Jefferson College to Celebrate Black History Month
With Negro Leagues Baseball Exhibit, Speaker Series, Library Display

In celebration of Black History Month, Jefferson College will host a variety of programs and activities throughout February, highlighted by an exhibit from the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City titled “They Were All Stars.”

The self-guided exhibit features pop up displays containing historical information, photos and biographies regarding the Negro Leagues and the players who became Major League Baseball All Stars. It will be open to the public Monday-Friday, February 7-27, from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Student Center Cafeteria on the Hillsboro campus. There is no cost to view the display. It is suitable for all ages.

Founded in 1990, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) is dedicated to preserving the rich history of African-American baseball. Although the museum thrives in Kansas City, the demand for Negro Leagues history is international. Thus, the museum has crafted a number of exhibits to take the history beyond its main gallery and explore diverse themes within the story of black baseball.

The travelling display is being sponsored by the Jefferson College Cultural Diversity Committee, President’s Office, and Foundation.

In a related event, the college’s Friday Speaker Series in February will include a presentation by entrepreneur and author, King L. Taylor Jr., regarding owners of Negro Leagues baseball teams and other black business leaders. His book, book “Pennies, Nickels & Dimes - A Historical Perspective of the African American Entrepreneur and the African American Economy,” features several profiles of business owners, such as Madam C.J. Walker who built a company of hair care products.

The Friday Speaker Series program on February 14 will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the Viking Room of the Student Center on the Hillsboro campus. Admission is $7 per person, which includes a buffet lunch with beverages and dessert. Because space is limited, advance reservations are recommended. The deadline for the February 14 presentation is February 10. To make reservations, contact Dorothy Maupin at (636) 481-3101 or (636) 797-3000, ext. 3101, or email dmaupin1@jeffco.edu.