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### **Barstow Community College Celebrates Black History Month**

*Barstow, Calif.* – (Jan. 31, 2011) In observance of February's Black History Month, the college's history and humanities departments, and business and workforce division are presenting free, lunch-time topics on Black history and diversity for students, college staff and the community-at-large. The history department and business and workforce division will also present their topics on a weekday evening at the Veterans Home of California – Barstow.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, join Ramon Vasconcellos and Claire Benson at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow at 6 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. History instructor Vasconcellos will speak on *Patriotism? Or Loyalty to King George: The Dilemma of Blacks Fighting in the American Revolution, 1775 to 1781*. This presentation will be lecture and slide (Powerpoint) format. Following Vasconcellos will be instructor of cosmetology Claire Benson and her presentation on *The Evolution and Influence of African American Coiffure in Popular Culture*. This will be a live presentation by an actor and lecture format.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, Vasconcellos will again present *Patriotism? Or Loyalty to King George: The Dilemma of Blacks Fighting in the American Revolution, 1775 to 1781* at 12:15 p.m. in the LRC conference room 1 on the Barstow campus.

On Thursday, Feb. 17, adjunct instructor in history John Lembcke discusses *Black Soldiers During the Cold War: Personal Reminiscences by an American Soldier*. This will be held in room B-16 on the Barstow campus at 12:15 p.m. and will be discussion format.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 12:15 p.m., the humanities department will present *Early African American Literature and Songs from Early America (Revolutionary War to Pre-Civil war)* in room B-1. This will be readings and songs performed by students and faculty members.

On Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 12:15 p.m., history instructor Mark Cauble will discuss *Slavery and the Alamo* in room B-18. Cauble's presentation will be a combination of lecture and video presentation format.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, Claire Benson, along with a trained actor, will present *The Evolution and Influence of African American Coiffure in Popular Culture* at 12:15 p.m. in room S-1. This will be a live presentation by an actor and lecture format.

Barstow Community College is located at 2700 Barstow Road. For additional information please visit [www.barstow.edu](http://www.barstow.edu).

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