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Orlando Community Black History Month Celebration Offers Youth Career Planning

In recognition of Black History Month in February, Orange County students and their parents are encouraged to attend the 2010 Community Black History Celebration on Saturday, February 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the James R. Smith Center, 1723 Bruton Boulevard, in Orlando. The event is hosted by Orlando City Commissioner Samuel B. Ings with the support of other elected officials, community leaders and volunteers.

The theme of this year's event is "IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!" Orange County youth will participate in a series of activities, including

- An Essay Contest entitled, "I will positively impact my community by.....". Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners in elementary (third through fifth grades), middle (sixth through eighth grades) and high school categories. Essay guidelines can be obtained at website coming.....
- A brief traditional program that will showcase exceptional local talent, spotlight key community leaders, and recognize Essay Contest Winners.
- A career expo matching students with professionals in 15 different disciplines, including medical, education, computer technology, finance and accounting, entrepreneurs, clergy, legal/attorney, government, music, law enforcement, engineering, fire & rescue, skilled labor, writing/authors, human resources, and others.
- A College Fair involving United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and local colleges and universities in and around Central Florida providing valuable information about college preparation, admissions and financial aid for students and parents.

For more information or to participate as a student, parent or industry professional, please contact Linda Howard at 407-236-9654.

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