

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
2012 Black Heritage Month
Africa, My Roots: America, My Home

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, February 1

Opening Celebration

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Join the 2012 Black Heritage Month Planning Committee as they launch the month long celebration. The opening program will include Chancellor Vandegrift, poetic readings by Assistant Professor Adrian Matejka, a performance by the Community Performance Ensemble, God's Anointed Mime Ministry and the Gospel Choir will lead the singing of the Black National Anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

Friday, February 3 – Sunday, February 5

Black Theater Workshop – Where is the Love?

Feb. 3 & 4 – 7:30 PM

Feb. 5 – 2:00 PM

Artistic Director – Kathryn Bently
Student Director – Sharaina Turnage
This annual SIUE student created, performed and directed production is a potpourri of scenes, monologues, songs and poetry.

Tuesday, February 7

Dr. King Jr. Birthday Celebration

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

SIUE's annual birthday celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King Jr. will feature guest speaker Honorable Alvin Parks, Mayor of the City of East St. Louis. The event will include lunch, special performances, and recognition of award recipients.

Students: \$15 General Public: \$20

Call Educational Outreach at 618.650.3210 to purchase tickets.

Thursday, February 9

Caribbean Sounds – SIUE Steel

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Join us for a performance by SIUE Steel, a group of talented steel pan players and learn the history of steel pan and its relation to African American heritage and the African American experience.

Speak on It

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Enjoy an evening of spoken word and poetic verse of the past, present and future exploring issues and solutions.

Co-sponsored by One Mic Poetry

Friday, February 10

Ninth Annual Gospel Explosion

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Join us for an inspirational evening to spread the gospel of healing, reconciliation, and unity to the campus and community. The event will feature gospel music, poetry, rap and praise dance.

Monday, February 13

Motown Review

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Learn about the history of Motown and its impact on Rock 'N Roll and on American music.

Wednesday, February 15

Djembe Drums

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Stop by and decorate a complimentary drum while supplies last.

Thursday, February 16

Health Fair: A Celebration of Health, 2012

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come and celebrate your health through health screenings and evaluations. Learn how simple lifestyle changes and acquaintance with community health care providers can improve your health in 2012 and beyond. The program will include a performance by the Community Performance Ensemble and a fitness demonstration.

Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Come watch SIUE students as they take their turn on stage showcasing their singing, dancing, poetic, and musical talents.

Friday, February 17

The Great Debaters

7:00 PM

Science Building, Room 1105

This touching drama starring Denzel Washington and Forrest Whitaker is based on the true story of Mel Tolson, a professor at Wiley College who inspired his students to form the school's first debate team. This group of kids was the first African American team to ever go up against Harvard and defeated the famed debate team in the national championships.

Thursday, February 23

Quiz Me to My Roots

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come and test your knowledge of African American history and trivia facts *Jeopardy!*[®] style for a chance to win a cool prize such as, iPad, gift cards, etc.

Saturday, February 25

Africa Night

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Enjoy an evening of African culture through food, dance and entertainment.

Students: \$10 Faculty/Staff: \$12

General Public: \$13

Call the MUC Information Center at 618.650.5555 to purchase tickets.

Sponsored by the African Student Association.

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 618.650.2686 for additional information.

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