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Monica A. Coleman spoke Tuesday, February 1, in Pearlstone as part of Goucher's Black History Month activities. See page 8 for related story.

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## Black History Month A Multicultural, Global Celebration For All

Informative Displays and Guest Speaker Monica Coleman Were the Highlights of the Kickoff Event for Black History Month

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Goucher ushered in Black History Month with fanfare. On February 1, Umoja, the African Alliance, sponsored a speaker, music, food, and informative displays in an effort to get the entire campus community involved in the celebration.

The Pearlstone Student Center was the site of the festivities. Students could wander through the displays between classes from 11-2, or spend time examining the information on the boards.

The guest speaker proved to be the highlight of the day's activities. The speaker, Monica Coleman, talked about black history to a small audience.

"The best thing about our opening event was the speaker. Monica A. Coleman gave a wonderful speech about the importance

of celebrating the month and all those who are included in the heritage of African-Americans," said

*"It is about inspiring each other, forgiving each other, protesting for one another, and celebrating with each other,"*

*-Monica Coleman*

Saki Hall, president of Umoja.

Coleman spoke about keeping Black History Month multicultural

and "global."

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The speech was attended by a small number of students, faculty, and staff, but overall the event was well attended and well supported.

"We had a good turn out which represented a diverse group," said Hall.

Even with low attendance, the message of the importance of Black History Month was spread across campus to the entire community, embellishing the point that the celebration is not just local, but global.

"Black History Month is not just historical; it is also global," said Coleman.

### Upcoming Events for Black History Month

**February 12:** bus trip to the Great Blacks in Wax Museum

**February 22:** flutist Keith Marx and trio in Peralstone Cafe 12-2 PM

**February 25:** Caribbean Fest in the Gopher Hole 10PM-1AM

**March 1:** Poet Sonia Sanchez in Merrick Hall 7-30 PM