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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, "Let Freedom Ring!"

Activities continue with "Dreamscape," a play presented by alumnus Rickerby Hinds, scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Campus Theatre. Based on the 1998 shooting by Riverside police of 19-year-old Tyisha Miller while sitting in her car, Hinds tells the story through the perspective of the character "Myeisha Mills," who explains her life through poetry, dance, and beatboxing. Hinds will also present a keynote speech from 1-2 p.m. Feb. 6 in the East Dining Room.

Other events include a program by ECC history students at 1 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Campus Theatre, a screening and discussion of the movie "42" at 1 p.m. Feb. 13 in the East Dining Room, a panel presentation of "Images of Blacks in Contemporary Film" at 1 p.m. Feb. 18, and a show featuring ECC student jazz band members, dancers, and mimes set for 1 p.m. Feb. 25.

The month-long celebration concludes February 27 with a "Taste of Soul" festival, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the East Dining Room and a Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fair on March 5.

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/blackhistorymonth/.