

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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**WCCCD PROVIDES UP-CLOSE LOOK AT LOCAL AND NATIONAL HISTORY
DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**Calendar of events will include Genealogical History, Documentaries, Museum Tours, Art Exhibits,
Historic Bus Tours, Storytelling and More to Commemorate the Month**

DETROIT, Mich. – Jan. 30, 2020 – A full calendar of programs that explores history, honors heroes and continues the conversation on race is planned across six campuses of the Wayne County Community College District in commemoration of nationally observed Black History Month. All of the WCCCD events and programs are open to the public at no cost.

Thursday, Feb. 13, WCCCD presents Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, professor of history, race and public policy at Harvard Kennedy School and the Suzanne Young Murray Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies. He will speak at 11 a.m. at the Northwest Campus as part of the Global Conversations Speaker Series 2020 at WCCCD. Khalil's scholarship examines the broad intersections of race, democracy, inequality and criminal justice in modern U.S. history.

Additional events include:

Journey to Midnight: Underground Railroad Bus Tour – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10th and Tuesday, Feb. 11th leaving from the Northwest and Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campuses. This tour includes such historic Underground Railroad stops as Finney Barn, the home of William Lambert and George DeBaptiste, and the home of William Webb. For bus reservations, call each campus location. Seats are limited.

Reggae Music History — Feb. 11th – 13th at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown, Eastern and Northwest Campuses. Mutope Alkebulan, respected scholar and archivist, will enlighten the audience on the social, political and artistic impact of reggae music. He will be accompanied by Ras Kente and the Take No Prisoners Posse, from Detroit. They will provide a rhythmic backdrop to Mr. Alkebulan's lecture.

The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers —Tuesday, Feb. 18th at the Northwest Campus and Thursday, Feb. 20th at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Dwight Skip Stakehouse, Alexander Morgan and Lauren Hood transform their community one story at a time. Come hear real people tell real stories.

Black Storytellers: Genevieve and Johnny Bellamy — Tuesday, Feb. 25th at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and Wednesday, Feb. 26th at the Eastern Campus. Step back in time with Genevieve and John Bellamy as Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass as they share stories of slavery, being on the plantation and the daring escape to freedom.

The Life and Times of Sojourner Truth — Weds., Feb. 19th at 7 p.m. at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center on the Downriver Campus. Madelyn Porter chronicles the journey of a champion whose shoulders we stand on through performance. Truth fought for women's rights and civil rights, and she was a staunch advocate of the anti-slavery movement.

For a full calendar of events, or for more information about any of the events listed here, call 313-496-2600 or visit www.wcccd.edu.

About WCCCD: WCCCD, the largest urban community college in Michigan, is a multi-campus district with six campus locations, the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), serving nearly 80,000 students annually across 32 cities and townships, and more than 500 square miles. WCCCD is committed to the continued development of new programs, workforce transformation, hosting community-based training sessions, and improving student facilities and services. www.wcccd.edu .