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El Camino College to Celebrate Black History Month

El Camino College will sponsor a variety of events throughout the month of February in celebration of Black History Month. All events are free and open to the public.

The monthlong celebration begins with an exhibit in the Schauerman Library titled, "50 Years: The Dream Continues," with an opening reception in the library lobby at 5 p.m. Feb. 15. The exhibit runs through Feb. 28.

Activities continue with the faculty and staff panel presentation, "Reflections on 'I Have a Dream'," set for 1-2:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in the college's East Dining Room. Later that evening, a film screening and discussion of the movie "41st and Central – The Untold Story of the Black Panthers" will be staged at 6 p.m. in Marsee Auditorium.

Other events include a presentation by the EMERGE Group Artists, who will also host a meet and greet event at 1 p.m. Feb. 20 at the ECC Distance Education Conference Center. In addition, keynote speaker Cecil Murray will give the presentation "The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King" at 1 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Campus Theater. The event will also recognize Leo Middleton's years of service to ECC.

An El Camino College student performance "I've Known Rivers" is scheduled for 1-2 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Campus Theater. A one-woman presentation of the "Fannie Lou Hamer Story" follows the next day at 1 p.m. Feb. 27 in the East Dining Room.

The festivities conclude with a Taste of Soul Festival set to run from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 28 in the East Dining Room.

In addition, a Historically Black College Fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 7 on the Library Lawn. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about transfer agreements and meet with representatives from the following: Albany State, Cheney State University, Clark Atlanta University, Dillard University, Fisk University, Hampton University, Howard University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Johnson C. Smith University, and Talladega College.

All events are sponsored by the El Camino College Office of Staff and Student Diversity and the Black History Month Committee. For more information, go to www.elcamino.edu/events/black-history-month-2013.asp.

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