African Americans’ efforts to attain human and civil rights have been diverse. African-American athletes, musicians, and actors have served as catalysts for civil rights victories in concert with activists. The diversity in the efforts to attain freedom and equality is reflected in the ethnicities, culture, and beliefs of African Americans. Their story is one that encompasses many memories but shares one voice. Join the James Farmer Multicultural Center and the Black History Month Planning Committee to celebrate and reflect on the past and current experience and contributions of African Americans.

For more information, please contact the James Farmer Multicultural Center at 540/654-1044 or visit our web page at students.umw.edu/multicultural.

**Monday, Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., University Center Dining Hall, fourth floor Lunch: Cuisines of Black Cultures University Dining will feature Southern Soul food cuisine.**

**Cost:** meal plan for students, $6.00 UMW faculty/staff, $8.90 plus tax for non-UMW

---

**Monday, Feb. 8, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Lee Hall, room 410**

**Black History Month Kickoff Breakfast**

Join regional colleges and universities’ Greek Student Association and students at UMW in celebrating the achievements and experiences of African Americans. Their story is one that encompasses many memories but shares one voice. Join the James Farmer Multicultural Center and the Black History Month Planning Committee to celebrate and reflect on the past and current experience and contributions of African Americans.

For more information, please contact the James Farmer Multicultural Center at 540/654-1044 or visit our web page at students.umw.edu/multicultural.

**Monday, Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., University Center Dining Hall, fourth floor Lunch: Cuisines of Black Cultures University Dining will feature Southern Soul food cuisine.**

**Cost:** meal plan for students, $6.00 UMW faculty/staff, $8.90 plus tax for non-UMW

---

**Monday, Feb. 22, 12-1 p.m., Colonnade Room (315), University Center**

**“Am I My Brother’s Keeper? Embracing the Spirit of Community and Volunteerism”**

Gregory A. Dear, Jr., campaign organizer for Grassroots Campaigns, Inc. will discuss affordable housing initiatives such as My Brother’s Keeper, their impact on larger social justice and equality initiatives, and how you can advocate for affordable housing.

**Monday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., Pollard Recital Hall, room 304**

**UMW Jazz Night**

The UMW Jazz Ensemble will play selections from iconic jazz musicians.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m., Lee Hall, room 412**

**James Farmer Human Rights Film Series: The Homestretch**

The Homestretch follows three homeless teens, Roque, Kasey and Anthony, as they fight to stay in school, graduate, and build a future.

**Thursday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall**

**Great Lives Lecture: Ethel Payne presented by James McGrath Morris**

Pioneering journalist Ethel Lois Payne used her skills as the Washington correspondent for The Chicago Defender to elevate civil rights issues to the national agenda in the 1950s and ‘60s. Payne was the first female African-American radio and television commentator for CBS. McGrath is the author of Eye on the Struggle: Ethel Payne, the First Lady of the Black Press.

---

**Monday, Feb. 1, 8, and 22, 5-7 p.m., University Center Dining Hall, fourth floor Dinner: Cuisines of Black Cultures**

UMW Dining will feature African, Cajun or Caribbean cuisine.

**Cost:** meal plan for students, $5 for UMW faculty/staff, $11.50 plus tax for non-UMW

---

**Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., Lee Hall, room 412**

**Stopping the School to Prison Pipeline in Our Community**

Sponsored by Virginia Organizing

Learn how organized people are taking a stand against school punishment policies that disproportionately affect students of color and students with disabilities, and what you can do to help.

**Thursday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m., Lee Hall, room 411**

**Film Showing: The Great Debaters**

The Great Debaters is based on the true story of Melvin B. Tolson, a professor at Wiley College in Texas. In 1935, he inspired students to form the school’s first debate team. The late civil rights activist and UMW professor James Farmer Jr. is depicted in the film.

**Saturday, Feb. 6, 3 p.m., Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall**

**Gospelfest**

Sponsored by Voices of Praise and the UM Praise Dance Team

Join gospel choirs and praise dance teams from several Virginia colleges and universities as they engage in spiritual song and dance.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Digital Auditorium, Hurley Convergence Center**

**Keynote Speaker: Rasheed Cromwell**

Rasheed Ali Cromwell, Esq. is the president and founder of the Harbor Institute, an educational consulting firm committed to partnering with institutions to achieve student success. Cromwell is a nationally-known trainer and consultant regarding culturally-based leadership.

**Thursday, Feb. 11, 5 p.m., Combs 139**

**“Cyborg, Social Death, and Black Disability: Exploring the Intersection of Race and Disability in Comic Books and Graphic Narratives”**

Sponsored by the Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication

Visiting scholar Jonathan W. Gray will address black disability within the context of the essay collection, Disability in Comic Books and Graphic Narratives he co-edited with UMW professors Chris Poss and Zach Whalen.

---

**Saturday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall**

**25th annual Step Show and Competition**

**Cost:** $5 at door with UMW ID, $10 non-UMW

**Sponsored by Women of Color and the Black Student Association**

Join regional colleges and universities’ Greek step teams as they engage in an entertaining, high-energy competition.

---

**Monday, Feb. 22, 12-1 p.m., Colonnade Room (315), University Center**

**“Am I My Brother’s Keeper? Embracing the Spirit of Community and Volunteerism”**

Gregory A. Dear, Jr., campaign organizer for Grassroots Campaigns, Inc. will discuss affordable housing initiatives such as My Brother’s Keeper, their impact on larger social justice and equality initiatives, and how you can advocate for affordable housing.

**Monday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., Pollard Recital Hall, room 304**

**UMW Jazz Night**

The UMW Jazz Ensemble will play selections from iconic jazz musicians.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m., Lee Hall, room 412**

**James Farmer Human Rights Film Series: The Homestretch**

The Homestretch follows three homeless teens, Roque, Kasey and Anthony, as they fight to stay in school, graduate, and build a future.

**Thursday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall**

**Great Lives Lecture: Ethel Payne presented by James McGrath Morris**

Pioneering journalist Ethel Lois Payne used her skills as the Washington correspondent for The Chicago Defender to elevate civil rights issues to the national agenda in the 1950s and ‘60s. Payne was the first female African-American radio and television commentator for CBS. McGrath is the author of Eye on the Struggle: Ethel Payne, the First Lady of the Black Press.

---

**Monday, Feb. 1, 8, and 22, 5-7 p.m., University Center Dining Hall, fourth floor Dinner: Cuisines of Black Cultures**

UMW Dining will feature African, Cajun or Caribbean cuisine.

**Cost:** meal plan for students, $5 for UMW faculty/staff, $11.50 plus tax for non-UMW

---

**Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., Lee Hall, room 412**

**Stopping the School to Prison Pipeline in Our Community**

Sponsored by Virginia Organizing

Learn how organized people are taking a stand against school punishment policies that disproportionately affect students of color and students with disabilities, and what you can do to help.

**Thursday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m., Lee Hall, room 411**

**Film Showing: The Great Debaters**

The Great Debaters is based on the true story of Melvin B. Tolson, a professor at Wiley College in Texas. In 1935, he inspired students to form the school’s first debate team. The late civil rights activist and UMW professor James Farmer Jr. is depicted in the film.

**Saturday, Feb. 6, 3 p.m., Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall**

**Gospelfest**

Sponsored by Voices of Praise and the UM Praise Dance Team

Join gospel choirs and praise dance teams from several Virginia colleges and universities as they engage in spiritual song and dance.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Digital Auditorium, Hurley Convergence Center**

**Keynote Speaker: Rasheed Cromwell**

Rasheed Ali Cromwell, Esq. is the president and founder of the Harbor Institute, an educational consulting firm committed to partnering with institutions to achieve student success. Cromwell is a nationally-known trainer and consultant regarding culturally-based leadership.

**Thursday, Feb. 11, 5 p.m., Combs 139**

**“Cyborg, Social Death, and Black Disability: Exploring the Intersection of Race and Disability in Comic Books and Graphic Narratives”**

Sponsored by the Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication

Visiting scholar Jonathan W. Gray will address black disability within the context of the essay collection, Disability in Comic Books and Graphic Narratives he co-edited with UMW professors Chris Poss and Zach Whalen.