

UCSD to host satellite teleconference for black history

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UCSD TO BE LOCATION FOR SATELLITE TELECONFERENCE: "BEYOND THE DREAM: A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY; ON FEBRUARY 1.

Black History Month, beginning on February 1, will kick off nationally with a major satellite teleconference called "Beyond the Dream: A Celebration of Black History," at 10 a.m. to noon, in the Mandeville Recital Hall at the University of California, San Diego. Admission is free and open to the public.

The satellite event will originate from the nation's capitol and will be seen as far west as Hawaii. It will feature nationally prominent educators, journalists, business leaders, entertainers, and will incorporate narrated film footage.

Members of the audiences at individual sites will be able to take part in interactive discussion via telephone.

For the first time in American history, a major telecommunications event will be used to kick off the annual Black History Month Celebration. The two-hour program will consist of six program segments and will examine contributions of Blacks in education, politics, business and economics, social issues, the military and the arts (including entertainment and sports).

The first segment, Education, will focus on the future of Black education in America, how to respond to the challenge of educating the next generation of Black students, and will relate stories about successful American Blacks. Featured in this segment will be Mary Hatwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association; Judith Eaton, president of Community College of Philadelphia and board chair of the American Council on Education and Donald M. Stewart, president of the College Board.

Politics, the second segment, will use the platform of the 1988 elections for such topics as the direction and philosophy of Black politicians, what colleges and universities are doing to provide Black students with political know-how and how politics affect the Black community. The presenters are: Representative Cardiss Collins (D-Illinois), the Hon. Cleo Fields, a Louisiana state senator and Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, former congresswoman (D-California).

Business and Economics, the third segment, will discuss future trends of Black business, the economic future of the Black family, the role of higher education in preparing tomorrow's executives and entrepreneurs and how young Blacks can overcome obstacles they may face in business. This portion will feature Joshua Smith, chief executive officer of Maxima, Inc.; Dorothy Brunson, CEO of Brunson Broadcasting and Sybil Mobley, dean of the School of Business and Commerce at Florida A&M University.

Social Issues, the fourth portion, will address the challenges that Black Americans now face, including crimes by Blacks against Blacks, teenage pregnancy and other social issues. Also represented will be the role of social, fraternal and religious organizations in finding solutions to issues of great concern to Black communities. This

segment will feature Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund; Dorothy Gilliam, a columnist for the Washington Post and Professor Asa Hilliard.

In the fifth segment, The Military, the roles of Blacks in the United States' armed forces will be highlighted. Featured will be Gen. Bernard Randolph, America's only active-duty, Black, four-star general; Mae Jemison, NASA astronaut and physician and Col. Charles Bolden, USMC NASA astronaut.

In the final segment, Arts, Entertainment and Sports, major artists will perform, and the roles that Blacks have played in the history of American entertainment will be discussed. Participants will be The Winans, a contemporary pop gospel group; NBA star Terry Cummings of the Milwaukee Bucks and Take Six, a contemporary jazz gospel group.

The "Beyond the Dream" project is sponsored by Cox, Matthews and Associates, Inc. Publication's division of Black Issues in Higher Education, located in Fairfax, Virginia.

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