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Black History “Lunch and Learn” Draws Record Audience



WILLIAMSTON, NC – Martin Community College (MCC) drew a record audience of students, staff, and community guests to its annual Black history “Lunch and Learn” program on Tuesday, February 26, 2008.

Over 60 people came and dined on soup and sandwiches, catered by Mr. and Mrs. George Speller of Windsor, NC, while listening to Dr. Mary Cauley speak about her recent mission trip to Africa. In addition to enjoying the traditional African music and slide show presentation, audience members were also taught how to play Morabaraba (also known as Umlabalaba), an ancient African board game traditionally used to teach young herdboys tactical thinking and appreciation for the strategic skills of a chief's advisers.

Following Cauley's talk, students, staff and guests were invited forward to share poems, songs, and words of appreciation. Dr. Ann Britt, MCC president, provided the closing remarks and expressed her thanks to all those that organized and participated in the annual event.

Black History Month is celebrated across the county in February, and the events on MCC's campus have grown in popularity over the years due to large community support. This year's theme, "Believe, Achieve, Succeed – Celebrate Black History," centered on building self-esteem, accomplishing goals, and recognizing the success of local Black leaders.

For more information on this event or other activities on campus in celebration of globalization and cultural diversity, please contact Sonya Atkinson, committee chairperson, at satkinson@martincc.edu, or 252-792-1521 Ext. 219.

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