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---The Daily Herald---02/12/2019 Former NFL player to headline U-46 program By: Madhu Krishnamurthy



Motivational speaker and former NFL linebacker Robert Jackson will speak at Larkin High School on Feb. 19 as part of Elgin Area School District U-46's Black History Month celebration. Jackson and district officials will recognize 13 black students from U-46's five high schools who have earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.4 or above as of last semester. *Courtesy of Elgin Area School District U-46*

Elgin Area School District U-46 schools will mark Black History Month with a series of classroom activities and after-school events kicking off this week.

Among the highlights is a talk by motivational speaker, former NFL linebacker and former teacher <u>Robert Jackson</u> on Feb. 19 at Larkin High School in Elgin.

Jackson will speak to U-46 families about how students can succeed inside and outside the classroom. The event titled "Nia (Purpose): A Toolkit for Living Your Best Life" starts at 6:30 p.m. at the school, 1475 Larkin Ave.

Jackson teaches on topics of cultural diversity, restorative practices, socio-emotional learning and how to retain troubled students in school. He urges parents to play a more active role in their children's education and works with students to overcome hardships through discipline and accountability.

During the program, district officials will recognize 13 black students from U-46's five high schools who have earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.4 or higher as of last semester.

"Ambition, passion and ingenuity are inextricably part of our identity as black people," said April Wells, U-46 coordinator of gifted education. "We endeavor to uplift the spirits of the scholars we serve by giving them a mirror through which to see their authentic identities."

Black History Month events include:

• Friday -- "Hidden Figures" movie screening, during lunch, Streamwood High School auditorium, 701 W. Schaumburg Road

• Saturday -- Black History Club Alumni Legends Brunch, 10 a.m., Larkin High School Black Box Theater, 1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin

• Feb. 19 -- Larkin High School Black History Club Open Mic Night, 6:30 p.m., Studio 270, Gail Borden Library, 270 N. Grove, Elgin

• Feb. 21 -- African-American drums and storytelling, 8:30 a.m., Heritage Elementary School, 507 Arnold Ave., Streamwood

• Feb. 22 -- Larkin High School Black History Club Teen Leadership Conference, 9 a.m., Studio 270, Gail Borden Library, 270 N. Grove, Elgin

• Feb. 26 -- Black History Club screening of "The Hate U Give," 8 a.m., Larkin High School Auditorium, 1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin

• Feb. 27 -- African-American Student Union program, periods 2 and 3, Streamwood High School Auditorium, 701 W. Schaumburg Road

• Feb. 27 -- Minority Alliance Coalition Banquet with original works of poetry and music through Guide Right and the Diamond Foundation, 7 p.m., Bartlett High School, 701 W. Schick Road. The school's library will host seminars and workshops showcasing the civil rights movement throughout the month.

• Feb. 28 -- Black History Club "Tunnel of Oppression" interactive theater experience, during school day, Larkin High School Black Box Theater, 1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin. Students will participate in a scene depicting the civil rights era during segregation and will walk through a museum of student-led research to learn about black history.

---The Daily Herald---O2/12/2019 Judson seeks nominations for annual Community Prayer Breakfast award Submitted by: Judson University

Judson University in Elgin is seeking nominations of outstanding community volunteers for awards presented each year at its spring Community Prayer Breakfast.

Nominees are sought for the <u>D. Ray Wilson Volunteer Service Award</u> and the <u>Bea</u> <u>Wilson Youth Volunteer Service Award</u> recognizing candidates who have contributed to the greater good in the Fox Valley community by voluntarily serving others' physical, emotional, intellectual or spiritual needs. The awards will be given out during the May 8 prayer breakfast.

Keith Brill, a controller for Clad-Rex Steel in Elgin, earned last year's D. Ray Wilson Volunteer Service Award. Brill volunteered for the Community Crisis Center in Elgin for 28 years and served on its board as treasurer and president. He also co-led the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Elgin Junior Achievement.

The Bea Wilson Youth Volunteer Service Award recognizes freshmen through juniors in high school in the Fox Valley for voluntarily performing community work. The award winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship annually to attend Judson.

Last year's youth award winner was Haley Wahl of Elgin, then a sophomore in the **Gifted and Talented Academy at Elgin High School**. Wahl was a member of the Youth United Way of Elgin and volunteer at the Centro de Informacion Annual Gala. She also volunteered at Elgin's Nightmare on Chicago Street; helped organize a food drive; baked more than 800 cookies for people who were homeless; and volunteered for several nonprofit agency events in Elgin.

The awards are named in honor of D. Ray Wilson, a former Judson trustee and publisher of the Courier News, and his wife, Bea Wilson, a community champion of hope, service and hospitality.

Nominations must be submitted by April 5 and can be completed online at <u>JudsonU.edu.</u>

For questions about the Community Prayer Breakfast, award nominations or sponsorship email <u>julie.schmidt@judsonu.edu</u>. All nominators and nominees are invited to attend the breakfast. Nominees receive a complimentary ticket.

Ticket prices are \$30 for general admission and \$500 for a table of eight guests. Tickets will be available beginning March 1. For more information, visit <u>JudsonU.edu/prayerbreakfast.</u>

SPORTS

---The Daily Herald---02/12/2019 Sabres make it 3 straight over Elgin By: Allen Oshinski

An old saying goes that it's hard to beat a team three times. But that was the task facing the Streamwood Sabres as they faced Elgin for the third time in the Class 4A regional opener Monday at Chesbrough Field House.

So the Sabres changed things up a little bit in a 67-38 victory.

"We knew Elgin was going to come out and be prepared and give us some problems," said Sabres coach George Rosner. "We had to stay focused and stay with our game plan.

"We put in some new stuff actually. We did it more for some of the personnel that we had."

Peyton Hedger started for the Sabres (8-22), who hoped to take advantage of her outside shooting ability. After a couple of early misses, she wound up leading Streamwood with 15 points, including three 3-pointers.

Riya Patel scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Mandy Mien chipped in 12 points while Colleen Veguilla had 9 for the Sabres.

Streamwood broke the game open in the second quarter, outscoring the Maroons 23-7 to go up 34-17 at halftime. Hedger scored 8 points in the quarter.

"After we lost our lead, I felt like coming back in the second quarter, we knew we had to take things up a little," Hedger said. "It's good to know that my team and my coaches have trust in me to have those kinds of plays where I can just shoot."

With rim protector Dajha Cooper out of the lineup, Elgin came at the Sabres in waves, literally. Maroons coach Dr. Nick Bumbales used offensive and defensive platoons for most of the second half. The strategy kept Elgin in the game for awhile, but the Sabres' shooting and the Maroons' own miscues were just too much to overcome.

"Too many turnovers, too many rebounds given up, and we couldn't score," said Bumbales. "That's not a good formula. But the kids played hard. I'll give them all the credit in the world."

Emily Graves led all scorers with 17 points for Elgin (6-26). Graves made 11 of 15 free throws. Sarah Moskow added 13 points to go along with 10 rebounds for the Maroons.

The teams combined to shoot 57 free throws, with each squad making 18.

Led by Patel and Hedger, who pulled down 7 boards, the Sabres outrebounded their hosts, 39-34 and forced 27 turnovers.