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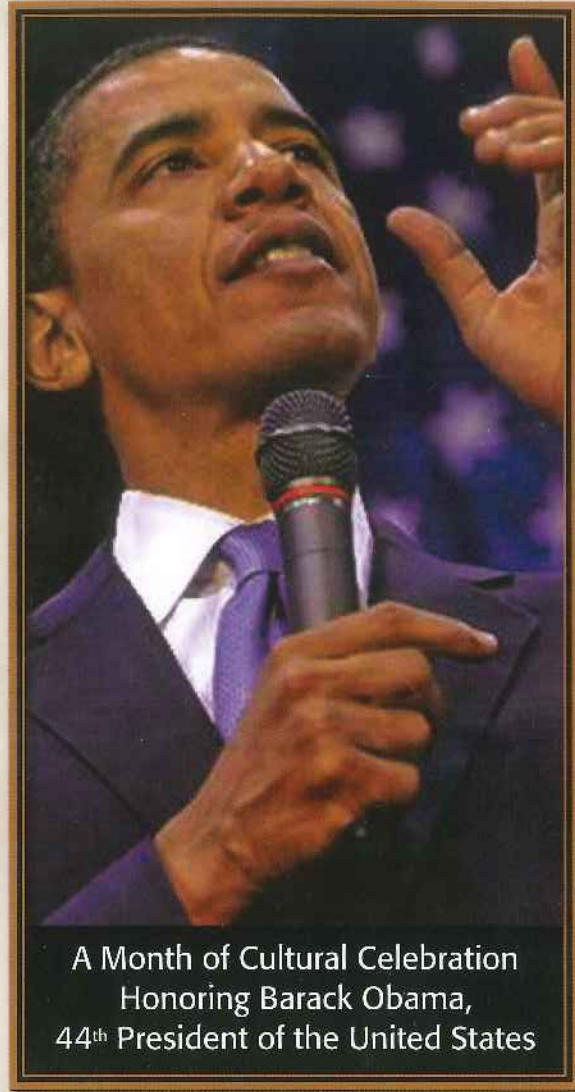
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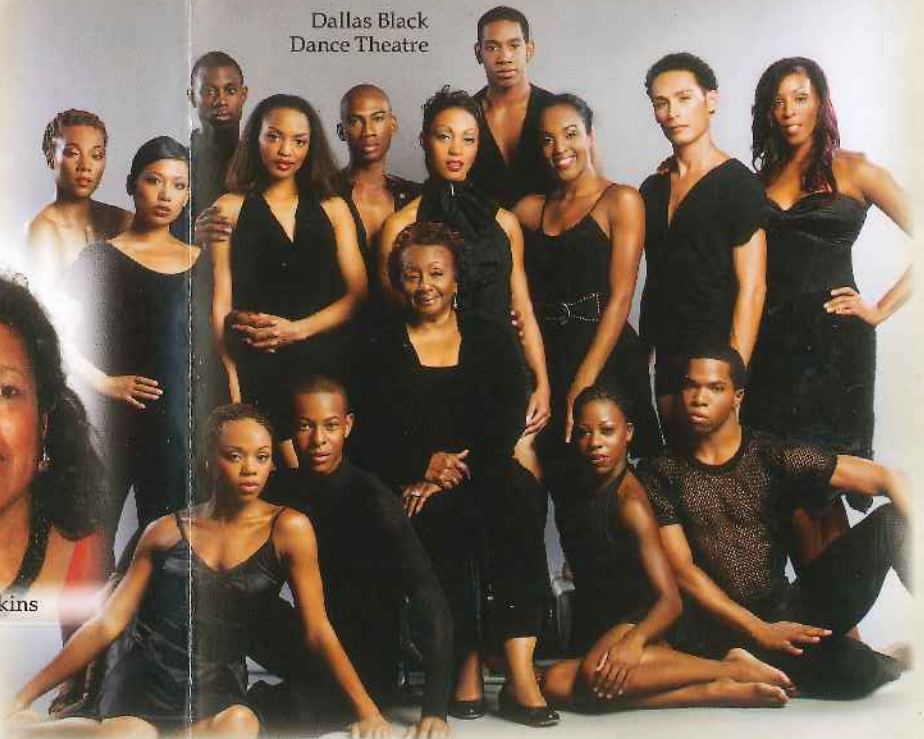
Lasana Hotep



Alonzo Jones



Jan B. Adkins



Dallas Black Dance Theatre

Week One: February 2–8**Commemorates The People**

The opening week of Black History Month is represented by the black stripe in the African American flag. Within the confines of slave quarters, Africans of diverse backgrounds created new social relations and cultural forms. We'll use this week to recognize the resulting unique formation of African American culture.

Tuesday, February 3**National African American Read-In**

Join more than one million readers from across the nation in the 20th Annual National African American Read-In. At Foothill, this annual event features poet and musician Avotcja, and members of her band, Modupe. You're invited to read from the works of your favorite African American poets or authors. Co-sponsored by the National Council for Teachers of English, Foothill College Language Arts Division and Foothill Bookstore.

Time: 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Dining Room (Room 2201)
FREE ADMISSION

Wednesday, February 4**College Hour: Black History Month Official Opening Ceremony**

Student speakers will present an overview of Foothill's Black History Month celebration. At the start of any function, it's customary in African tradition to publicly acknowledge the wisdom of our ancestors in whose footprints we stand today. Thus, we pour libation, which will be done by Anyika Nkululeko and the live drumming of Jaliya. Jaliya's format is modeled after a 13th century Malian tradition in which members of the court served as the messengers, story tellers, historians and praise singers in the Malian Empire, which encompassed Mali, West Africa. Jaliya's musicians use percussive instruments to accompany the citing of historical and current events, myths and proverbs. The event also includes performances by Foothill students. Free refreshments.

Time: Noon–1 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Dining Room (Room 2201)
FREE ADMISSION

Thursday, February 5**Dallas Black Dance Theatre Residency**

For the 14th year, Foothill College hosts the world-renown Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) as the troupe celebrates its 32nd anniversary West Coast tour with *Pure Energy*. Under the guidance of founder and artistic director Ann Williams, DBDT's mission is to create and produce dance at its highest level of artistic excellence through performances and educational programs that bridge cultures, and reach diverse communities and audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

DBDT Lecture & Demonstration

Talented DBDT dancers will treat more than 1,800 middle-school students to a lecture and demonstration. Students will also tour Foothill College and eat lunch on campus. The program combines cultural and artistic expression by the dancers, and the children's experience of a community college campus.

Time: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Location: Smithwick Theatre **FREE ADMISSION**

Foothill Author Series Featuring Richard Thompson Ford

Author Richard Thompson Ford will present a reading from his book, *The Race Card: How Bluffing About Bias Makes Race Relations Worse*, followed by a book-signing session. Learn what Hurricane Katrina victims waiting for federal disaster relief, millionaire rappers buying vintage champagne, Ivy League professors waiting for taxis, and ghetto hustlers trying to find steady income have in common. Ford postulates that all have claimed to be victims of racism. "These days, almost no one openly expresses racist beliefs or defends bigoted motives. So many people are victims of bigotry, but no one's a bigot? What gives? Either a lot of people are lying about their true beliefs and motivations, or a lot of people are jumping to unwarranted conclusions—or just playing the race card," Ford says. The Stanford University law professor cuts to the core of the race subject. He is a phenomenal writer with thoughts and ideas that need to be heard. Ford's book is available for purchase at a 20-percent discount at the campus bookstore. Co-sponsored by the Foothill College President's Office.

Time: Noon–1 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Lounge (Room 2313) **FREE ADMISSION**

Meet the Artist Reception

Meet local artist Roberta McClinton whose art is expressed in handmade quilts that tell the history and culture of African Americans in an unforgettable way. Some quilt themes were used by slaves to communicate directions and hiding places during their flights to freedom. Others were used to reflect African American culture, artwork, perspectives and interests. Free refreshments.

Time: 1–2 p.m.
Location: Chinese Heritage Room (Room 3523) **FREE ADMISSION**

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Time: 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Location: Chinese Heritage Room (Room 3523) **FREE ADMISSION**

Dallas Black Dance Theatre Evening Performance

The curtain goes up on this contemporary dance company's repertoire of modern, jazz, ethnic and spiritual works to provide a performance filled with the excitement and pure energy that only DBDT can deliver. A complimentary reception follows the performance in the Campus Center Dining Room.

Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Smithwick Theatre
Tickets: \$25, general; \$20, students with OwlCard. To purchase tickets, call (650) 949-7360 or access www.foothill.edu/fa. For group rates, call (650) 949-7282.

Week Two: February 9–15**Commemorates Blood Shed**

The second week of Black History Month is represented by the red stripe in the African American flag. We'll use this week to recognize the passion and soulful fire within the hearts of African Americans and that their blood shed in defense of freedom shall not be in vain.

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 10–11**AIDS Awareness Activities**

To promote awareness of AIDS and safe sex, the Foothill College Health Services Office will give out free condoms and other safe sex items and information. The office will also conduct free, confidential AIDS testing and counseling for Foothill students. Co-sponsored by the Foothill College Health Services Office.

Time: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Plaza **FREE ADMISSION**

Wednesday, February 11**College Hour: Pursue Your Passion, People!**

You can make a difference in this world. Listen as Kirk Nugent discusses the role of students in society. As a catalyst for change who challenges preconceived notions about success and self-actualization, and a former community college student, he understands and identifies with the unique problems encountered by students. You may have seen Nugent hosting shows on Black Entertainment Television (BET) and *Def Jam Comics*, but you've never seen him in this form—provocative and gripping. From social and personal responsibility, AIDS, safe sex, drugs and alcohol, politics and pop-culture trends, this provocative poet and motivational speaker will stir your sense of self-worth, personal responsibility and passion for life. Free refreshments. Co-sponsored by the Foothill College Health Services Office.

Time: Noon–1 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Dining Room **FREE ADMISSION**

Thursday, February 12**Lecture Series I****Black Agency: Individual Achievement, Black Cultural Progress**

Within all of us are many identities. The trick is to figure out which one of our many selves needs to be front and center at a particular moment. In this workshop, Alonzo Jones and Lasana Hotep explore contemporary forces that shape the values and priorities of young people, and examine how college students can best position themselves as decision-makers. Themes addressed in this presentation include a historical timeline of major periods impacting Black life, an exercise dissecting our many

identities, and the ever-important role you play as a college student in continuing the progress of our beautiful cultural community. Jones is the multicultural student services director at Arizona State University. Hotep is a researcher, consultant and engineer.

Time: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Lounge (Room 2313) **FREE ADMISSION**

Friday & Saturday, February 13–14**11th Annual California Student Association of Community Colleges****Black Caucus Leadership Conference**

Foothill students are encouraged to participate with the Foothill Black Student Union in this two-day conference, which focuses on leadership skills development. Students from throughout the California Community Colleges system will explore leadership concepts that empower student leaders of African ancestry; discuss successful models and practices that build community outreach and involvement; and address advocacy and organizational development of Afrocentric organizations at the community college level.

Contact: LaDonya Jackson, (408) 876-3186
Location: Foothill College

Week Three: February 18–24**Commemorates The Richness**

The third week of Black History Month is represented by the gold stripe in the African American flag. We'll use this week to recognize the achieved wealth of the African American people and the richness of African American culture.

Wednesday, February 18**College Hour: Talent Show**

Talented Foothill students demonstrate the richness and diversity of African American culture. Several Foothill groups will showcase their talents, including the Black Student Union, Brother to Brother, Shades of Africa and Hip-Hop Club.

Time: Noon–1 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Lounge (Room 2313) **FREE ADMISSION**

Thursday, February 19**Lecture Series II****African American Literature**

Jan B. Adkins will discuss the findings of her research into African American literary works published in San Francisco's two Black newspapers during 1862–1885. Her lecture will address the cultural, social and political issues that influenced the literary expressions of poetry, biographical narratives, short stories and didactic essays. She will also read selected works that represent the body of literary work featured in her research.

Time: 10–11 a.m. & 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Lounge (Room 2313) **FREE ADMISSION**

Week Four: February 23–28**Commemorates The Growth**

The fourth week of Black History Month is represented by the green stripe in the African American flag. We'll use this week to recognize the growth of all African Americans as a people—from slavery's chains to president of the United States.

Tuesday, February 24**Lecture Series III****Are You Lost or Found? Recognizing the Wake-Up Call**

Dr. Sylvester Fadal is the author of *Are You Lost or Found?*, a remarkable personal development book. Learn how leadership, friendship, finding your passion and embracing unwanted change might be the keys to personal transformation. According to Fadal's research, 62 percent of professionals surveyed in the U.S. are lost and in need of individual change. He is the president/CEO of Fadal & Associates, a non-profit consulting group, and professor of graduate business at the University of Phoenix's Sperling School of Business.

Time: 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Lounge (Room 2313) **FREE ADMISSION**

Wednesday, February 25**College Hour: 11th Annual African American Achievers Awards**

The Achiever Awards recognize the outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service of graduating and/or transferring Foothill College students of African ancestry.

Time: Noon–1 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Dining Room **FREE ADMISSION**

Saturday, February 28**Make a Joyful Noise Gospel Concert**

Celebrate with the Foothill College Gospel Choir as you journey through gospel music from its history of Negro spirituals to contemporary melodies. Witness spiritually uplifting performances by Bay Area gospel choirs and much more. A complimentary reception follows the performance in the Campus Center Dining Room.

Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Smithwick Theatre
Tickets: \$12, general; \$8, seniors and students with OwlCard; \$6, children ages 6–12; children under age 5 admitted free.
To purchase tickets, call (650) 949-7360.

Foothill College 2009 Black History Month is dedicated to United States President Barack Obama

Barack Hussein Obama was born Aug. 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. After high school, he studied at Occidental College in Los Angeles for two years and moved to Chicago in 1985. There, he worked as a community organizer with low-income residents in Chicago's Roseland community and the Altgeld Gardens Public Housing Development on the city's South Side. He entered Harvard University Law School in 1988. In February 1990, he was elected the first African American editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. He graduated magna cum laude in 1991. He then returned to Chicago to practice as a civil rights lawyer, joining the firm of Miner, Barnhill & Galland. He also taught at the University of Chicago Law School and helped organize voter registration drives during Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. In 1995, he published *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*, an autobiography, and won a Grammy Award for the audio version of the book. He married Michelle Robinson Obama Oct. 18, 1992, and has resided in Kenwood on Chicago's South Side with their daughters, Malia (born 1998) and Sasha (born 2001). Mr. Obama's advocacy work led him to run for the Illinois State Senate as a Democrat. He was elected in 1996. In February 2007, he made headlines when he announced his candidacy for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination. Barack Obama made history Nov. 5, 2008, when voters named him the nation's first African American U.S. president elect, and a role model for people of all ethnicities, ages and backgrounds all over the world.

The Black AIDS Institute: Our People, Our Problem, Our Solution

Foothill's Black History Month Planning Committee encourages you to donate to the Black AIDS Institute [www.blackAIDS.org] and create positive change for people living with HIV and AIDS. With the credo our people, our problem, our solution, the Black AIDS Institute reports that the U.S. leads global efforts against AIDS, but neglects the epidemic in Black America, failing to mobilize the same commitment to address the large and growing epidemic within its own borders. The organization states that it's time for America to recommit itself to the struggle against HIV/AIDS at home.

Additional Events & Activities**Art Exhibitions & Displays**

• **Quilts of African American History** Exhibit features Roberta McClinton's handmade masterpieces, which weave the history of African Americans in each strand. The exhibit is on display throughout February in the Foothill College Campus Center. Curator for the exhibit is Cozetta Guinn. Admission is free. Exhibit hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (650) 949-7282 or e-mail DavorenTricia@foothill.edu. **FREE ADMISSION.**

• **Pan-African City Alive!** This cultural resource celebrates 15 years of excellence and shares displays of artifacts that illustrate the beauty and richness of the Pan-African experience. Look for these impressive artifacts on display throughout the Foothill College Campus Center during February. **FREE ADMISSION.**

• For additional event, driving and parking information, access www.foothill.edu, e-mail DavorenTricia@foothill.edu or call (650) 949-7282.

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• PAA and PGA available for faculty and staff participation.