WP African Heritage Celebration 2016

Black History Month - “Year of the Activist”

Tuesday 2/2

- Opening Ceremony: History of Black History Month - “Year of the Activist” 12:30pm – 1pm, MPR. Join us for the Opening Ceremony featuring a faculty & staff panel discussion of Black History Month. Refreshments. Sponsor: African Heritage Committee

Wednesday 2/3

- Reflections of the Million Man March – 20 Years Later: 7:30pm – 10pm, MPR. Albert Pelham, NAACP President for Montclair Essex County, students will share the purpose and memories of the MMM. Sponsors: AHC and Alumni Office.

Thursday 2/4

- Mix & Mingle Networking & Black Club Fair: 12:30pm – 2pm, Ballroom C. Join WP students, faculty and staff for social networking. Sponsors: AHC, Black Student Union, AAFSA.

- Islands Meet Africa: 8pm – 12am, Ballrooms. Sponsors: CARIBSA, United African Student Assoc.

Friday 2/5

- Black Business Expo: 11am – 4pm, MPR. Shop and support over 25 locally owned Black businesses! Sponsor: African Heritage Committee

Saturday 2/6

- “Lift Every Voice” Gospel Explosion: 6pm – 9pm, MPR
- African Dance Workshop: 7:30pm – 9pm, Ballroom C. Learn traditional African dances in this workshop featuring drummers and instruction. Wear comfortable clothing. Sponsors: AWS, SABLE

Monday 2/8

- 4th Annual Hip Hop & Poetry Soul Case: 8pm-11pm, MPR. Sponsor: SABLE

Tuesday 2/9

- History vs. Our Story: 7:30pm – 9:30pm, UC171A/B. Speaker Divine Allah will discuss the “true” Black History. Sponsor: AHC

Wednesday 2/10

- NPHC History Panel Discussion: 6pm–7:30pm, UC 168 A/B. Learn about the role of National Pan Hellenic Council Greek Organizations in Black History. Sponsors: NPHC & Greek Council

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Thursday 2/11


- Academic Services Fair: 12:30pm – 2pm, MPR. Sponsor: Sophomore & Junior Experience

- Racism in College: 8:00pm, UC 216. LTO’s National President will speak about racism in college, strategies and resources. Sponsors: Lambda Tau Omega Inc., Groove Phi Groove, Office of Employment Equity and Diversity

Tuesday 2/16

- “Did That Just Happen because I’m... – Microaggressions and Their Toll” : 12:30pm–2:00pm, UC 168A/B. Professor LaShauna Dean will explain the social phenomena of microaggressions, define terms, discuss pertinent research, and its affects on our lives. Office of Employment Equity & Diversity, Feminist Collective

- Voter Registration: 12pm–2pm, UC Main Street. Sponsor: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity with NPHC


- HASA Cultural Night: 7pm – 12am, Ballrooms

Wednesday 2/17


- “Higher Learning” Movie Night & Discussion: 7pm – 10pm, Ballroom C. Sponsors: AHC, Office of Employment Equity & Diversity

Thursday 2/18

- Black History Month Jeopardy: 7pm – 9pm, MPR. Sponsor: Black Student Union

Friday 2/19

- Day of Service: Contact CASL Office for more info and to sign-up.


- Distinguished Lecture Series: Angéliligue Kidjo, 7:30pm, Shea Center. Grammy award-winning singer, activist, and humanitarian, Ms. Kidjo, a native of Benin, Africa, is a global music phenomenon, and a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, who has been honored for speaking out for human rights and female empowerment. Her talk, based on these themes, will also include performance. Sponsor: University Performing Arts. Free WPU students & faculty accompanying class, $25 others. Reserve / Purchase tickets at Shea.

Saturday 2/20

- Family Reunion: 7pm – 11pm, MPR. Join students, alumni, faculty and staff for a fun night of games & food! Sponsors: African Heritage Committee, Office, SABLE, BFA, BSU, UASO, HASA, Student Union, AAAFSA.

- Silent Solidarity March: Day of Service : Contact CASL Office for more info and to sign-up.

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Monday 2/22

- Dream Junkies Multi-Cultural Spoken Word: 8pm – 10pm, MPR. Sponsor: SAPB

Thursday 2/23

- Silent Solidarity March: 12:30pm-2:00pm, MPR. The university community in invited to march together to show unity and support. Sign making begins 11:00am. Sponsor: African Heritage Committee

- Cupcakes, Curls & Convo: 7:30pm – 10pm, UC202. Sponsors: SABLE, Mu Sigma Upsilon, Feminist Collective

- “Selma”, 7pm – 11pm, UC 168A/B. Sponsor: Christian Fellowship

Wednesday 2/24

- SAPB Retro Back Stage Pass - Actor Jay Ellis from “The Game”, 8pm – 11pm, Ballrooms. Sponsors: SAPB, SABLE, AHC

Thursday 2/25

- BHM Closing Gala: 6pm – 10pm, Ballrooms A. Black semi-formal dress requested. Gala honoring Black WP student achievements. RSVP EmpEqDiv@wpunj.edu. African Heritage Committee, AAFSA

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