



Black History Month Celebration
Thursday, February 28
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Hudson Valley Community College
Bulmer Telecommunication Auditorium

Program

Introduction

Dr. Peter Sawyer, Department Chair
Behavioral and Social Sciences Department

Welcome

John L. Buono, President

Award Winners

Vivian Tortorici, Department Chair
Humanities and Fine Arts

Kwanzaa Production

Tamu Chambers-Hasan

Poetry Readings

Students

Rapping and Singing

Students

Kwanzaa Feast

Provided by: *Metropolitan Church*

Congratulations!

African American History and African American Experience Students

Subject: Recognition of Excellence - Fall 01

During the fall semester of 2001, students studied African American History or analyzed many concerns related to public policy issues in the African American community. Many participants submitted essays of commendable academic standards. In the spirit of Kwanzaa, the following students are receiving special recognition for academic excellence in writing and research skills.

Morgan Austin

Tara Bruno

Sharon Chung

James Holcomb

Victoria Mitchell

Mia Maria Stewart

Elinor Taylor Rice

Madalyn Royal

Scharlette Wilkins

Ronald Wise

Birth Dates and Contributions of Some African American Pioneers

JANUARY

Crispus Attucks - First to die in American Revolution - 1723-1770
Benjamin Banneker - Mathematician and Astronomer - 1731-1806
Elizabeth Freeman - Freed of Slavery in Massachusetts - 1742-1829
Gustavus Vassa - Anti-slavery Orator, Writer 1745-1797
J. Baptiste Pointe DuSable - Explorer, Trader 1745-1814
Absalom Jones - Episcopal Priest, Church Founder 1746-1818
Prince Hall - Father of Freemason in the US - 1748-1807

FEBRUARY

Phillis Wheatley - Poetess 1753-1784
Paul Cuffe - Colonizer of Sierra Leone 1759-1817
Richard Allen - Founder African Methodist - Episcopal Church 1760-1831
Catherine Ferguson - Pioneer, Educator 1770-1854
Sojourner Truth - Abolitionist, Civil Rights c. 1797-1883
James P. Beckwourth - Explorer, Indian Trader 1798-1867
Nat Turner - Led rebellion against slavery in Virginia 1800-1831

MARCH

Norbert Rillieux - Inventor 1806 - 1894
Ira Frederick Aldridge - Shakespearean Actor - 1807 - 1867
William Leldesdorff - Pioneer Merchant, Diplomat 1810 - 1848
Martin Delany - Physician, Editor, Explorer 1812 - 1885
Frederick Douglass - Abolitionist, Orator, Statesman 1817 -1895
Harriet Tubman - Moses of fugitive slaves 1821- 1913
Hiram Revels - First Black US Senator 1822 - 1901

APRIL

P.B.S Pinchback - Reconstructionist Statesman 1837-1921
Joseph Cinque - Mutineer for freedom (Dates Unknown)
Robert Smalls - Naval Officer, Congressman 1839 -1915
Blanche K. Bruce - First Black full-time senator 1841-1898
Lewis Howard Latimer - Inventor 1848-1928
Jan Matzellger - Inventor 1852-1889
Granville T. Woods - Inventor 1856-1910

MAY

Booker T. Washington - Founder of Tuskegee Institute 1856-1915
Henry Ossiam Flipper - First Black West Point Graduate 1856-1940
Mary Church Terrell - Civil Rights Leader 1863-1954
Col. Charles Young - Military Leader 1864-1922
G. Washington - Career Scientist, Humanitarian 1864-1943
Matthew A. Henson - Co-Discoverer of the North Pole 1866-1955

JUNE

Madam C.J. Walker - Financial Leader, Millionaire 1867-1919
Maggie Lena Walker-First Woman Founder/President of a bank 1867-1934
Scott Joplin - King of Ragtime 1868-1917
W.E.B. DuBois - Author, Scholar, Organizer 1868-1963
William C. Handy - Jazz Composer 1873-1958
Charles Spaulding - Business Leader 1874-1952
George Baker - "Father Divine" Religious Sect Founder 1874-1965

JULY

Carter G. Woodson - Educator, Historian 1875-1950
Mary McLeod Bethune - Presidential Advisor/Humanitarian 1875-1955
Jack Johnson - First Black Heavyweight Champ of World 1878-1946
"Rube" Foster - Baseball Pitcher, Founder of Nat. League 1879-1930
Alain Locke - First Black Rhodes Scholar 1886-1954
Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. - First Black General 1887-1970
Philip Randolph - Labor Leader 1889-1979

AUGUST

Bessie Coleman - Aviatix 1893-1926
Florence Mills - Singer, Dancer 1895-1927
William Grant - Still Classical Composer 1895-1978
Bessie Smith - Singer c. 1898-1937
Paul Robeson - Stage, Screen Star, Singer 1898-1976
Ethel Walters - Singer, Actress 1898-1977
Duke Ellington - Composer, Musician 1899-1974

SEPTEMBER

Zora Neale - Hurston Anthropologists, Folklorist c. 1901-1960
Roy Wilkins - Politician 1901-1981
Langston Hughes - Writer 1902-1967
Thomas "Fats" Waller - Jazz Musician 1904-1943
Ralph Bunche - Fighther for Peace 1904-1971
Satchel Paige - Pitcher 1906-1982
"Cab" Calloway III - Bandleader & Performer 1907-1994

OCTOBER

Richard Wright - Writer 1908-1960
Adam C. Powell, Jr. - Preacher, Civil Rights Leader 1908-1972
Thurgood Marshall - Lawyer & Supreme Court Justice 1908-1993
Ralph Metcalfe - Olympic Athlete Congressman 1910-1978
Mary Lou Williams - Musician 1910-1981
Billie Holiday - Singer 1915-1959
John Birks Gillespie - Jazz Pioneer 1917-1993

NOVEMBER

Mamie Phipps Clark - Doctor, Helped to desegregate schools 1918-1983
Pearl Bailey - Singer, Actress, Best-selling Author 1918-1990
Nat "King" Cole - Singer 1919-1965
Jackie Robinson - Athlete 1919-1972
"Yardbird" Parker - Jazz Musician 1920-1955
Whitney Young Jr. - Civil Rights Leader 1921-1971
Roy Campanella Sr. - Athlete & Businessman 1921-1993

DECEMBER

Dorothy Dandridge - Actress, Singer, Dancer 1924-1965
Sara Vaughan - Jazz and Popular Singer 1924-1990
Medgar Wiley Evers - NAACP Leader & Martyr 1925-1963
Sammy Davis, Jr. - Entertainer 1926-1990
Wilma Rudolph - World Class Athlete 1940-1994
Arthur Ashe - Athlete & Activist 1943-1993
Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D. - NASA Astronaut 1950-1986

Tamu Chambers-Hasan, Editor

Assistant Professor