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BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION



TRIUMPHS, SUCCESSES AND PROGRESS

CELEBRATING THE HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
THAT INSPIRED THIS GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD AND ACT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

5:30PM – 8:30PM

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL – EARLY COLLEGE STUDIES

631 Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers, NY 10710



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Call and Response Drum Circle.....	Elementary Music Students <i>Ella Fitzgerald Academy</i> Colette Hebert , Music Teacher
Triumphs, Successes and Progress..... <i>Event Introduction and Theme</i>	Tristan Palmer , Grade 12 <i>Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies</i>
Flag Salute.....	Tristan Palmer
Welcome.....	Dr. Edwin M. Quezada <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
Greetings	Rev. Steve Lopez <i>President, Yonkers Board of Education</i> Rosemarie P. Linton <i>Trustee, Yonkers Board of Education</i>
Remarks	Mayor Mike Spano <i>City of Yonkers</i>
Lift Every Voice and Sing..... <i>by J.W. Johnson & J. R. Johnson</i>	Alonda Hassell <i>Teacher, Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy</i> Gabriella Rodriguez , Grade 7, <i>PEARLS-Hawthorne School, Accompanist</i> Avid Williams , Music Teacher
Libation Ceremony.....	Greg Joyner <i>Program Facilitator, Yonkers My Brother's Keeper</i>
Introduction to Guest Speaker	Tristan Palmer
Keynote Speaker	Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, Esq. <i>President, Yonkers City Council</i>
Introduction to Presentations	Tristan Palmer
Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen..... <i>Traditional Spiritual</i>	Pastor Frank Coleman <i>Teacher, Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies</i>
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot	RECS Choir <i>Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies</i> Pastor Frank Coleman , Teacher
Poetry Reading	Hillary Hernandez , Grade 10 <i>Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies</i>

Dance Offering	MLKA Dreamers <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy</i> Meagan Washington and Carol Kourouma , Teachers
My Girl..... <i>by S. Robinson</i>	Saunders Blue Blazers <i>Saunders Trades and Technical High School</i> Freddie Bartley , Safety Officer
Baby Love	Saunderellas <i>Saunders Trades and Technical High School</i> Freddie Bartley , Safety Officer
Amazing Grace	Hostos Choir <i>Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School</i> Gwen Henderson , Music Teacher and Soloist
The Serpent..... <i>by L. Hoiby</i>	Kierra Pizarro , Grade 12 <i>Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies</i>
Kumbaya..... <i>Traditional African Spiritual</i> My Lord! What a Morning <i>arr. by H. Leonard</i> Bring Me Little Water, Silvy <i>by H. "Leadbelly" Ledbetter</i>	YHS Madrigal Singers <i>Yonkers Middle High School</i> Michiko Pereira , Music Teacher
Everything We Need..... <i>by K. West</i> They Don't Care About Us <i>by M. Jackson</i>	Hostos Step Team <i>Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School</i> Daniel Garcia , Music Teacher
Climbing Up the Mountain	Destiny's Nephews <i>Lincoln High School</i> Robert Zion , Music Teacher
Latin Jazz	RECS Latin Jazz Dancers <i>Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies</i> Charyna Penafortuna , Teacher
Poetry Reading	Nana Augustine , Grade 12 <i>Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies</i>
Satin Doll	YMHS Chamber Ensemble <i>Yonkers Middle High School</i> Marc Pekowsky , Instrumental Music Teacher
A Change is Gonna Come..... <i>by S. Cooke</i>	Devon Plunkett <i>Safety Officer, Barack Obama School for Social Justice</i>
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Edwin M. Quezada