



**The 2012 Annual Black History Theme**

***“Black Women in American History and Culture”***

***by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)***

African American women have played a critical role in the making of our nation. From their labor, leadership, their motherhood, patriotism, their intellectual and artistic expressions, they have contributed to the enrichment of America. Today African American women continue to contribute to America in a myriad of ways. While the accomplishments of a few prominent figures have been recognized and celebrated, they are only a small representative of the larger group of patriots, mothers, activists who have fought and continue the fight against oppression, wherever and whenever it has surfaced in our communities and nation.

February 2012 provides a particular opportunity for us to celebrate African American Women’s contributions to the nation. The Black History Month Committee (BHM) at Westchester Community College, encourages your participation in the range of activities organized on our Valhalla Campus.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMITTEE 2012**

***Student Members:*** Aaron Simpson, Dickson Ode, Chima Iroham, Courtney Harris, Randrae Pitter

***Faculty/Staff Members:*** Ronald Brown, Rachele Hall, Eridania Quinn, Cynthia Robinson, Scorpio Rogers, Gwen Roundtree, Patricia Sehulster, Karen Vanterpool, Donald Whitely, Barbara Chakmakjian, Christolyn Williams.

**WITH FUNDING AND SUPPORT FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK STUDENT UNION, (BSU) CLUB JAMAICA AND THE WESTCHESTER EVENTS BOARD (WEB)**



**CLUB DAY! BHM KICKOFF!** [Wednesday, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>: 11AM – 1PM](#). Physical Education Building. Collect your Calendar of BHM events and enter to win a free trip to Washington, DC on February 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. **SPECIAL BHM PRESENTATION BY GOSPEL CHOIR & JAZZ ORCHESTRA UNDER DIRECTION OF PROFESSOR SERGE VOLPE.**

**AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN! AN ART EXHIBITION OF PHOTOS AND MASKS!. ART BY WCC FACULTY.** Professors Ron Brown and Don Whitely present images in photos and marks of African American Women. HAROLD L. DRIMMER LIBRARY. [FEBRUARY 1 – 28<sup>TH</sup>](#).

**BLACK JEOPARDY!** [Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>](#). 4-6pm. Tech Building Lounge. Black Jeopardy! Come participate. Win prizes including gift certificates and cash!! *Enter to win all expenses paid trip to Washington, DC.*

**MEET AND MUNCH!** [Wednesday, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>. 11-1PM](#). Classroom 100. An informal gathering of the college community. Meet fellow students, faculty, staff and administrators of Westchester Community College. Layla Qaabidh, RN, MS Assistant Professor of Nursing will be keynote speaker for this event. *Enter to win all expenses paid trip to Washington, DC.*

**“TELL HER STORY!”** [THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>. 4-6PM](#). Classroom 100. Join this Open Mike/Read-Aloud. Share a short bio of the African American woman who has influenced your life and an opportunity to win a copy of “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot. *Enter to win all expenses paid trip to Washington, DC.*

**PEOLA’S PASSING: A PLAY ABOUT TWO AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN 1964 MISSISSIPPI,** BY CYNTHIA ROBINSON WCC FACULTY. [FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> CLASSROOM 101](#). This one-act play produced as part of the *2011 Women’s Work Short Play Festival*. Film presentation of the play will be screened. Join Professor Cynthia Robinson with questions on Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>. (see Additional events, open classes).

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP & NETWORKING CLUB EVENT!** [WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>](#). 11am – 1pm. Classroom 100. Join the Entrepreneurial Club and Black Student Union for event focused on African American Entrepreneurship. Free Food Provided. *LAST CHANCE TO ENTER to win all expenses paid trip to Washington, DC.*

**VARIETY SHOW!** [WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>](#). 11am – 1pm. Classroom 100. After successfully auditioning students performers demonstrate their skills to the audience which will judge the winner of this Variety Show. Winner takes it all! Free Food Provided.

**BLACK ENTERTAINERS IN HISTORY GAME SHOW!** [THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>](#). 4-6pm. Tech. Building Lounge. Join WEB and their Professional Team for this Black Jeopardy. Participants win CASH!!!

**86<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY LUNCHEON AND FEATURED AUTHORS EVENT.** [FEBRUARY, 25<sup>TH</sup>](#) AT THE RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON, DC HOTEL. As a raffle winner you could join other students, faculty and staff on this overnight trip to DC. The featured event of this trip will highlight prominent African American Media and Entertainment blockbusters. Group leaves Friday afternoon and return late Saturday. All expenses paid for the winner of the 2012 BHM Raffle. Drawing to take place on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Entrepreneurship Club Event.

**BHM PANEL “AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE”.** [WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>](#). 11am – 1pm. Classroom 100. Join this blockbuster panel of African American Women for presentations. Participate in the discussion following the Panel Presentation. Lunch Provided.

#### ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

**OSAMA.** [Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>](#). Gateway Theatre. 11am.. A Film which recounts the efforts of a family of women to survive under an oppressive regime. Discussion by Gwen Roundtree-Evans.

**PEOLA’S PASSING: A PLAY ABOUT TWO AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN 1964 MISSISSIPPI,** BY CYNTHIA ROBINSON WCC FACULTY. [Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>](#) 1pm screening. Classroom 100. This one-act play produced as part of the *2011 Women’s Work Short Play Festival*. Film presentation of the play will be screened on. Discussions following screening will be hosted by Professor Cynthia Robinson.

**“A GIRL LIKE ME”** [THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16](#) - AAB 412 6-8:40pm. This is a short independent documentary focused on the theme of skin-color for African American Women. Join Professor Seessel and her class for screening and discussions.

**“AFRICAN AMERICAN BIOGRAPHIES”** – Classroom 101 [Fridays @10am!](#). Join Professor Williams and her students in African American History as they explore the lives of African Americans explained in Biographies and autobiographies, of people from Phillis Wheatley to Barack Obama!

**DATE RAPE PREVENTION.** A Presentation by Rebecca Desimone of the Victims Assistance Services Program of WestCOP, Inc. [Tuesday, February 21](#) at 11 and 12 in CLA 200.