

ALANA Anthem

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2006 Black History Month: "SANKOFA: Reclaiming History, Our Being, Our Becoming"

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926. It first began as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." When this tradition began, black history wasn't being studied. It was not until the 20th century that black history gained a presence in history books.

Much of the celebration of Black History Month, and the study of black history can be attributed to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. This Harvard scholar noticed that history books generally excluded black history or portrayed blacks in negative ways. In 1915, Woodson established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history. Woodson chose the 2nd week of February because it marked the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.



In the 1970's, the celebration was expanded to the entire month of February and now includes many educational and celebratory activities.

This year ALANA Services chose the theme "Sankofa: Reclaiming History, Our Being, Our Becoming," for Loyola's celebration of Black History Month. Sankofa is an Akan word that means, "We must go back and so we can move forward; understand why we are here today."



The month long celebration will begin in January with the Dr. King convocation followed by a museum exhibit and screening of the movie "Crash." It will also include activities such as the SANKOFA Film Series, which features five movies that center around the black experience in the United States, a cultural play, historical musical presentation, "Soul Food" dinner, and activities sponsored by the Black Students Association. Please see last page for specific details about these events.

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Director's Corner:

Happy New Year! I hope that this edition of the *ALANA Anthem* finds you rejuvenated from a long, well rested holiday break. We look forward to a lot of great programming for this spring semester. As we approach the celebrations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday and Black History Month this February, I challenge you to reflect upon the many accomplishments of Dr. King and other African Americans.

The theme for Black History Month is Sankofa: Reclaiming History, Our Being, Our Becoming. Black History is a history not only for African Americans, but a critical part of the American story. Our hope is that we, as a Loyola community, will reclaim a collective history, particularly that part which is somehow forgotten or deemed "other."

"Ubuntu" an African concept means "I am because you are" which conveys that "I cannot be fully who I am without allowing and accepting you to be fully who you are." With this Sankofan theme, we hope to better understand who we are and what we can become. So, enjoy this edition and I hope to see you at many of the events listed in *the Anthem*.

Peace,
Rodney Parker

ALANA Student Services Mission Statement

ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, and Native American) Student Services is committed to providing support, services, and programs that facilitate the success of all ALANA students at Loyola College in Maryland. Through intentional programming and a myriad of services, the ALANA office fosters the academic, cultural, personal, spiritual and leadership development of ALANA students. Furthermore, ALANA Student Services seeks to create and maintain an environment of respect and awareness, while advocating for ALANA students and responding to their needs

Brotherhood and Sisterhood Week

February 20-26, 2006

Since 1934 the National Conference of Christians and Jews has sponsored Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week, which is an American traditional celebration to honor diversity and multiculturalism in the United States. It is also an opportunity to get awareness of interfaith understanding.



“Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week reminds us not only of our heritage of tolerance and opportunity, but the responsibility all of us have to celebrate our belonging by achieving and contributing to the fullest extent of our abilities.”

Message from Ronald Reagan, delivered on Feb. 14, 1986

Remembering Rosa Parks

February 4, 1913 - October 24, 2005

Rosa Parks strived to change discrimination and injustice during her lifetime. Before refusing to give up her seat to a white man in December 1955, she was a secretary for the NAACP Youth Council. She tried to become a registered voter a number of times when it was impossible to do so. She had an active role in facing racial injustice and founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development.

In 1996 she said in an interview “we still have a long way to go in improving the race relations in this country.”



Source: <http://www.grandtimes.com>

Elaine Steele, her closest friend said about her, “Mrs. Parks is a role model that [students] look up to.” Mrs. Parks traveled throughout the world. She was of modest temper as she stated: “I am still uncomfortable with the credit given to me for starting the bus boycott [...] I was just one of many who fought for freedom.” Mrs. Parks passed away on October 24, 2005, at the age of 92. She will forever be known as “The mother of the Civil Rights Movement”.

New Year Celebrations Around the Globe



Tet: Vietnamese New Year (1/29)

Tet is short for Tet Nguyen Dan which means the first morning of the first day of the new period. Tet marks the beginning of a new year on the lunar calendar, and the beginning of spring. Tet is a huge celebration that lasts 3 days. People save money, food, and plan in advance for Tet. The new year is a time to start fresh. People repaint houses, buy new clothes, pay off debts, and rid themselves of any bad feelings. Tet is a big celebration of honoring ancestors, eating food, and enjoying friends and family.

Chinese New Year (1/29)

The Chinese New Year dates back to 2600BC, when the Emperor Huang Ti introduced the first cycle of the zodiac. Legend has it that before he departed from earth, the Lord Buddha summoned all the animals to come to him, but only twelve came to bid him farewell. As their reward, he named a year after each one in the order they arrived. The Chinese New Year is filled with traditions and rituals, including thoroughly cleaning houses to get rid of the bad luck. The celebration involves food, parades and many activities.

Islamic New Year (1/31)

The Islamic New Year is the first day of Muharram (the 1st month). The new year day of Hijrah reminds Muslims of the Hijrah (migration) of the Prophet Muhammad from Makkah to Madinah in the year of 622 C.E. New years day is an important day to remember the meaning and significance of Hijrah. Additionally, some Muslims began using the day to send greeting cards and celebrate the new year.

Did You Know...

- ★ Walter S. McAfee is the African American mathematician and physicist who first calculated the speed of the moon?
- ★ On July 6, 1971, Henry T. Sampson created the cellular phone?



ALANA STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



On January 5—8, 2006, six Loyola students will attend the Carroll F.S. Hardy National Black Student Leadership Development Conference in Arlington, Virginia. This conference is for student leaders or those whom have demonstrated a commitment to leadership development. We hope that you will join us in congratulating each of them!

- ★ Jasmin Conner '07, Communications
- ★ Omani Guy '09, Business Administration
- ★ Nicholas Hawkins '08, Political Science
- ★ Christelle Jerome '08, Biology
- ★ Rachele Knowles '08, Business
- ★ Autumn Sands-Caldwell '09, Engineering Science

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

CULTURAL CALENDAR

- 1/16 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day
- 1/29 TET Vietnamese New Year
- 1/29 Chinese New Year
- 1/31 Islamic New Year
- 2/12 Abraham Lincoln's Day
- 2/14 Race Relations & Valentine's Day
- 2/15 Susan B. Anthony Day
- 2/16-2/22 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week
- 2/17 Presidents' Day
- 2/22 George Washington Day

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“SANKOFA: Reclaiming History, Our Being, Our Becoming”

Black History Month Schedule of Events

- 1/18** 13th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation,
Featuring Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, 7pm, McGuire Hall,
Sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs & Diversity
- 1/25** Sankofa: African-American Museum on Wheels Self-guided tours, Noon—6pm, Presentations at 1pm, 3pm, & 5pm, McGuire Hall East
- 1/31** “Crash” Dinner & Discussion, 6:30pm, 4th Floor Program Room, RSVP by Friday, January 27th to x2310 or alana@loyola.edu
- 2/8** BSA Forum, 6pm, 4th floor Program Room,
Sponsored by the Black Students Association (BSA)
- 2/13** “Plantanos y Collard Greens” 6pm, McGuire Hall West,
Sponsored by the Hispanic Club, BSA, Modern Language and Literature & ALANA Services
- 2/16** The Color of Music, 7pm, Alumni Chapel
- 2/25** BSA Party 10pm-2am, Sellinger VIP
- 2/26** “Soul Food” Dinner & a Movie 5pm, McGuire Hall West
Tickets: \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. Stop by ALANA Services (3rd floor AWSC) to purchase a ticket. Cash, check and Evergreen accepted.

SANKOFA Film Series:

- 1/26** “Crash,” 6pm, Knott Hall B01
A provocative, unflinching film that looks at the complexities of racial conflict in America.
- 2/1** “Sankofa,” 6:30pm, Knott Hall B03
A powerful film about the African Holocaust
- 2/6** “4 Little Girls,” 6:30pm, Knott Hall B03
A documentary of the racial terrorist bombing of an African American church during the Civil Rights Movement
- 2/20** “The Rosa Parks Story” 6:30pm,
Knott Hall B01
True story about the late Rosa Parks
- 2/28** “The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till,”
6:30pm, Knott Hall B01
Documentary investigating the murder and injustice surrounding Emmett Till’s death.