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Historically Black Colleges and Universities College Fairs Scheduled for November 14 to 20

Editors Note: Reporters and photographers are invited to attend any event listed below.

Education Commissioner Lucille E. Davy today announced that the Department of Education will sponsor during the week of Nov. 15 a series of informational events designed to help high school students make choices about college attendance. The events will be held in conjunction with the Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair of New Jersey.

More than 40 admissions representatives from the campuses of historically black institutions of higher education are expected to participate. Motivational speakers and various workshops will be available to help students navigate the college selection and financial aid processes. Students who come prepared with completed applications and transcripts can receive on-site admission decisions and application-fee waivers from many of the institutions.

"The Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges and Universities fairs present an excellent opportunity for students from around the state to learn more about these institutions and the programs they offer," said Commissioner Davy. "Encouraging students to be thoughtful and deliberate about their choice of colleges is just one step in the education process. Preparing all students to be college- or career-ready, as we are doing under the Corzine Administration, is vital if students are to avail themselves of higher education opportunities."

This marks the seventh year DOE will partner with the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of New Jersey to sponsor the events. Last year, more than 8,000 New Jersey students participated.

New Jersey's HBCU week will start on Sunday, Nov. 15 with a statewide event at the Trenton War Memorial. The event will begin with a 10 a.m. ecumenical service in the War Memorial Theater featuring the Rev. Lillian Gail Moore, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church of Newtown, PA. The college fair will follow from 12 until 4 p.m.

All of the following New Jersey college fairs will take place from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.:

- Monday, Nov. 16: Burlington County College, 601 Pemberton-Browns Mills Rd., Pemberton;
- Tuesday, Nov. 17: Passaic County Community College, One College Boulevard, Paterson;
- Wednesday, Nov. 18: Raritan Valley Community College, Rt. 28 and Lamington Road, North Branch;
- Friday, Nov. 20: Susquehanna Bank Center, 1 Harbor Boulevard, Camden.

HBCU college fairs also will be held the same week in New York City and Philadelphia. The New York City event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 in Riverbank State Park, 675 Riverside Dr. (at 145th Street), Manhattan. The Philadelphia event will be held from 3:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19 at Benjamin Franklin High School, 550 N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

Other sponsors of the kickoff event at the Trenton War Memorial include the N. J. Amistad Commission; the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation; the Delta Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.; the N. J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and the N. J. Commission on Higher Education.

Youth groups, students and their families are invited to attend the free events. Advance registration is requested for groups of five or more people; professional dress is recommended.

For more information on the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of New Jersey and to pre-register groups of five or more people, please visit the website at www.HBCU-CFNJ.com or e-mail info@hbcu-cfnj.

Reporters and editors with questions about the events can call DOE's Office of Public Information at 609-292-1126.

Members of the public with questions about NJ HBCU Week can contact Diane Schonyers of the DOE Office of Equity and School Choice at 609- 984-6409 or Barbara Bernard at 732-305-7003. Specific questions about the Trenton event can be directed to Harold Vereen at 215-428-1141 or Chuck Davis at 609-984-7676.