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Keynote Speaker Irving Hand, director of the Institute of State and Regional Affairs and a professor of state and regional planning at Penn State Harrisburg, addresses the audience at fall commencement, held at Founder's Hall in Hershey on Jan. 11. Hand advised the graduates about the need to eliminate racism and learn tolerance, in order to better deal with a diversified world.

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Both Kenneth Wolfe, treasurer and chair of the financial development committee, and William Forrey, president of the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society, spoke briefly before the conferring and awarding of the diplomas.

Forrey reminded the audience of the large number of Penn State graduates.

"One in every one thousand Americans is a Penn State alumnus," he said. "We have graduates who are award-winning writers, successful doctors and leaders of Fortune 500 companies, so you're in good company."

# MLK program highlight of PSH Black History Month

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Students, staff and members of the community are invited to attend various events in celebration of Black History Month, from Jan. 23 to Feb. 27.

The program includes seminars, music, theater productions, art exhibits, cultural food and discussions based on black heritage, and is sponsored by the Black Student Union and student affairs.

The agenda was designed to educate the public of the many contributions made by African Americans.

Events scheduled include a program entitled "Our Memories of Martin," on Jan. 23 in the Capital Union Building. The show will feature choirs, faculty, staff members and students.

Two seminars will be given; one focusing on the issue of the African American male crisis will be held Feb. 1.

The seminar will deal specifically with the issues of education and the Black male, The Black athlete, media and the Black male, and parenting the Black male child.

A second seminar dealing with African American health issues will be held on Feb. 10 in the Gallery Lounge.

Open Stage Theater of Harrisburg will give a production of "Master Harold and the Boys" Feb. 2 at the Rose Lehrman Art Center at the Harrisburg Area Community College. A bus to the play will depart from the Olmsted Building.

Musical presentations throughout the month will feature Gospelrama, baritone Edward Pierson, Jr. and jazz musicians Stevenson Twins. An art exhibit by Allen Moore will also be displayed in the Gallery Lounge Feb. 3-28.

"Paul, We Hardly Knew Ye: Robeson Remembered," is a musical narrative on Paul Robeson's accomplishments.

Robeson, an athlete, activist, lawyer, singer and actor, is also one of New Jersey's "Citizens of the World."

The performance includes opera, spirituals, show tunes and art songs including "Let My People Go" and "O'



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Man River," and will be presented by Edward Pierson, Jr.


Pierson, a voice professor at Montclair State College, performed with the New York City Opera for 14 years.

The New Jersey resident has an impressive list of accomplishments. Pierson has performed in productions such as "Don Carlo," "Showboat," "Tosca" and "Porgy and Bess," with such well-known orchestras as the Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Cincinnati Pops and the Los Angeles Symphony.

An "Intergenerational Round Table" will be held Feb. 10 in the Gallery Lounge. A second discussion session called the "Think Tank Symposium: The Role of the African-American in the Context of Multi-Culturalism" will be held Feb. 24 in the Black Cultural Arts Center.

The Black History Month Celebration ends with a "Soul Food Sampler" on Feb. 27 in the Gallery Lounge.

All campus-based events are free and open to the public. For more information on any of the events, contact the student assistance center in W-117 of the Olmsted Building or call 948-6260.





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