

# Black History Month

*The black history month assembly and the black history month essay.*

*by Jasmine Stuckey*

Black History month is one of the most important months of the year. Black History Month celebrates African Americans all over the world and shows us how important they are. DeKalb High School has many activities to show how important it is and to show all the amazing things African Americans have achieved.

One activity that DHS has is an essay contest. Students had the opportunity to write a 500 word essay on “What are some of the most important cultural contributions of African Americans to the world to the American society?” The essay was due no later than February 17, 2017. Essays will be scored by a faculty panel, and the winner will be announced at the end of the month.

Another activity at DHS is the Black History Month assembly. Principal Ms. Albano said, “This year the jazz band will be playing music from African American musicians. There is also trivia. And another activity called suitcases which is a series of people from the community and district talking about how they overcame the obstacles and struggles of being African American.”

The DHS administration and the social justice committee planned the assembly for this year. Albano also talked about this years assembly and how it’s different from last years stating that “The approach this year we wanted to show the journey and the understanding of the obstacles and celebrating the success of black people and their culture.”

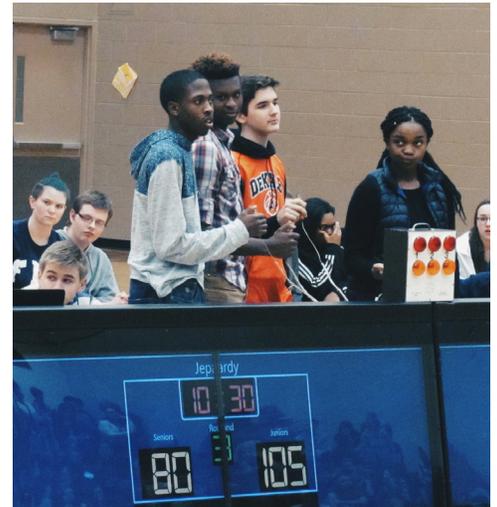
At the suitcases assembly, Dean Mr. McDavid and three other African American district members talked about where they grew up and how they ended up in DeKalb. They also talked about how it was growing up as an African American and an experience they went through being African American.

Another option for the assembly was the trivia game. During the trivia game, each grade had 5 students on each grade level team. Teams answered questions about famous African Americans. The sophomores won trivia on Friday, and the seniors won it on Monday.

At the Jazz portion of the assembly, they played music from different jazz artists. Enharmonic Fusion, the DeKlab a cappella group, came onto the stage and did an amazing job singing songs from Beyonce, Andra Day, and more.

Each activity included the importance of African Americans to society. Whether it was by district employees coming in to talk about where they came from and what they have experienced to a trivia game that helped students learn more about African Americans from the past and future.

Black history month is a way to show the importance of African Americans and the contributions they have made to the Country we live in. That is what the activities we had for two days showed. Hopefully you had a great time celebrating and learning more about African Americans during Black History Month.



*Students answering questions during the trivia game.*

*By Chris Rojo*



*A student answering one of the trivia questions.*

*By Cris Rojo*