AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH 2018

Calendar of Events

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted

February - March

I Dream a World
Student artwork response to Langston Hughes’ poem, “I Dream A World.”

Library, Display Cases (2nd floor)
50th Anniversary of the Orangeburg Massacre
A graphic display detailing a 1968 civil rights protest against a segregated bowling alley and the massacre that followed.

Wed., February 7 (Snow date 2/14)
Thurs., February 8 (Snow date 2/15)
7pm • Cultural Arts Theater
Black Achievement Awards Ceremony
By invitation only
Celebrating and honoring local children of color who have achieved outstanding accomplishments in academic success, community service, artistic expression, athletic ability, leadership, or personal triumph and success.

Thurs., February 22 • 10am - Noon
Faculty Staff Dining Room
A Taste of Senegal: Cooking with Chef Cisse
Chef Cisse, restaurateur and expert of Senegalese cuisine, presents a cooking demonstration and food tasting of his favorite Halal chicken dishes along with an interview. Please join Dr. Shamika Mitchell and Prof. Wendy Gordon at this tasty event. Co-sponsored by the Muslim Student Association, Black Student Union, Hospitality Department, Center for Muslim Life, and Elements of Style.

Thurs., February 22 (Snow date 2/27)
1:30pm – 2:45pm • Ellipse
3 pm – 4:15pm • Technology Center
Book: Radical Intellect: Liberator Magazine and Black Activism in the 1960s
Dr. Christopher Tinson, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and History at Hampshire College will lecture and discuss his book. Reception and book signing to follow. Sponsored by the SGA.

Wed., February 28 (Snow date 3/2)
11am - 12:15pm • Ellipse
Martin Luther King Jr. Retrospective Panel 2018 marks the 50-year anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination.
Local civil rights activists including Willie Trotman, join RCC panel to reflect on MLK’s life and legacy including how his words and vision resonate today.

Wed., February 28 (Snow date 3/7)
7pm • Cultural Arts Theater
The Legacy of Rhythm: Exploring the African Diaspora through Dance with the Forces of Nature Dance Theatre
This award-winning company blends traditional West African dance with contemporary, ballet, hip-hop, and martial arts. Explore themes of the African Diaspora through dance, music, drumming, storytelling and the spoken word. Presented by the African-American Historical Society of Rockland County, The African-American History Month Committee of RCC and the Town of Ramapo.

Thurs., March 1 • 7pm - 9pm
Student Union, Room 3214
Sister Cypher! Open Mic Poetry
Hosted by nationally renowned slam poet Dominique Christina who will also be available to sign copies of her book, along with celebrated Muslim poet Aliyah Hakim-EL. A bridge event with Women’s History Month. Co-sponsored by the Black Student Union, the Center for Muslim Life, the Muslim Student Association, and Elements of Style. To be a participant, contact Dr. Shamika Mitchell: smitchel@sunyrockland.edu.

Thurs., March 15 • 12:30 – 1:30pm
Ellipse
Film: Body and Soul: An American Bridge
Documentary exploring the relationship between African Americans and Jews during the Jazz Age. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Committee. Courtesy of the JCC Film Festival. www.shoqafilms.com/body-and-soul-an-american-bridge

Committee:
Co-Chairs: Erica Santelmo and Sutonia Boykin
Members: Maureen Brown, Jean Fields, Collette Fournier, David Lucander, Shamika Mitchell, Maralin Roffino, Melissa Roy, Lisa Schachter, Patricia Maloney-Titland
Student Members: Josue Deluna Hilario, Yasmyn Osman, Bridget Ramsay

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