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**Sac State observes Black History Month**

**Super Sunday tops events**

Sacramento State is celebrating Black History Month with a lineup of informative and entertaining events.

The highlight is the Feb. 19 annual Super Sunday event, when representatives from Sacramento State and the California State University system will visit churches in the city’s African American community, urging young people, and their parents, to begin planning for college. President Alexander Gonzalez will visit St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church at 10 a.m.; Ben Quillian, from the CSU Chancellor’s Office, will be at Antioch Progressive Church at 10 a.m.; and Joseph Sheley, Sacramento State’s provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, will visit St. John Missionary Baptist Church at 10:45 a.m.

They’ll be joined by University representatives who will explain applications, financial aid and scholarships to potential students following each service.

Award-winning Bay Area journalist Belva Davis will discuss her book, *Never in My Wildest Dreams—A Black Woman’s Life in Journalism* at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the Sacramento State Library Gallery. She will be accompanied by co-author Vicki Haddock and will be introduced by Sacramento Bee Associate Editor Ginger Rutland. Davis has covered politics for five decades. She was the first African American woman hired to work on television in the western U.S. This is a free lecture.
Sacramento/Black Art of Dance celebrates its “20th Anniversary Concert: Past, Present and Future” in the Solano Hall Dancespace. Founded by Linda Goodrich, chair of the University’s Theatre and Dance Department, S/BAD showcases black concert dance forms such as West African, Brazilian and modern jazz. The concert will feature current company members and alumni who are returning for this special event. Performances are at 8 p.m. Feb. 16-18, 24 and 25; 2 p.m. Feb. 19 and 26; and 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22-23. Tickets are $5-$12 and available at Sac State’s Ticket Office, (916) 278-4323 or www.tickets.com.

Award-winning author Eva Rutland, 95, will lead a discussion about her life as told in her book *When We Were Colored: A Mother's Story*. She will speak at noon Thursday, Feb. 16, in the Union Redwood Room.

The granddaughter of a former slave, Rutland’s book is a candid account of her experiences growing up during segregation. “I want Sac State students and everyone else to know that people are people, we are all alike, and to please be kind to each other,” she says.

Rutland will be joined by her daughter, Ginger Rutland, and granddaughter Eva Fields.

Other events throughout February include:

- “We Stand on Their Shoulders”: Felicenne Ramey’s photo exhibit of elder African Americans, Feb. 12-March 15, Library lobby. The exhibit is open during Library hours: 7:15 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:15 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.
- N-Word Forum: 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, University Union
- Carter G. Woodson Lecture: Noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, Union Forest Suite
- Unity Affair: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, Union Hinde Auditorium
- Healthy Black Female/Male Relationships: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, Union Hinde Auditorium
- “Who Am I”: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Union Walnut Room
- “The Tradition of Black Graduation Celebrations in U.S. Colleges and Universities: Keeping It Real With Pride!”: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, Union Forest Suite
Women of Color panel: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, Union Orchard Suite

“The Striking Similarities Between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.”: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, Union Hinde Auditorium

Evening With the African Student Association: 6 p.m. Thursday, March 1, University Union

For more information about Black History events, call (916) 278-6943. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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