Embrace the Dream
DIVERSITY WEEK | JANUARY 15-20, 2007

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 15
Diversity Week Kick-Off with Keynote Speaker
President Shirley Ann Jackson
6-8 p.m., Academy Hall Auditorium
The Community Advocates invite you to enjoy refreshments while socializing with faculty, staff, students, and members of the community. President Shirley Ann Jackson will deliver the keynote address and kickoff the week’s festivities in celebration of the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Bethel Baptist Choir will sing favorite gospel songs.

Tuesday, Jan. 16
Calvin Mackie: “Achieving Personal Greatness”
8:30-10 p.m., Russell Sage Dining Hall
Professor, Speaker, Author, and Inventor, Dr. Calvin Mackie is one of the nation’s most prolific young leaders and gifted motivational speakers. His stage presence will leave you spellbound. His words will leave you hungry for change. His passion and scholarship speaks volumes.

Wednesday, Jan. 17
The NCBI “Coalition Building” Workshop
7 p.m., Mueller Center Classroom
The OMSA Leaders Council invites you to attend this acclaimed National Coalition Building Institute’s workshop, facilitated by Nancy Belovich-Negron, that teaches skills for bringing diverse elements of a community or organization together to successfully achieve common goals.

Thursday, Jan. 18
The Union Speakers Forum presents James McLurkin: “Dances with Robots: The Story of One Engineer, 112 Little Robots, and the Toys, Insects, and Star Wars Movies that Made it all Possible”
7:30 p.m., DCC 308
So LEGO®s and robots fascinate you? Learn how McLurkin, the winner of the ninth $30,000 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize, continues to follow his passion by modeling, researching, and developing algorithms and techniques for constructing, programming, and controlling large swarms of autonomous robots!

Friday, Jan. 19
OMSA Leaders Council Student Symposium: “Bridging the Gap: Measuring Academic Success Through the Eye of the Professor”
3-5 p.m., Russell Sage Faculty Staff Dining Hall
Faculty panel answers questions about their role as scholars, educators, and mentors.

6th Annual Then & Now Discussion
6-8 p.m., Mothers, in the Union
Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity invites you to an open discussion on the standing of Dr. King’s dream today, followed by a reception honoring the 2007 Centennial celebration of the fraternity.

Saturday, Jan. 20
Community Service Day
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Volunteers will help in local libraries and schools.

Jan. 15 - Feb. 28
Shelnutt Gallery, Rensselaer Union
A Contemporary African American Art Exhibition
A fundraiser in support of the Bridge Program and the Presidential Scholars Program at RPI. Paintings, prints, photography, and a collection of posters from the Studio Museum in Harlem.

Contact the Dean of Students Office at Community-Advocates-L@lists.rpi.edu or (518) 276-6266 with any questions or comments.

The Diversity Week Planning Committee includes the Office of Minority Student Affairs, Residence Life, Institute Diversity, the Rensselaer Union, and the Dean of Students Office.