

Diversity

AT THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Feb, 2011

February is National Black History Month

February marks the National celebration of Black History Month in the United States of America every year. Evolving from the original "Negro History Week," which was initiated in 1926 by [Carter G. Woodson](#) to address the under/misrepresentation of Black Americans from American History, Black History Month highlights the extensive contributions African Americans have made to our culture, country and society. February was chosen as the host month because it includes the birthdays of [Abraham](#)

[Lincoln](#) (Feb. 12th) and [Frederick Douglass](#) (Feb. 14th), whom Carter Woodson believed had dramatically impacted the lives of African Americans.

Black History Month is also celebrated in Canada and the United Kingdom (October). With the goal of continued education on important African American contributions, the month also serves as a time of reflection and pride for contemporary African Americans. With the recent election of the First African American President Barack Obama, Black History

Month proves its relevance in American public education institutions that still [neglect or misinform](#) students of important contributions made by African Americans in the development of the United States of America.



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Click [here](#) to view Black History Month events at UW-Eau Claire.

Jabali Afrika Performs at CVTC!



Joseck Asikoye pumps up the crowd during the Jabali Afrika performance on January 25th.

Kenyan musical group Jabali Afrika performed to a full crowd on January 25th at the Business Education Center at the Chippewa Valley Technical College. Mixing a unique blend of fusion and African rhythms, Jabali Afrika had students dancing in the aisles during their afternoon performance! Members of Jabali Afrika tour all over the world each year and perform at more than 250 venues. Their shows are known for being loud, fun, humorous, and

full of intense audience interaction. Click [here](#) to learn more about Jabali Afrika, or click the link below to view a video of the CVTC performance!



Click the image above to view the CVTC Jabali Afrika Performance!



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CVTC's Diversity Statement:

CVTC welcomes, values, and respects differences and commonalities of all people. By valuing differences, we demonstrate our commitment to treating everyone with fairness and respect. Chippewa Valley Technical College is an affirmative action employer and educational institution.





Black History Month (continued)

Black History Month 2011 marks the 35th anniversary of the month-long celebration. This year's theme is "African Americans and the Civil War," in honor of the efforts of people of African descent to destroy slavery and inaugurate universal freedom in the United States. To further explore this year's Black History Month theme, click [here](#).

Since 1976, every American President has issued African American History Month Proclamations. Beginning with President Gerald Ford during the Nation's bicentennial celebration, Black History Month has been recognized and celebrated nation-wide by various public and government agencies. Click the images below to further explore Black History Month!



Click above for a Black History Month Crossword Puzzle!

Interactive Timeline

Black History Month Videos



Notable Icons



Fast Facts



Photo Gallery



Famous Firsts



Record Breaking



Inventions





FEBRUARY 2011

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Meditation Circle	2 Peter Phippen Live Flute	3	4 Go Red for Heart Disease	5 Reiki Level I Training
6  Super Bowl XLV	7 Scandinavian couple dancing	8 German I Swedish I	9 Internship Mania	10 Women's Business Network	11 Beginning French	12 Women's Wknd Expo
13 Poverty Workshop	14 Valentine's Day	15 Brother Outsider Film	16 Literacy Vol. Tutor Training	17 Incognito @ UWEC	18 Nordic Retreat	19 Reiki Level II Refresher
20 Heritage Speaker Series	21	22 Rug Hooking Class	23 Special Ed. Review	24 Adult Dulcimer Jam	25 Beginning French	26 India: Steps for Success
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(Click the links above for more information for each event)

The Month in Pictures



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1. Justo Asikoye of Jabali Afrika doing a crazy drum solo!
2. Kodiak Cleveland reminds us to eat our cheese!
3. Diversity Student Organization Members prepare a display for Black History Month.



Interested in Joining?

Attend a Meeting:

Thursdays
12:00pm-1:00pm
BEC 248A

Click [here](#) for more information

(Or contact the organization advisor, [Mike Ojibway](#).)

“We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color.”

-Maya Angelou

A Message from the Diversity Coordinator:

Our strong, personalized support system is designed to increase the enrollment, placement, and retention of our students. We offer a variety of services to all multicultural and Non-Traditional Occupation students including:

- Financial Aid Assistance
- Scholarship Application Help
- Academic Assistance & Tutoring Referrals
- Counseling Service Referrals
- Career Planning
- Social Support
- Diversity Student Organization

Please do not hesitate to call or stop by if you have questions!



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