

# Black History Month prompts events at OU

Oakland University will celebrate Black History Month through words, music and art under the theme of "African-Americans Thinking Globally, Acting Locally."

The OU programs included some January celebrations dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr. Most of the activities are open to the public at no charge.

## Panel to discuss Japanese culture

"Solving the Japanese Puzzle," a panel on Japanese culture and behavior, will be the topic of the Feb. 5 meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. The meeting will be held in the Livonia Marriott Hotel, Six Mile and I-275 (at Laurel Park Place Mall).

The meeting, which is open to the public, will feature Steve Myers and Akiko Sakuma of Suzuki, Myers & Associates, international business consultants.

Cost is \$14 for members, \$18 for non-members and \$19 for students. Social hour at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.

For reservations, call (313) 446-0403 by noon Monday, Feb. 3.

For SPJ membership information, call (313) 547-1878.

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Highlights of the February schedule follow:

- Monday, 2:30 p.m., Crocker, Oakland Center, William Gray, president of the United Negro College Fund, speaking on "Can We Educate a Multicultural Society and Be Globally Competitive?" Tickets are \$9 to the general public available through the Campus Information and Programs Office (CIPO) at 313-370-2020.

- Feb. 10, 1 p.m., Gold Rooms, Oakland Center, "Black Manchild," A play exploring the black man as he reaches for upward mobility and super intelligence.

- Feb. 12, noon to 3 p.m., Exhibit Lounge, Oakland Center, photographer Brian Heath offers a photo exhibit dealing with different themes in black history.

- Feb. 13, noon to 1 p.m., Room 479 Varner Hall, OU professors Elizabeth Barclay and Kenneth York discuss what evidence an expert witness needs to present in racial or sexual discrimination cases.

- Feb. 14, 8 p.m., concert in Varner Recital Hall. The Symphonic Wind

Ensemble presents a concert featuring black composers Adolphus Hailstov, Lettie Alston, Hale Smith and W.C. Handy.

- Feb. 17, 1-3 p.m., Rooms 128-130, Oakland Center, author Earl McClenney speaks about his book "How to Survive When You Are the Only Black in the Office."

- Feb. 19, 2:30 p.m., East Crocker, Oakland Center, School of Education and Human Services tape and discussion in which school children experience prejudice based on eye color.

- March 4, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Gold Room A, Oakland Center, panel discussion on the roots of racism presented by campus organizations ACE-NIP and the Black Faculty and Staff Network.

- March 9, noon, East Crocker, Oakland Center, closing ceremony in which the Association of Black Students will present awards in the Oratorical/Poetry Contest and the Fiction Essay Contest. Prizes range from \$500 to \$5,000.

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