‘Call to True Beauty’ targets dating violence

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ATLANTA – Clark Atlanta University will mark National Domestic Violence Awareness Month this month with “The Call to True Beauty 2012,” the university’s annual advocacy, education and prevention campaign against dating and domestic violence.

The weeklong forum, which runs Oct. 21-26, will include a Sunday worship service, a memorial balloon lift, a self-defense demonstration, an awards ceremony, a powder room/locker room presentation, and a “Dating Game” program to offer tips on healthy relationships and dating safety.

CAU President Carlton E. Brown said the annual initiative will continue to be a priority at Clark Atlanta.

“National data indicate that women between the ages of 16 and 24 in dating relationships experience the highest rate of dating violence and sexual assault,” he said. “Although we are not overwhelmed by this issue on our campus, one incident is too many.”

All activities will be held on the CAU campus, 223 James P. Brawley Drive, SW. For more information, call (404) 880-8000.

Morehouse to honor ‘Congo Week 2012’

ATLANTA – Morehouse College will join the Atlanta chapter of the Friends of The Congo to commemorate “Congo Week 2012: Breaking the Silence” with a vigil, film screening and panel discussion from 6-11 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel, 830 Westview Drive.

Since 1996, the conflict in The Congo has left an estimated six million people dead.

For more information, visit www.congoweek.org/atlanta or www.friendsofthecongo.org.

Breast cancer forum scheduled for Oct. 20

LITHONIA – Mothers, Daughters and Sisters Against Breast Cancer will host its Pink Heart Awareness Conference in celebration and support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 20 at Stonecrest Library, 3123 Klonidike Road.

The guest speaker is Shondia McFadden-Sabari, a breast cancer and double mastectomy survivor. For more information, call 770-482-3828.

Clark Atlanta to host ‘Harvest of Health’

ATLANTA – The Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutics Development at Clark Atlanta University will host a “Harvest of Health” wellness fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 20 at Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, 498 English Ave.

The event will include free health screenings that specifically target men and medically underserved people in Vine City and English Avenue who are at greater risk for developing prostate cancer.

For more information, call 404-880-6870 or visit www.certd.ca.edu.

Fulton County to host senior citizen forums

ATLANTA – The Fulton County Housing and Human Services Department will host four “Join the Conversation” senior forums at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Oct. 22 – Nov. 2 at various senior multipurpose facilities in metro Atlanta.

The meetings are designed to plan strategies that help with the growing needs of seniors, especially transportation needs.

Meeting dates are: Oct. 22 at Helene Mills, Oct. 24 at Harriet Darnell, Oct. 26 at H.J.C. Bowden, and Nov. 2 at Dorothy Benson.

For more information, call 404-613-6000.

Clark AU to host Liberia chorus

ATLANTA – Clark Atlanta University will host the renowned 50-voice University of Liberia Alumni Chorus at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson Student Multipurpose Room, 223 James P. Brawley Drive.

For more information, call 770-815-9260 or visit www.ulachoruses.org/donation.html.

Spelman to join annual AIDS Walk

ATLANTA – The Spelman College community will once again team up to participate in the AIDS Walk Atlanta 11:30 a.m. Oct. 21 at Piedmont Park, 400 Park Drive.

The team’s goal is to have at least 250 walkers or runners. Students who register will receive community service credit, while faculty and staff can earn Cigna points for participating.

For more information, visit www.aidswalkatlanta.kintera.org/spelmanawa.

Spelman, Morehouse host joint homecoming

ATLANTA – Spelman and Morehouse Colleges will host their joint annual homecoming from Oct. 21-28 at various campus locations.

Activities include: neo-soul concert featuring Grammy-nominated artist Raheem Devaughn at 7 p.m. Oct. 23; Miss Spelman coronation at 7 p.m. Oct. 25; Miss Maroon & White coronation at 7 p.m. Oct. 26; homecoming parade at 9 a.m. Oct. 27; Morehouse vs. Fort Valley State football game at 2 p.m. Oct. 27, and a Greek Step Show at 7 p.m. Oct. 27.

For more information, visit www.spelman.edu/alumnae/homecoming or www.morehouse.edu/homecoming.

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Civil rights center hosts essay contest

ATLANTA – The National Center for Civil and Human Rights invites middle and high school students in metro Atlanta to enter its “READ IT. EMBRACE IT. EXPRESS IT” essay contest by 5 p.m. Oct. 26.

The contest encourages students to interpret one or more of the 30 articles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Cash prizes totaling $6,000 will be awarded to winners.

For more information, visit www.civilianhumanrights.org.

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Cheers!

"Cheers!" is an Atlanta Voice feature highlighting the everyday accomplishments of everyday people—things like special honors, awards, job announcements, graduations, promotions and other achievements.

Dr. Carla Stokes, founder of HOTGIRLS (Helping Our Teen Girls in Real Life Situations), is one of only four recipients selected nationwide for a commencement scholarship to attend Ashford University’s graduation ceremony this month.

His scholarship included an all-expenses paid trip to don a traditional cap and gown and walk with fellow classmates.

McCurtcheon received an online master’s degree in business administration and graduated with a 4.0 grade point average.