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Veterans Day Celebration – November 11, 1999
Malcolm X College

The Chancellor

Reports that on November 11, 1999 Malcolm X College hosted its 2nd annual Veterans' Day program. The event theme, "Courage under Fire" honored the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, past and present. Special recognition was given to The Honorable Rod Blagojevich, Congressman 5th Congressional District; Rev. Jessie L. Jackson Sr., Founder and President of Rainbow/PUSH Coalition; and Cliff Kelley, host of the Cliff Kelley Show—WVON 1450 AM. The Honorable Danny K. Davis, Congressman, 7th Congressional District served as Master of Ceremonies at the Awards Luncheon. Approximately 400 persons attended the daylong program including drill team members from Foreman High School, Proviso East Township High School, Westinghouse Career Academy High School, and Whitney M. Young Magnet High School; and program participants from the 1st Division Museum at Cantigny, Crispus Attucks American Legion, Henry Horner's Boys and Girls Club Drum and Bugle Corp, Illinois Army National Guard, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, Montford Point Marines, National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Naval Officers Association, Regional Organ Bank of Illinois, Rush Prudential Hospital Veterans Committee, United States Air Force, United States Marine Corp, United States Navy, United States Navy Band, Veterans Administration Hospital, and the Veterans Resource Center.

Old Country Buffet (OCB) provided a continental breakfast for all attendees. OCB brought its mascots to entertain the crowd and to provide the children of MXC Day Care Center with "goodie bags." The Kickoff Ceremony was held on the Van Buren Plaza, that consisted of opening remarks by Keven Stonewall, Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Coordinator of the Veterans' Day Celebration, the welcome by President Zerrie D. Campbell, posting of colors by Whitney M. Young Magnet High School color guard team, music selections by United States Navy Band, guest speaker Professor Luc Elie, Phlebotomy MXC, recognition of units, tributes to the veterans, living and dead, were offered as the children of the MXC Day Care Center laid roses next to the memorial marker, moment of silence was observed as the Navy Band played Taps as the Remembrance Torch was ignited, and the balloon release.

Foreman High School, Proviso East Township High School, Westinghouse Career Academy High School, and Whitney M. Young Magnet High School ROTC drill teams participated in the review march and MXC 1st Annual High School Drill Team Demonstration. Proviso East Township High School placed 1st, Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Team 2 placed 2nd, Foreman High School placed 3rd, and Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Team 1 placed 4th. Congressman Davis and Mr. Stonewall presented the team trophies to each team captain.

The program then proceeded to the Awards Luncheon, held in the Cultural Center, at which Keven Stonewall provided the opening remarks. President Campbell provided the welcome and introduced the Master of Ceremonies, Congressman Davis. President Campbell, Congressman Davis, and Mr. Stonewall presented Malcolm X College 1st Annual Courage Award to Cliff Kelley. Mr. Kelley served as the keynote speaker for the luncheon, and spoke to the audience of approximately 200 people on how the theme of the Veterans' Day Celebration, "Courage under Fire" applied to his life.

The 2nd Annual Veterans' Day Program was made possible through the generous financial and in kind support of American Balloon Company (500 red, white, blue balloons for the balloon release), Argo Federal Saving Bank (\$100), Brickyard Shopping Center (advertised the event on its electronic bulletin board for one month), Chicago Bulls (two souvenir championship books), Chicago White Sox (two sets of lower deck tickets and two autographed baseballs), Coca Cola (thirteen cases of soda), David Robinson Foundation (\$500), Dr. Jack Leong (\$20), Dwayne Jackson, State Farm Insurance (\$100), Eric Lindsey, American Family Insurance (\$25), Evergreen Plaza (\$250), Fannie Mae Mortgage (\$500), Fox Sports Chicago (4 Chicago Bulls tickets, and an autographed picture of Frank Thomas of the White Sox), GAP (\$50 gift certificate), Larry Williams, State Farm Insurance (\$200), Military and Police Supply Inc. (\$75), Old Country Buffet (catered the continental breakfast), Paige's Place (catered the Awards Luncheon), Richard T. Eckhardt (\$50), Southwest Airlines (a pair of round trip airline tickets valued at \$600), St. Paul federal Bank (\$150), WVAZ-V103 FM (advertised the event on its radio station), and WVON -1450 AM (advertised the event on its radio station).

The 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Program of Malcolm X College provided a fitting tribute to the men and women who have served in the armed forces of our country.

Approved:

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Respectfully submitted,

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