

James Farmer Multicultural Center

Cultural Programming and Collaborations Report

Black History Month Celebration – February 2015

- The successful implementation of the 2015 Black History Month Celebration involved the collaboration of the Planning Committee, the JFMC, BSA, and several other departments and student organizations on campus. In addition, a few of the programs involved local community organizations and agencies, such as Virginia Organizing and the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center.
- The theme for the month was “Our Enduring Struggle: Still Marching for Freedom, Justice, and Equality.” Each program was designed to reflect the theme in one aspect or another. The goal of the Black History Month Celebration was to honor, celebrate, and educate about the contributions of African Americans to American history and culture. The month-long celebration included lectures, film and discussion programs, a social justice panel discussion, cultural and musical events representative of the Black cultures, as well as four meals in Seacobeck Dining Hall highlighting cuisines of various Black cultures. The keynote program featured Judge Glenda Hatchett, the first African-American Chief Presiding Judge of Atlanta’s Fulton County Juvenile Court and former senior attorney and manager of public relations for Delta Air Lines. Judge Hatchett also presided over the two-time Emmy nominated nationally syndicated show, *Judge Hatchett*. Judge Hatchett delivered a very powerful and engaging message to our audience. Everyone remarked how much she touched their souls with her highlights, stories, and words of inspiration. Judge Hatchett challenged everyone to “run on” and be the foundation for the next generation. She was absolutely outstanding and passionate with her presentation.

Academic Collaborations

- Program support with Dr. William Crawley, adjunct instructor in the History and American Studies department and director of the Great Lives Series on, “Duke Ellington,” featuring author, John Edward Hasse. The program took place on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in George Washington Hall, Dodd Auditorium.
- Co-sponsored program with Dr. Marcelo Fajardo-Cardenas, assistant professor in the Modern Foreign Languages department, entitled, “Making the Transnational Rumba Body,” on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 5:30 pm in Lee Hall, Room 412.

- Program support with Dr. Stephen Hanna, professor in the Geography department, on a lecture, “Race, Slavery, and Reclaiming the Southern Past: African-American Women as Place Makers and Memory Workers,” on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Monroe Hall, Room 346.
- Program support with Dr. Krystyn Moon, associate professor and director of American Studies in the History and American Studies department, on a lecture, “African-Virginia: The Mother of Southern Cooking,” on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Monroe Hall, Room 240.
- Joint venture with Dr. Doug Gately and the Music Department on “An Evening of Jazz: A Tribute to Duke Ellington,” on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pollard Recital Hall.
- Co-sponsored program with Mr. Scott Harris, director of the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library on, “The Enslaved Community of James Monroe,” on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Seacobeck Hall, Faculty/Staff Dining Room.
- Co-sponsored program with Dr. Allyson Poska, director of Women’s and Gender Studies program and professor in History and American Studies, on a lecture “Building ‘A More Sedate lady’: A Tale of Demolition, ‘Haggard’ Miami, and ‘Her Suburban Sisters,’” on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Monroe Hall, Room 346.
- Joint venture with Dr. Meghan Conley, James Farmer Postdoctoral Fellow in Civil Rights and Social Justice with the Sociology and Anthropology department and the James Farmer Multicultural Center on a panel discussion, “Racial Disparities in School Discipline,” on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Lee Hall, Room 412.