



# L&C Celebrates Diversity During Black History Month

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Lewis and Clark Community College is celebrating Black History Month with a variety of activities and events in February. All are open to the public and free of charge, unless otherwise noted.

Feb. 4

- The film “Mannie Jackson: From Boxcar to Boardrooms,” which has been produced by two award-winning producers for the Big Ten Network, will debut at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, at the Wildey Theatre, before airing on national television Feb. 17. Former Edwardsville resident Mannie Jackson has selected his hometown as the location for the national premiere of the documentary about his life. Lewis and Clark and the Mannie Jackson Endowment and Center for the Humanities will host the premiere event. Seating is limited, so those interested in attending should reserve a free general admission seat in advance by logging on to [www.lc.edu/manniejackson](http://www.lc.edu/manniejackson).

- The Charles Drew blood drive, a Red Cross blood drive devoted to fighting sickle cell anemia, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 in The Commons.

Community

residents are encouraged to donate.

Feb. 6

- Seattle-based filmmaker Eliaichi Kimaro, a mixed-race, first-generation American with a

Tanzanian father and Korean mother, will speak about her experiences at noon and then again at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 in Trimpe 141. When she grew up and had an interracial relationship of her own, she wanted to better understand the world her father had left behind when he was 18. When he moved back to Tanzania, Kimaro followed

him

to make a film about this culture she would one day pass down to her kids. For more information, call Jared Hennings, Black Student Association adviser, at (618) 468-6400.

Feb. 7

- Guest speaker and architect Maurice Thames will focus on factors contributing to his successful career at 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in Reid Memorial Library.
- A screening of the film “The Pruitt-Igoe Myth” will take place at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 in Trimpe 141. Pruitt-Igoe was a large urban housing project first occupied in 1954

in St. Louis. Living conditions in Pruitt-Igoe began to decline soon after its completion in

1956. By the late 1960s, the complex had become internationally infamous for its poverty, crime and segregation. Its 33 buildings were torn down in the mid-1970s, and the project has become an icon of urban renewal and public-policy planning failure.

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Minoru Yamasaki, the architect who designed the complex, also designed the World Trade Center towers and the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport main terminal.

Feb. 11

- The CeeJazz Soul Band will play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in Reid Restaurant. Lead vocalist Cheri Evans will sing a variety of tunes covering jazz, soul and rhythm and blues.

Feb. 13

- The Spirit of Angela Dance Troupe will perform from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 in Reid Restaurant. The troupe will implement an interactive dance performance featuring traditional West African drumming, artifacts and performance. Students will participate by learning various dance techniques.
- Judy Hoffman will present a lecture on local history entitled “Fugitive Slaves and Free People of Color Communities” near Alton at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 13 in Reid Memorial Library. For more information, call Kelly Obernuefemann, associate professor and coordinator of History, Political Science and Geography, at (618) 468-4767.

Feb. 16

- Celebration In Song, a musical journey demonstrating the impact gospel music has had from the early years to the present day, will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 in the Benjamin Godfrey Memorial Chapel. Featured performers will include praise dancers from Morning Star Baptist and Bread of Life churches and well-known soloists including the mother-daughter duo Sheila and Marqueta Goins, Pamela Keys, Phyllis Banks and

pianist/vocalist Skip Clanton. Rev. Diana Connors-Williams, pastor of Alton Community Church, will emcee the event. Ticket cost \$7 per adult and \$3 for ages 12 and under. Admission for L&C students is free.

Feb. 18

- The St. Louis Black Repertory Company will perform at noon Monday, Feb.18 in the Benjamin Godfrey Memorial Chapel. The community is invited to come witness “The Day The Waters Came,” a powerful and moving depiction of New Orleans in the midst of Hurricane Katrina.

Feb. 20

- The Mike & Brian Duo will perform from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Reid Restaurant. Mike Fitzgerald and Brian White offer a contrasting and integrating blend of sax and guitar, effortlessly playing every one’s favorite tunes from multiple decades.

Feb. 22

- Assistant Special Agent in Charge Emmerson Buie Jr., from the Springfield Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will discuss topics ranging from his education and career path, the history of agents of color in the FBI and investigatory practices and policies used to partner with local law enforcement related to crime prevention at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22 in Reid Memorial Library.

Feb. 25

- Pizza, poetry and music will fill the Underground Connection at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb.

25. The art of Spoken Word evoked by Louis ‘Confliction’ will mix poetry with upbeat tempos and phrases involving stories of life and emotion.

Feb. 27

- A Comedy Xplosion will take place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb.27 in Reid Restaurant.

Three professional comedians headlined by St. Louis comedian Princeton Dew will cause uproarious laughter during the lunch hour.

Feb. 28

- Don’t miss the Underground Railroad Bus Tour at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. Participants will explore some of the various locations throughout the Riverbend area

where slaves sought refuge as they escaped the South. Tour guide J. E. Robinson will provide the history and perspective of these noteworthy sites. For more information, call (618) 468-6400.

- The Alton African-American Oral History Project will run nightly on Charter Cable 989.

The project will feature a montage of profiles illuminating a variety of people who contributed greatly to the fabric of our community. Some of those highlighted include – Josephine Beckwith, Norval Cox, Hazel Killion, Joseph Berry, Grace Monroe and James Bailey. The series will air throughout the month mostly at either 7 or 8 p.m. until Feb. 28.

Throughout the month, WLCA 89.9 FM and WBGZ Radio 1570 AM will feature the profiles of

Black American Moments from our nation's history recorded by college employees and community members. Some of the personalities include President Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Maya Angelou.