

2015 Black History Month

**February
2,9,16 & 23**

**Hidden Colors: 4 Part Video
Documentary and Discussion
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Office of Multicultural Affairs
Allendale Campus
LIB 100 & LIB 201 Approved**

Hidden Colors is a documentary about the real and untold history of people of color around the globe. This film discusses some of the reasons the contributions of African and aboriginal people have been left out of the pages of history. Traveling around the country, the film features scholars, historians and social commentators.

**February
4**

**Black Lives Matter
Panel Discussion
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Russel H. Kirkhof Center
Pere Marquette, Allendale Campus
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Speakers:

- Stephen R. Drew, Attorney, Drew, Cooper & Anding
- Cle Jackson, President NAACP Greater Grand Rapids Branch
- Joe Jones, President/CEO Grand Rapids Urban League
- Dr. Andre Perry, Dean of Urban Education Davenport University
- Chris Sain Jr., Author/Executive Director of C.I.T.Y. Sports Inc.
- Dr. Robert L. Stevenson, Jr. Pastor and Adjunct Professor of African American Studies
- Dwight Hamilton, Associate VP for Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer, Grand Valley State University—Moderator

The Black Male Scholars Initiative and the Office of Multicultural Affairs presents a selected panel of powerful black male leaders from the Grand Rapids area, who exemplify the various aspects of the black perspective in America, West Michigan and Grand Valley State University.

**February
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**Positive Black Women presents:
A Tribute to Black Women: Strong,
Fierce and Dynamic Divas
noon - 1:00 p.m.
Pere Marquette, Allendale Campus
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In collaboration with You Beautiful Black Women, I Promise and Positive Black Women (PBW) presents "A Tribute to Black Women: Strong, Fierce, and Dynamic Divas" where we will highlight black women who have made notable contributions to our history. We will highlight and honor black women through poetry, song, dance and so much more. This event will not only provide some history and entertainment but will also empower all women. Lunch will be provided.

**February
14**

**God's Kitchen
On-Site Day of Service
noon - 3:00 p.m.
Grand Rapids, MI**

On this day of service, students, faculty and staff members will lead an effort to give back to West Michigan. GVSU community members are needed to help prepare and serve a lunch meal at God's Kitchen in Grand Raids. As we help others, we aim to learn more about the community where we live, as well as about ourselves. Only 7 individuals can participate. Please RSVP to Bobby J. Springer at (616)331-2177 or springeb@gvsu.edu.

Events are free and open to the public. For information on parking or for individuals requiring special accommodations, please contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 616-331-2177. You may also visit our website at www.gvsu.edu/oma or email us at oma@gvsu.edu.

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Step Afrika!
Spotlight Productions
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Cook DeWitt Center
Allendale Campus
LIB 100 & LIB 201

Stepping is a dance that uses the body as an instrument. It combines footsteps, claps and spoken words to produce complex rhythms and has roots in African dance and military marching. In stepping, the dancers wear hard-soled shoes that crack and slap against the floor. Step Afrika! Is a dance company committed to furthering the tradition of stepping.

February
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A Taste of Soul
noon - 1:00 p.m.
Russel H. Kirkhof Center Lobby
Allendale Campus

Join us to share in the deep Southern, African-American tradition of soul food. This style of cooking originated when African Americans, enslaved, were given the leftover scraps. They didn't complain about what they got; they just cooked some of the tastiest food. Traditionally their rations consisted of corn, bacon or salt pork, molasses, flour, seasonal fruits and vegetables. With those few items, a variety of wholesome dishes were created. They learned how to use everything' nothing was wasted.

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February
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Inspirational Leadership
Linal Harris, Business Leader
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Charles W. Loosemore Forum
L. Williams Seidman Center
Grand Rapids Campus
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From the boardroom to Chicago's airwaves, Linal Harris uses his voice and unique set of expertise to make a difference and offer the world an inspirational perspective. A respected business leader, Harris serves as the vice president and chief diversity officer for U.S. Cellular, where he is responsible for leading a best-in-class diversity strategy that supports the company's overall business goal to deliver the world's best customer service experience and establish U.S. Cellular.

