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New Goucher Digest Archive

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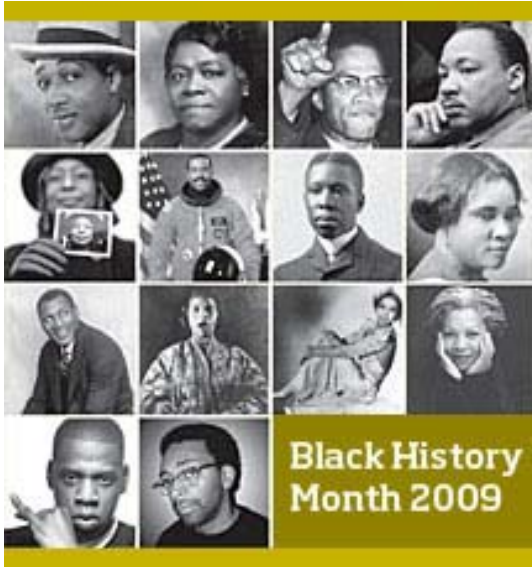
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Celebrate Black History Month 2009

The following are events being held in honor of Black History month.

From Tuesday, February 10, through Saturday, February 14, Goucher will host the African Film Festival. Part of the New York African Film Festival's traveling film series, these films were chosen to promote and increase knowledge and understanding of African arts, literature, and culture. The featured films, show times, and viewing locations are available at www.goucher.edu/africanfilm.

The Office of International Studies will host Africa Abroad, a conversation about study-



abroad programs focusing on African and African American studies, at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, in the Geen Community Center.

Dr. LaJerne Cornish, assistant professor of education, will lead a discussion titled "From the Classroom to the Pulpit—Teaching Is My Ministry," at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 16, in the Geen Community Center.

On Wednesday, February 18, join members of the Goucher community at 12 p.m. in the Geen Community Center for "Reflections in Black Poetry IV." Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch and share a favorite poem by an African American poet.

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Open Office Hours with President Sanford Ungar

Goucher College President Sanford Ungar is again opening his doors to students, faculty, and staff. No subject is off limits; no appointments are necessary. If there is a line, he asks that each visitor take only 10 minutes. You can always schedule a time to continue talking with him later.

Office hours will be held at the president's office in Dorsey Center on Friday, February 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesday, February 18, 1-2 p.m.

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Evening and Weekend Events from the Office of Student Engagement

Gopher Hole Gallery Opening

Monday, February 9

8 p.m., Gopher Hole

The Gopher Hole opens up its wall space to local artists and photographers.

Stand-up Comedy with Meg Vidler

Thursday, February 12

10 p.m., Gopher Hole

Concert Featuring The Bad Apples and Quinn S. and the Blackbirds
Rock out to this hard rock band from New York and one of Goucher's own home-grown bands.

Friday, February 13
9 p.m., Gopher Hole

Late-Night Bowling
Friday, February 13

Bus leaves Dorsey Center for a local bowling alley at 9 p.m. Sign up by leaving a \$5 deposit at the Information Desk by 9 p.m. on Thursday, February 12.

Feature Slam Night
Thursday, February 19

10 p.m., Gopher Hole, 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Enjoy this slam poetry night featuring a local professional poet.

Late Night Dance
Saturday, February 21
1-3 a.m., Gopher Hole

Screening of "Quantum of Solace"
Friday, February 20
9 p.m., Pearlstone Atrium

Acoustic Band: David and Robert Karpay
Saturday, February 21
10 p.m., Gopher Hole

On-Campus Ice Skating
Saturday, February 21
9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Froelicher Courtyard
Come ice skate on a portable ice rink.

For more information, contact Lamar Hylton at lamar.hylton@goucher.edu or Michael Herdson at michael.herdson@goucher.edu.

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Digital Arts Contest and Showcase

Have you completed a project using a digital arts technology, such as video editing, sound editing, graphic design, animation, computer science, or web design? Submit it to the Fourth Annual Digital Arts Showcase and Contest by midnight on Sunday, February 15.

Contest entries will be judged by a panel of local digital artists who will award a grand prize of \$500. Accepted entries will be put on display at the First Goucher Student Symposium on

April 6.

For more information and to submit your work, go to www.goucher.edu/symposium or contact the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology at 410-337-6066 or ctl@t@goucher.edu.

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Environmentally Sustainable Beer and Wine Night

Friday, February 13
4:30-7:30 p.m., Gopher Hole
\$1 per cup of beer; \$2 per cup of wine
21 and older ONLY!

Goucher Climate Action Group is presenting this event to teach the Goucher community about local and sustainable wine and beer from Maryland, as well as to increase awareness of the climate issues surrounding their production and manufacture. All members of the Goucher community are welcome.

The event will feature "The Raven," a special lager from Baltimore Washington Beer Works in Baltimore. Beer Works' brew master Stephen Demczuk will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the sustainability practices used in his brewery's beer production. The event will showcase wines from Terrapin Station Winery of Frederick, MD. The featured wines are a 2007 Vidal Blanc Dry, a 2007 Vidal Blanc Semi-Sweet, and a Syrah. Also, Philosophy Professor Bob Welch, a home brewer, will discuss the sustainability benefits of brewing beer at home, and Jen Brock-Cancellieri from the Maryland League of Conservation Voters will be available to discuss her organization.

For more information, e-mail Evan Marx at evan.marx@mail.goucher.edu.

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Open Circle Theatre Auditions

Open Circle Theatre is holding Auditions for "Loves Me, Loves Me Not," a musical theater revue exploring the ups and downs of romance.

Friday, February 13
6:30-9 p.m.
Geen Community Center

Saturday, February 14
Welsh Hall Piano Room

12-3 p.m.

Sign up for a 10-minute slot on the callboard in the Meyerhoff Arts Center.

Please prepare a song a cappella that best shows your acting and singing capabilities. The performance date is Saturday, April 4.

For more information, contact directors Charlie Cohen at charles.cohen@goucher.edu, Hilary Davis at hilary.davis@goucher.edu, Sarah Noyovitz at sarah.noyovitz@goucher.edu, and Rosalind Wills at rosalind.wills@goucher.edu.

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“The History of a Greater Goucher”

Tuesday, February 17
4 p.m., Soper Room

Scott Davis '10 will present this visual history of the development of Goucher's Towson campus. Coffee and tea will be served.

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Senior 101 Nights Celebration

Tuesday, February 10
7:30 p.m., Rosenberg Gallery

Seniors are invited to celebrate their last 101 nights until graduation with a dessert reception and champagne toast.

Please bring ID if you would like to be served alcohol.

Sponsored by the Class of 2009

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Gender-Neutral Housing Survey

Last semester, Laurie Burton-Graham, general counsel and chair of the Gender-Neutral Housing Task Force, sent Goucher students an e-mail asking them to complete a survey on Goucher's gender-neutral housing policy. The current policy allows students to live together

in off-campus Goucher apartments, and the task force is considering changing and possibly expanding that policy. This short, anonymous survey must be completed by Friday, February 13. By completing the survey you'll be eligible to win a free gift card or GopherBucks.

Take the survey at www.AdvancedSurvey.com/default.asp?SurveyID=65840.

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Student Leadership Awards Nominations

Faculty or staff who want to nominate a student for one of Goucher's leadership awards should submit a brief letter (one or two paragraphs) of nomination to Susannah Walker, assistant director of the Office of Student Engagement, by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 20. The letter should cite the award for which the student is being nominated, the strengths and leadership qualities of the nominee, and one experience during which he or she exemplified those attributes. If you would like to nominate a student but are unsure for which award he or she is best suited, please submit the letter, and the Student Leadership Award Committee will put it in the appropriate category. Nominations will be accepted via e-mail as well as campus mail.

Nominated students will be asked to submit a résumé to Susannah Walker by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9. Click [here](#) for the complete list of criteria for each of the awards.

Rhoda M. Dorsey Leadership Award (Any year)

The Dorsey Award is presented to a student who represents sustained leadership; commitment; teamwork; ingenuity; and ability to work with fellow students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Martha A. Nichols Prize (Any year)

This prize is awarded to a student who, upon the recommendation of the dean of students, is considered to have rendered outstanding service to the college community during the year.

Ethelmarie Apter Halpern Memorial Community Service Prize (Any year)

This prize is awarded to an undergraduate student who has demonstrated, through word and deed, leadership in combating prejudice and fostering good relations between groups and individuals with the college community or community at large.

Apter Prize (Seniors only)

The prize will be given to an outstanding senior who is planning to attend graduate school and who has achieved high academic honors, served the college, and shown outstanding leadership qualities.

Elizabeth Nuss Emerging Leader Award (First-Year Students, Sophomores)

This award is presented to a first- or second-year student who has contributed significantly to the Goucher community through his or her involvement in a campus organization or a

community service program.

Corene Elaine Amoss Award (First-Year Students, Sophomores, or Juniors)

Awards will be granted to one or more students who have established an outstanding academic record and participated in more than one aspect of extracurricular life. Candidates must have completed their first year and achieved academic standing as a sophomore. In addition, award recipients must have, and maintain, a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Senior Leadership Awards (Seniors only)

A group of seniors will be recognized for their continuous service and leadership during their time at Goucher.

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Gym Membership Deals

Check out these exciting gym membership deals offered to Goucher community members.

The Maryland Athletic Club will charge Goucher faculty and staff for \$69 a month if they sign up by Friday, February 20. For more information contact Liz Dumont at 410-453-9111 or ldumont@macwellness.com or go online to www.macwellness.com.

Planet Fitness of Lutherville is offering faculty, staff, and students a deal in which you pay only \$10 a month after a \$59 startup fee. No contract required. For more information call 410-828-4653.

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10th Annual Maryland Early Brass Festival

Goucher College will host the 10th Annual Maryland Brass Festival on Saturday, February 21, from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The daylong festival features an array of free public events that celebrate early brass instruments. Attendees who are unfamiliar with these historic instruments will get a chance to learn more, and aficionados will have the opportunity to network, practice, and perform. A full schedule of events is available online at www.goucher.edu/earlybrass, but as always,

the festival highlight will be a free public concert in Haebler Memorial Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

This year, the concert will feature performances by the Kentucky Baroque Trumpets; the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps; the Maryland Early Brass Consort; the Festival Natural Trumpet Ensemble; and the artist-in-residence, Paul Hopkins.

The festival is sponsored by the Elizabeth B. and David Allen Robertson Lectureship Fund.

Click [here](#) for more information about the festival.

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Needed: *Verge* nominations and reviewers

Goucher faculty: Did one or more of your students write phenomenal papers last semester? Conduct fascinating research? Complete exciting projects? Share his or her or their work with the Goucher community by submitting it to *Verge*, Goucher's journal of undergraduate nonfiction research and writing.

Verge accepts submissions and nominations of any nonfiction work by undergraduates. In addition to research papers, the publication also accepts nominations of computer programs, journal entries, lab reports, reflective papers, collaborative papers and research, creative nonfiction, papers written in foreign languages, and papers written abroad or during internships. If you're not sure whether a student's work is eligible, just ask.

To nominate student work, send an e-mail to verge@goucher.edu that includes the names of the student you are nominating and the titles or descriptions of his or her work. The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 20.

For more information, contact Susan Garrett at sgarrett@goucher.edu or verge@goucher.edu.

Verge is also looking for people to help review submitted papers. Those interested should e-mail Susan Garrett at sgarrett@goucher.edu or verge@goucher.edu.

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The Department of Physics and Astronomy gives back

The Department of Physics and Astronomy has replaced four portable 8-inch telescopes in the Lewis Observatory with a new array of computer-controlled, 6-inch telescopes.

The department donated two of its old telescopes to each of the science departments at two

local high schools: Western High School and Baltimore Polytechnic High School.



Assistant Professor Ben Sugerman will take members of Goucher's Physics and Astronomy Club to the high schools in March to train some of the high school students on how to use the telescopes. Science students from these schools have also been invited to come to the public observing nights at the Lewis Observatory, held the third Thursday of every month from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information on the public observing nights.

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Kudos

Physics students **Sean Lonsdale '10** and **Adrien Thormann '10** presented the results of their summer research project in January at the 213th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society Long Beach, CA. The students worked with Assistant Professor **Ben Sugerman** studying the light echoes from recent supernovae using Hubble Space Telescope data. Lonsdale studied light echoes from SN 1998bu, mapping out dust in the disk of its host galaxy, as well as in an hourglass-shaped nebula immediately surrounding the star. Thormann studied echoes from SN 1991T, some of the first ever seen from a Type Ia supernova. He found that the echoes trace out circumstellar material, which could either be in an ellipsoidal or hourglass-shaped shell. The project was supported by a Hubble Space Telescope grant.

The St. Louis Regional Arts Commission announced plans to develop a five-year strategic plan to make St. Louis one of the leading cities for the arts. The commission partially attributes the move to **Ramona Baker**, Goucher's director of the Master of Arts in Arts Administration Program, who it hired as a consultant.

The Children's Bookstore in Baltimore held a book signing for Goucher English Professor **Elizabeth Spires'** new book of poetry on February 5. Released this month, "I Heard God Talking to Me: William Edmonson and His Stone Carvings" is a collection of 23 free-verse poems and photographs, including images by famed photographers Louise Dahl-Wolfe and Edward Weston, that paints a portrait of Edmondson and his art.

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Goucher in the News

["Towson, Goucher presidents speak at Greater Towson Committee event"](#)

From *The Towson Times*, February 3, 2009

Article Abstract: Goucher College President Sanford J. Ungar discussed the college's study-abroad requirement and the imminent opening of the Athenaeum.

["Market Losses Tighten Screws On Colleges"](#)

From *The Washington Post*, January 27, 2009

Article Abstract: Goucher College President Sanford J. Ungar discusses how Goucher and other private schools are coping with the economic crisis.

["On eve of inauguration, Obama demonstrates service"](#)

From *The Baltimore Sun*, January 20, 2009

Article Abstract: In Maryland and across the nation, volunteers donated time and energy to thousands of projects on the eve of Barack Obama's inauguration. The president-elect called on Americans to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by serving in their communities. Melissa Smith, a community living coordinator at Goucher College, shares how Obama inspired her both to vote and volunteer in her community.

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