

Bristol Community College *NEWS*

For more information please contact

Kevin Spirlet, Media Specialist

Voice: 508-678-2811, ext. 3361

Fax: 508-730-3262

kevin.spirlet@BristolCC.edu

Fall River * New Bedford * Attleboro * Taunton * Online

January 28, 2016

FOR RELEASE UPON RECEIPT -- *MEDIA COVERAGE WELCOME AT ALL EVENTS*

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE KICKS OFF EVENTS IN CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH ON FEBRUARY 1

Join the Bristol Community College community in celebrating the start of African American History Month with its annual opening day tradition: The festive and boisterous march around the Fall River Campus with Sigi and his Talking Drum. The opening day ceremony kicks off on Monday, February 1, with lunch following the march. All events below are free and open to the public.

The schedule for the month of events celebrating African American History Month is as follows:

Black History Month Opening Ceremony

Monday, February 1, beginning at noon, Commonwealth College Center (G-Building) lobby, BCC Fall River Campus, 777 Elsbree St.

A celebratory march around campus will be led by Sigi and his talking drum followed by the Pan-African flag-raising, along with a gathering featuring authentic African-American fare in the lobby of the Commonwealth College Center (G-Building).

Black Month Keynote Speaker: Spencer Holland, Ph.D.

Wednesday, February 10, from 11 a.m. - 12:15 pm, Jackson Arts Center (H-Building), room H209/H210, BCC Fall River Campus, 777 Elsbree St.

Dr. Holland founded Project 2000, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing academic support and educational mentoring to inner-city black youth from middle to high school students in D.C. He will speak about African-American males in regard to the challenges they currently face. Following the lecture, Dr. Holland will be available for a discussion on this topic with faculty and staff at a location to be announced.

History of Hip-Hop Extravaganza

Thursday, February 18, beginning at noon, Commonwealth College Center (G-Building) lobby, BCC Fall River Campus, 777 Elsbree St.

Hip-Hop Extravaganza is an annual event held every February at Bristol Community

College in Fall River in honor of Black History Month. The show consists of rappers, singers, models, dancers and celebrity tributes.

For more information about African American History Month Events, please contact Kevin Spirlet at 508.678.2811, ext. 3361, or email kevin.spirlet@bristolcc.edu. ###