanic influence, such as, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Fe, and San Antonio. Dr. Severo Ochoa was the first to dis-

cover how to synthesize RNA, an organic compound that carries hereditary material in all reproduction. As a result, Ochoa won a Nobel Prize.

Dr. Micheal Brookshaw, Winston-Salem State Spanish professor, says it is extremely important for people from other ethnicities to acknowledge and celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month.

"Many people do not realize that the Hispanic culture is tied into our culture through a variety of Hispanic extractions. They are also not aware that their own lineage may include people who have migrated to America and are of the Hispanic heritage."

"National [Hispanic] Heritage Month," said junior Annabell Romero, "is just as important to me as Black History Month is to African Americans."

BET College Tour weekend coming to WSSU

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BET will bring its annual college tour to Winston-Salem State on Friday, Oct. 26, from noon to 4 p.m.

This marks the sixth year of the tour, which visits 14 Historically Black Colleges and Universities over a 10-week period and provides students with four hours of fun and activities. The tour began on Sept. 7 and ends Nov. 9.

Various activities will be set up throughout campus, including a video skills challenge, an obstacle course, and even a 2-on-2 basketball competition sponsored by the Air Force.

Students who have participated in the college tour in the past agree that the tour was a highlight of the school year and provided an opportunity to not only have fun with friends but was also enjoyable because it had things that they liked to do.

Mini concerts and freestyle battles, which allows students to show off their rhyming skills, are two of the main attractions.

The tour is sponsored by several companies with considerable clout, including

McDonalds, Verizon, Pepsi, Playstation, Merck, and Rap It Up.

BET's goal in reaching college-age students across the country is to help students have a good time while helping them learn how to get through challenges they may face during their four years in school. Several information booths and tents will be set up to provide health information, along with a separate "Rap It Up" tent that provides information about sex and AIDS.

"It gives students a chance to get out on campus and meet different people and do different things," said Meagan Ross. Ross said her favorite part of the tour last year was the 3-point shootout contest, which allowed people to show off their basketball skills.

The tour is also visiting Bethune Cookman, Jackson State, Southern, Grambling, and Bowie State. All of the highlights from this year's tour will be videotaped and played on BET blast. The video highlights will include what happened at on other campuses on the tour.

Louis Farrakhan inducted into hall of fame

STAFF REPORTS

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, a Winston-Salem State University alumnus and leader of the Nation of Islam, was recently named to the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame and was inducted and honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award during the recent 22nd Annual Hall of Fame Weekend at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

The Board of Directors of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., a catalyst and partner for ensuring the stability, strength and excellence of the nation's historically and/or predominantly Black Colleges and Universities, selected the inductees during its winter board meeting in Atlanta.

Born Louis Eugene Walcott on May 11, 1933 in Bronx, NY, Minister Louis Farrakhan was reared in a highly disciplined and spiritual household in Roxbury, MA. Raised by his mother, a native of the Caribbean island of St. Kitts, Louis and his brother Alvan

learned early the value of work, responsibility and intellectual development.

He attended Winston-Salem State University from 1953-1955, after which he launched a promising career as a nightclub calypso singer.

In 1955 he gave up his music career and joined the Nation of Islam with the encouragement of Malcolm X. He rose within the Nation to head the Harlem Mosque and lead the American Muslim Mission. After the death of the Nation of Islam's long-time spiritual leader Elijah Muhammad in 1975, Farrakhan formed a new organization of the same name in 1978. The Nation expanded steadily in influence over the next two decades, culminating in the highly successful Million Man March to Washington, DC, in 1995 and the Million Family March in 2000.

Other National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame inductees include:

Arts/Entertainment: Spike Lee and Samuel L. Jackson, Morehouse College;

Athletics: April Holmes, Norfolk State University;

Business/Industry: Ernest Hodge, Norfolk State University, and Donna James, North Carolina A&T State University

Community Service: Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, Virginia Union University

Education: Dr. Benjamin Payton, South Carolina State University

Faith and Theology: Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley, Tennessee State University

Government /Law: The Honorable Johnny Ford, Knoxville College, and Randall Robinson, Virginia Union University

Medicine: Alvin H. Crawford, M.D., Tennessee State University

Science: Roosevelt Calbert, Ph.D., Jackson State University

Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Elridge W. McMillan, Clark Atlanta University, Benjamin S. Ruffin (Posthumously), North Carolina Central University and Percy E. Sutton, Tuskegee University.

BACK in the DAY

First in a series of news summaries from past years

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50 years ago this week:

The New Jersey Education Association has asked the state for \$1 million to assist schools ... The number of individuals being treated for the flu has tripled to 3,000 cases in three days ... In Queens, two highway robbers were able to get away with \$7,900 in gold ... A federal-state program assists over 71,000 disabled individuals in finding "useful work" ... India is working on a second five-year program. To assist with this plan they are seeking help from the U.S. in the amount of \$ 6 million-\$ 8 million.

Source: *The New York Times*, October 1, 1957

35 years ago this week:

Richard Nixon is elected to serve in the White House again. Nixon's opponent was Democrat George McGovern. The Vietnam War is a big issue during the campaign. While McGovern ran an anti-war campaign, Nixon reassured voters that his policies would bring peace in Vietnam ... Peter J. Bridge, an evening news reporter, has turned himself in. Bridge will begin serving his sentence for contempt of court. Bridge was charged because he refused to answer question before a grand jury ... November is voting time for New York voters. They will be voting whether to have cleaner public waterways and less toxic air. Money that the city raises will go toward the construction of a sewer treatment facility and assist in the solid waste problem.

Source: *The New York Times*, October 5, 1972

25 years ago this week:

President Reagan is shocked to learn of the explosion at Beirut Airport that killed one Marine and injured three others. Larry Speakes, a White House representative, said that "the explosion was apparently an accident." ... George Bamberger signs a one-year contract to remain manager of the Mets. He declined to sign a more extensive contract because he prefers to "work from year to year." Bamberger said, "I had two options: to come back or go fishing." He will receive a substantial increase from the \$225,000 that he received in 1981 ... Maidstone Realty has a four-bedroom, two-bath house on the market for \$149,000.

Source: *The New York Times*, October 1, 1982

10 years ago this week:

Campus Pals help freshmen make a smooth transition. Campus Pals begin to help freshmen get adjusted to college life ... Argus Editor receives scholarship ... Volleyball team has new coach. Former middle school coach is the new volleyball coach ... Rams represent at Black College Day. Students represented their schools by showing their talents ... O'Kelly Library offers new databases.

Source: *The News Argus*, Fall 1997



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