

2007 Black History Month

Reclaiming Our Identity



Art by Karin Turner on display in the Foothill College Semans Library throughout February.


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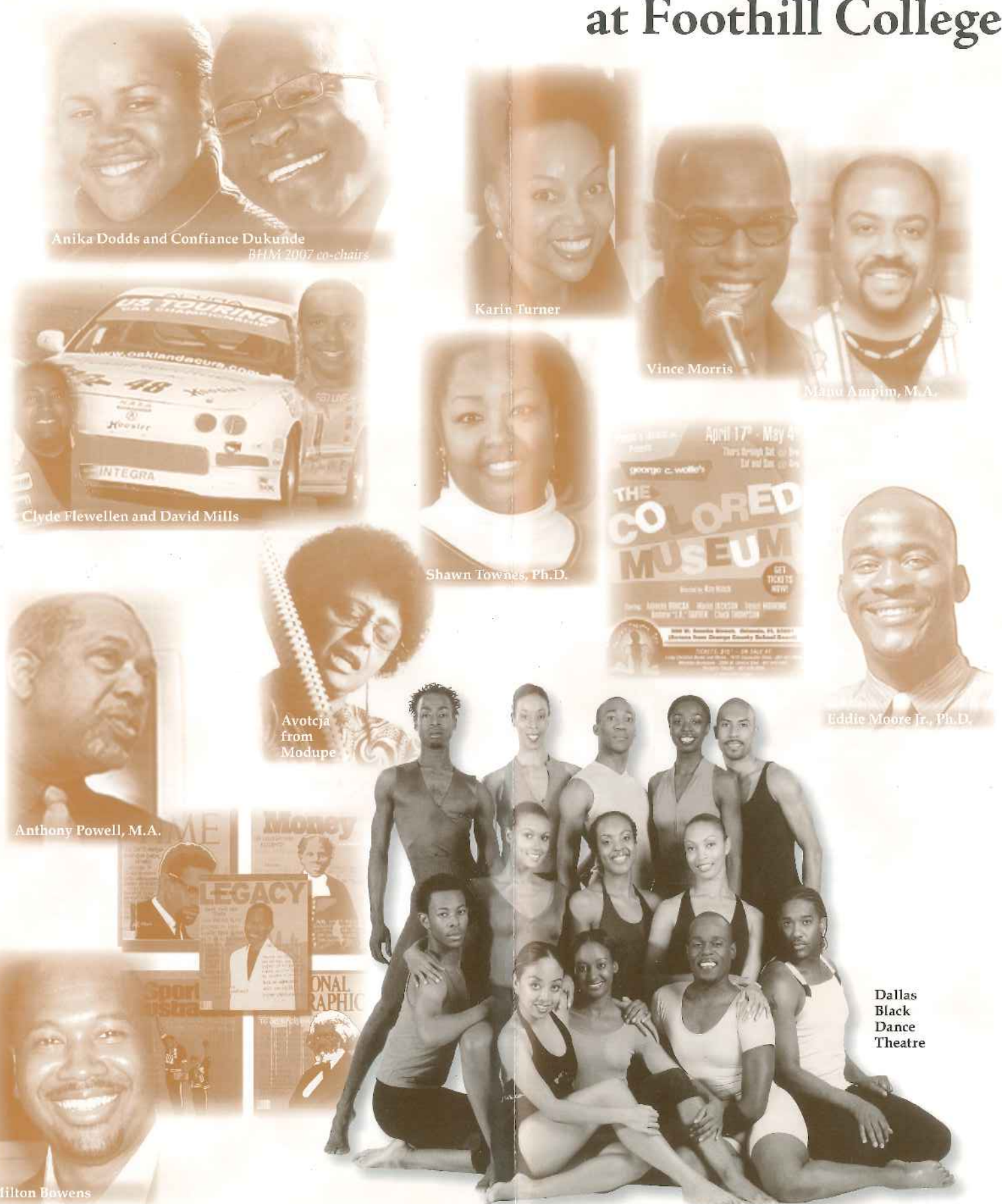
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Dallas Black Dance Theatre

Milton Bowens

Week One: February 1-4**Thursday, February 1****Meet the Artist Reception**

Meet Oakland artist Karin Turner, whose work is on exhibit in the Semans Library and KJ's Café throughout February. Her works reflect on the Foothill Black History Month theme of reclaiming our identity, while her work is synonymous with the single thought of uplifting optimism. Turner specializes in creating images that feature a diverse and ever appealing spectrum of Black women. Her images feature a series of a semi-autobiographical character, H₂Omelon Girl, who boasts a crown of exotic natural hair, lives in the moment, and is happy with the curvaceous figure she possesses.

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: KJ's Café **FREE ADMISSION****Week Two: February 5-11****Tuesday, February 6****National African American Read-In**

Join more than one million readers from across the nation in the 18th Annual National African American Read-In. At Foothill, this annual event features the 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 Language Arts Division and Foothill College Bookstore.

Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Library Quad Event Tent **FREE ADMISSION****Wednesday, February 7****Bone Marrow Registry Drive**

Give a chance at a new life to a patient and you just might win a free iPod MP3 player. Representatives from the National Marrow Donor Program Registry will join Foothill Health Services staff to bring awareness of the urgent need for people of African ancestry to become donors to give a chance of life to hundreds of patients suffering from life-threatening diseases. For many, their diseases could be treated with a marrow or blood stem cell transplant—but only when a matching donor is found in time. It's a simple, fast process to participate and includes the painless procedure of swabbing your cheek with a Q-tip. Free refreshments. Co-sponsored by Foothill Health Services Office.

Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Library Quad Event Tent **FREE ADMISSION****Black History Month Official Opening Ceremony**

The opening ceremony will feature speakers who present an overview of the monthlong celebration as well as a formal presentation by artist Milton Bowen. "Can We Spare Some Change," Bowen's exhibit, had its initial showing at the Oakland African American Museum & Library in October. The show begins a national tour in February. He uses the word "change" in his exhibit to call for a change in attitude toward donating within the African American community. One of the paintings in the exhibit honors the life and work of Foothill Counselor Dr. Jean Thomas, who passed away two years ago. The event concludes with the formal presentation of that painting to Foothill College. Free refreshments.

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Location: Chinese Heritage Room, Room 1923 **FREE ADMISSION****Thursday, February 8****Dallas Black Dance Theatre in Residency**

Foothill College will host the world-renown Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) for its 30th anniversary season. Under the guidance of founder and artistic director Ann Williams, the DBDT 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.

Lecture & Demonstration

More than 1,800 middle-school children will participate in a lecture demonstration/performance, take a campus tour and eat lunch on campus. The program melds cultural and artistic expression by the dancers, and the children's experience of a community college campus. For most of the visiting youngsters, this program is their first visit to a college as well as their first experience attending a live performing arts activity. The campus tours provide youngsters with opportunities for potentially life-changing interactions with Foothill students, and reinforce that their aspiration to pursue a college education.

Time: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Location: Smithwick Theater **FREE ADMISSION****Premiere DBDT Matinee Performance for VIP Senior Citizens**

The VIP matinee performance includes an exciting director's notes presentation before the show, affordable single and group ticket prices, special parking and shuttle service, and complimentary reception. Co-sponsored by the Foothill College Disability Resource Center/Adaptive Learning Division.

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Smithwick Theater

Tickets: \$20, general; \$15, students with OwlCard; call (650) 949-7332 or (650) 949-7331.

Friday, February 9**Meet the Artist Reception**

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Time: 6-7 p.m.

Location: KJ's Café **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 excitement, energy and elegance that only DBDT's dancers can deliver. A complimentary reception follows the performance in the Library Quad Event Tent.

Time: 8 p.m.

Location: Smithwick Theater

Tickets: \$25, general; \$15, students with OwlCard, call (650) 949-7360.

Week Three: February 12-18**Monday, February 12****Race Car Showcase: African Americans in Auto Racing**

Last year, thousands of enthusiastic fans lined the streets for the San Jose Grand Prix, the National Auto Sports Association (NASA) U.S. Touring Car Championship. The race included three African American drivers. Racer and San Jose native David Mills competed in the Team Flewellen Acura owned by Clyde Flewellen. The NASA touring car group was the second most popular group next to the Champ Cars, according to Motorsport.com. Flewellen and Mills will bring their cars to campus for a showcase, and a discussion of opportunities, challenges and history of African Americans in professional motorsports.

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Location: Library Quad **FREE ADMISSION****Tuesday, February 13****Black History Month Lecture Series Part I:****Social & Personal Responsibility, Featuring Comedian Vince Morris**

In celebration of AIDS Awareness Week, comedian Vince Morris will visit Foothill College and discuss social and personal responsibility, and AIDS awareness, along with issues pertaining to safe sex, peer pressure, alcohol and drugs. The presenter will deliver passionate views on a variety of topics, including ignorance, hip-hop, self-respect, and being raised by a single father. With his smooth charismatic style and thought-provoking material, Morris challenges us to look at—and change—the negative images and stereotypes we accept in our daily lives. He has flourished on television shows such as *The Late Late Show*, segments on Comedy Central, *Sex & The City* and *BET's Comic View*. Co-sponsored by Health Services Office.

Time: Noon-1 p.m., Lecture; 1-2 p.m., Q & A Session, Reception

Location: Smithwick Theater & Library Quad Event Tent

FREE ADMISSION**Wednesday, February 14****Black History Month Lecture Series Part II:****Nile Valley & Ancient African Civilization**

Classical African civilizations of the Nile Valley represent the longest recorded history of advanced civilizations in the world. These Black civilizations produced some of the greatest achievements in world history in mathematics, astronomy, astrology, engineering, medicine and writing. Co-sponsored by Foothill Business & Social Sciences Division.

Presenter: History Professor Manu Ampim, M.A.

Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.

Location: Appreciation Hall, Room 1501 **FREE ADMISSION****Thursday, February 15****Black History Month Lecture Series Part III:****The "N" Word—A Message of Madness**

Take an interactive, challenging and thorough look at the history of the "N" word using books and video footage. The session is rated R for strong language. The audience will speak, critique and listen to the word in an attempt to feel its effects and understand its impact. The presenter will also guide the audience to ask and answer difficult questions, including where will we hear the word next; why are many Caucasian people afraid to use the word; what effect has rap music had on the word; and why aren't more people upset and taking a stronger stand against rap music and/or the use of the word?

Presenter: Eddie Moore Jr., Ph.D.

Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.

Location: Library Quad Event Tent **FREE ADMISSION****Friday, February 16 & Saturday, February 17****9th Annual California Student Association of Community Colleges****Black Caucus Leadership Conference**

Foothill students are encouraged to focus on leadership skill development with Foothill's Black Student Union by participating in this special conference. Students from across the California Community College system will explore leadership concepts that empower student leaders of African ancestry; discuss successful models/practices that build community outreach and involvement; and address advocacy and organizational development of Afrocentric organizations at the community college level.

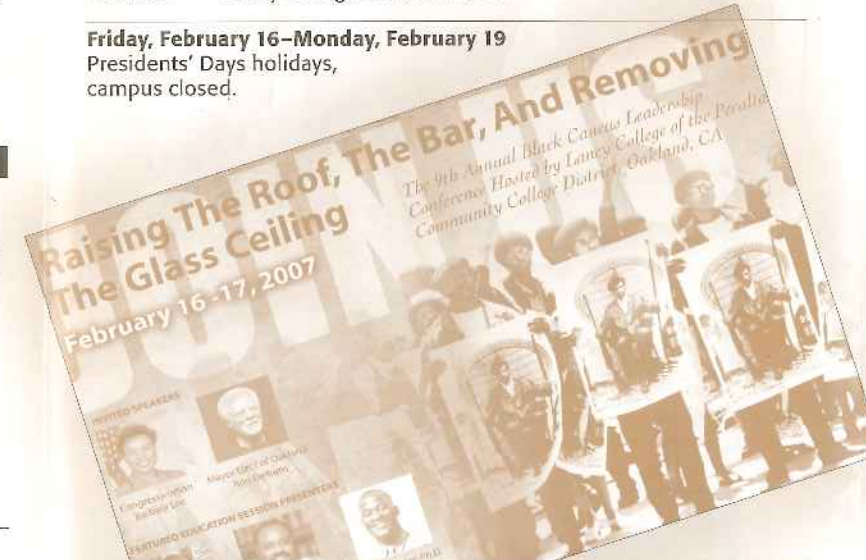
Contact: Anika Dodds, Foothill Black Student Union President;

(404) 518-8800; foothillsupres@yahoo.com

Location: Laney College in Oakland, CA

Friday, February 16-Monday, February 19

Presidents' Days holidays, campus closed.

**Week Four: February 19-25****Tuesday, February 20****Black History Month Lecture Series Part IV:****The Buffalo Soldier—A Retrospective of His Life, Service & Family**

"Through my grandfather's eyes, the ties that bind" is the theme for the presentation. You'll be guided through history as you learn about the African Americans in the U.S. Army, through the memory of retired 1st Sergeant Samuel N. Waller, who served from 1887 to 1927, as well as letters and photos from his many years in the army as a Buffalo Soldier. Co-sponsored by the Foothill College History Department.

Presenter: San Jose State University Instructor Anthony Powell, M.A.

Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.

Location: Room 5001 **FREE ADMISSION****Wednesday, February 21****9th Annual African Achievers Awards**

The Achiever Awards recognize outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service among graduating and/or transferring students of African ancestry. Foothill alumnus Qa'id Tauheed Aqeel, MPA (a.k.a. Andre Duke), is the featured speaker. He resides in Oakland, and serves as a youth advocate, community organizer, co-chairman of Youth for Dellums, and the Dellums for Mayor Executive Committee. Several hundred students from local high schools will be our guests for lunch and a campus tour following the program.

Time: 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Library Quad Event Tent **FREE ADMISSION****Scholarships: A Wealth of Untapped Dollars**

Education creates an opportunity to change your life and scholarships can help finance your educational goals. Find out where to start your scholarship search at this workshop. This presentation includes a discussion on how to locate and apply for scholarships. The workshop also includes a special segment on scholarship essay guidelines, details practical tips for writing an effective essay, and highlights the many scholarships that will be awarded by Foothill College during Spring Quarter 2007. Co-sponsored by Foothill College Financial Aid Office.

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Location: Appreciation Hall, Room 1501 **FREE ADMISSION****Saturday, February 24****Make a Joyful Noise Gospel Concert**

Celebrate with Foothill College Gospel Choir as we celebrate gospel music by taking a walk through its history from Negro spirituals to contemporary gospel melodies. Witness spiritually uplifting performances by Bay Area gospel choirs and much more. A complimentary reception follows the performance in the Library Quad Event Tent.

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Smithwick Theater

Tickets: \$12, general; \$8, seniors and students with OwlCard; \$6, children ages 6-12; children under age 5 admitted free; call (650) 949-7360.

Week Five: February 26-28**Tuesday, February 27****Black History Month Lecture Series Part V:****Colored Museum Film & Panel Discussion**

Mainstream Black theater has evolved since George C. Wolfe's 1979 production, *The Colored Museum*, opened off-Broadway and deflated Black stereotypes in America. Three of the eleven original vignettes will be viewed and discussed.

Presenters: Foothill College English Instructor Natalia Menendez, M.A., & Foothill College Psychology Instructor Harry Saterfield, Ph.D.

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Location: Room 5001 **FREE ADMISSION****Wednesday, February 28****Campus Abroad in Ghana, Summer 2008**

For much of its history, Ghana has played a pivotal role in West Africa. Developments in Ghana have influenced regional politics in historical, cultural, socio-economic and ecological terms. The Foothill-De Anza Campus Abroad Program will provide an opportunity for students from all academic disciplines to learn about this country and its people. This will be achieved through integrated study with Ghanaian residents and an immersion into the cultural and social life of the surrounding community. Come to this fascinating presentation to learn how you can financially participate in this exciting program.

Presenter: Foothill College Speech Communication Instructor

Shawn Townes, Ph.D.

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Location: Appreciation Hall, Room 1501 **FREE ADMISSION****Additional Events & Activities**

* Art Exhibitions & Displays. For more information, call (650) 949-7282 or email DavorenTricia@foothill.edu.

FREE ADMISSION. Gallery hours are

Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.;

Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

and Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

* For additional event, driving and parking information, access www.foothill.edu,

email DavorenTricia@foothill.edu

or call (650) 949-7282.

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* Enroll in the SOSC 36 course and earn one unit of transferable credit. For requirements and registration information, call (650) 949-7218 or email SmallDaphne@foothill.edu.

* PAA and PGA available for faculty and staff participation.

