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Naomi Tutu Headlines USF St. Petersburg Black History Month

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Nontumbi "Naomi" Tutu, daughter of South African Archbishop and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu, will kick-off Black History Month at USF St. Petersburg's Opening Ceremonies February 1 at 6:30 pm in the Campus Activities Center.

Tutu, a race and gender activist, will present *Striving for Justice: Searching for Common Ground* based on her vision that there is still much to do to eradicate centuries of racial oppression in South Africa and around the world. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg and USF St. Petersburg Multicultural Affairs.

Tutu is the associate director of the Office of International Programs at Tennessee State University and founder of the Tutu Foundation, which helped award scholarships to South African refugees from 1985-1990. These efforts helped refugees learn skills to make them self-supporting while in exile and prepare them for constructive roles in the free South Africa.

Born in Krugersdorp, South Africa, Tutu has a bachelor's in Economics and French from Berea College in Kentucky and a master's in International Economic Development from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Economic Development at the University of Kentucky. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Universal Orthodox College of Ogun State, Nigeria in 1985. Tutu has taught courses on development; gender; and education in Africa, at the Universities of Hartford, Connecticut and Brevard College in North Carolina.

Calendar of Events for USF St. Petersburg Black History Month:

Thursday, February 10

African American Health and Wellness Issues – Information Table

Topics include: Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Sickle Cell Anemia and HIV/AIDS.

Davis Hall Lobby from 10 am – 2 pm and 4 – 6 pm

Sponsored by: Counseling and Career Center

Thursday, February 17

The African American U.S. Tour of the 20th Century

Join Norman E Jones II on a 20-year, 20-city trip throughout America documenting African American cultural and historical sites. This program is 40 minutes.

Davis Hall, Room 130 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Sponsored by: Multicultural Affairs

Wednesday, February 23

College of Business Distinguished Speakers Series

Consumer Racial Profiling and Other Marketplace Discrimination:

Are Marketers Providing Equal Treatment for Equal Dollars?

Presented by Jerome Williams, PhD, F.J. Centennial Professor in Communication at the University of Texas, Austin

Bayboro Station (College of Business), Classroom 2 from 3 – 5 pm

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Wednesday, February 23

"The Meeting"

The play takes the audience back to February 1965 in a Harlem hotel when two great minds – Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – meet and share their two roads to freedom. The drama, presented by the Grimes Theatre Group, is free and open to the public.

Light refreshments will be served.

Davis Hall, Room 130 from 7 – 9 pm

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For more information on USF St. Petersburg's Black History Month, please contact Monica White, multicultural affairs coordinator, at 727-553-4990.

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