

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of IllinoisBLACK HISTORY MONTH
MALCOLM X COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that Malcolm X College celebrated Black History Month by sponsoring variety of activities and events from February 1- 28, 2006. The celebration began with a kick-off event dedicating the Dr. Betty Shabazz Center for Educational Advancement (formerly the Dr. Betty Shabazz Hall) with our in residence dance troupe, Najwa Dance Corps., providing an opening dance and traditional drums presentation. The Najwa presentation was followed by guest speaker, Mr. Mansong Kulubally. Mr. Kulubally addressed the contributions of Dr. Betty Shabazz and Malcolm X to the black Diaspora and followed with a presentation of his "Video Rama": Video clips of Martin Luther King, Harold Washington, Kume True and Malcolm X; and

that throughout the month several presentations were made by authors, writers and poets that included Samira E. Robinson, poet and author of "This Side of Heaven"; Erin Mitchell, "Born Colored: Life Before Bloody Sunday; Maggie Brown, the History of Black Music; Ralph Conners, (Assistant Director of Governmental Public Relations for the Heartland Institute), Black Nationalists and the Contributions of Malcolm X; Charles Sanford, "Project 2019"; Obadle Kambo, "The Relationship between Language and Worldview" and Sultin Latiff, "Slavery: The African American Psychic Trauma"; and

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that the college's Paramedic Program in collaboration with the American Heart Association co-sponsored "Go Red Women Day"; and

that Sankfo, Inc. provided HIV/AIDS information and distributed literature for HIV/AIDS Awareness Day held during the month, and

that in collaboration with Sisters Act, the college co-sponsored the African American Book Fair (an on-line African American Book Club) featuring 20 prominent black authors who provided readings from their books and autographs to the audience; and

that presentations were made at the Student Leadership Institute by; Historian; and that performances were made by M..A.D.D. Rhythms Jazz Performers, Minianka African Drum & Dance Ensemble, and the Herzl Elementary Jazz Ensemble, conducted by famous jazz legend Pete Cozzi; and

that on February 24, 2006, the 9th annual President's Scholarship Gala having as it theme, "The Big Easy", paid tribute to New Orleans. The evening featured the Gentleman of Leisure and an opening performance sponsored by, student committee members, which included dance presentations on Stepping, Mambo/Cha Cha and Spoken Word; and

that, the culminating event of our Black History Month celebration, a Taste of Diaspora, provided students, staff, faculty and administration with delectable dishes originating from Africa, the Caribbean, South America, and the United States; and

that the month full of activities held during Black History Month provided the college, as a whole, with an educational and cultural perspective and a wealth of information about celebrating Blacks in all aspects of life.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

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