

DCC Black History Month lineup includes free interactive panels and discussions

In celebration of Black History Month, Dutchess Community College will host a series of events on the College's main campus – covering a range of subjects from Science, Technology and Engineering (STEM) to reproductive rights and supporting justice-involved youth and featuring award-winning author Dr. Emily Bernard.

The Black Solidarity Reads Lyceum will be held in the James & Betty Hall Theatre on Feb. 15 at 12:30 p.m. The speaker, Dr. Emily Bernard, is a Green and Gold Professor of English at the University of Vermont, 2020 Andrew Carnegie Fellow and author of the essay collection, "Black is the Body: Stories from My Grandmother's Time, My Mother's Time, and Mine," which won the 2020 LA Times Isherwood Prize for Autobiographical Prose. Bernard will discuss two essays from her book and the role the college classroom can play in the larger project of interracial understanding.

On Feb. 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the Ritz Lounge, there will be a STEM Job/Internship Panel and Networking Event. Participants will hear from high-achieving STEM professionals who will speak about their academic and career experiences in addition to providing advice for students interested in entering the field upon graduation. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet the panelists and ask individual questions during the networking portion of the event. Representatives from GAP Inc., Nuvance



Emily Bernard

-Courtesy photo by Andy Duback, Duback Photography

Health, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Labella Associates and IBM are scheduled to speak on the panel.

A panel titled "Reproductive Justice in Minority Communities" will take place

on Feb. 29 in Dutchess Hall, room 101. Community health experts from Planned Parenthood will discuss reproductive rights in minority communities.

DCC's Black History Month events

were curated and organized by the Black History Committee: Chair and Assistant Professor of English Willie Morris, Assistant Professor of History Shalon Hallager and Associate Professor of Accounting Ahmed Ismail.

Chair of the Black History Committee and DCC English Professor Willie Morris said, "The positive impact of these events extends well beyond the month of February. It's about making an academic connection and introducing the discipline of Black Studies – to DCC students as well as middle and high school students, teachers, faculty, staff and the broader community. We do this because it furthers the academic and social mission of the College."

DCC President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan said, "Especially as we navigate these uncertain times, marked by divisiveness and social unrest, it's so important that our community comes together to learn and celebrate our diversity. As Dutchess County's community college, we are proud to offer events such as these that underscore our commitment to strengthening systems to advance diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice."

This year's programming comes with the kind support of the DCC Foundation, DCC Writing Center and DCC's Francis U. and Mary F. Ritz Library.

DCC's BHM events are free and open to the public. A full calendar with more details can be found at www.sunydutchess.edu/bhm.

JJHS Olympiad team takes home top prize



John Jay High School's Science Olympiad Team took home the top prize at the Mid-Hudson Regional Science Olympiad competition this weekend. The teams won medals in all 22 events; including 8 first place medals and 35 overall medals! John Jay will be sending a team of bright, hard-working science students to the New York State tournament on March 15th-16th at LeMoyne College in Syracuse.

The competition was hosted by John Jay, with 35 teams from 21 schools attending the event. JJHS team is so grateful to the many members of our community who helped make this a success by volunteering and/or showing their support for the event!

-Courtesy photo

GNSO to perform in Newburgh on Feb. 17

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra (GNSO) will perform a special concert on February 17 at 4 p.m. at Aquinas Hall on the Mount Saint Mary College campus in Newburgh. Two distinguished pianists will perform concertos by Romantic composing giants Saint-Saëns and Rachmaninoff as well as a vocal soloist on marvelous melodies from Puccini, Handel, Mozart and Rossini.

Commenting on the Concert of Concertos Maestro Russell Ger stated that "Camille Saint-Saëns clearly revered music of the past, his Second Piano Concerto bearing the overt imprints of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, and Chopin. The opening is thoughtfully reflective, the second movement is playful, filled with wit and humor, while the finale is an opportunity for the pianist to show off during a turbulent movement that ends in a blustering whirlwind of chords and fiery arpeggios."

"A wonderful and novel inclusion in the program is a vocal soloist who performs arias from four operas," Ger continued. "We have a beautifully lyrical Baroque love aria from Handel, Rossini's virtuosic late Classical aria also about love, Mozart's light-hearted

aria about how young women must know how to manipulate their men, and finally Puccini's lushly Romantic aria from "La Rondine." Finally, Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto is one of the most technically forbidding in the repertoire – richly melodic, it alternates between moments of great delicacy and shattering power. It is one of the most beloved concerti in history."

This concert is not a part of the season subscription but represents the fifth year of a unique partnership between the GNSO and Moxart, Inc., a Philadelphia-area non-profit organization whose mission is to provide accomplished, non-professional musicians with opportunities to play a concerto with a fine orchestra. A concerto is any piece for solo instrumentalist and orchestra. After their great success in Philadelphia, Moxart continued to expand by reaching out to the GNSO in the Hudson Valley.

Tickets are Balcony \$75, Center Reserved \$60. General \$50, Senior Citizen \$30 – can be purchased at the door. Call 845-913-7157 or visit www.newburghsymphony.org. Students are admitted free to General seating. Snow date is February 18.

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The annual meeting of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association will be held in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on February 20, 2024 at 7:00 in the evening for the election of three (3) Trustees and for the transaction of any additional business that may be brought

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before the Board.
PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following offices shall be filled at the next annual Village Election of the Village of Fishkill, which will take place on **TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024**
TRUSTEE - Two positions will be filled
Term - 3 Years

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Independent Nominating Petitions may be picked up at the Village Clerk's office, Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill. The first day upon which an individual may sign an independent nominating petition is Tuesday April 2, 2024 and all independent nominating petitions are due to be filed in the Village Clerk's office, Van

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Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill by Tuesday May 14, 2024
Pam Ruyack
Village Clerk
Dated:
February 9, 2024
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York,

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hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-14-24
Professional Services for Workplace Planning and Needs Assessment for Dutchess County Government
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of February 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Ser-

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vices, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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The Regular Annual Meeting of the Wappingers Falls plot owners will be held on March 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on Point St., New Hamburg, NY.