

Springfield College News

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Springfield College joined by Westfield State University, UMass Libraries, the W.E.B. DuBois Center, Beta Sigma Boule, and St. John’s Congregational Church honored Western Mass native and civil rights leader W.E.B. DuBois on February 28, 2016.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Springfield College, Westfield State University, UMass Libraries, W.E.B. DuBois Center and Beta Sigma Boule partnered to hold the 6th annual tribute for W.E.B. DuBois at St. John’s Congregational Church in Springfield on Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 PM. The theme of the event was “why are WE here?”

During the W.E.B. DuBois Tribute, which was a celebration of his legacy, the Black Church, music and the arts, over 250 attendees saw performances by the Springfield College Community Choir, the Springfield College Repertory Dance Company, the Westfield State University Chamber Chorale, the UMass Amherst Cape Verdean Student Alliance, and a stepping presentations by the Westfield State University Top Flight Step Team, and the UMass Amherst Insanely Prestigious Step Team.

UMASS Amherst student Josh Odam along with Westfield State University student Emmet Witherspoon served as Masters of Ceremony for the event.

As part of the DuBois Tribute, Dr. Randolph Bromery was highlighted. Dr. Bromery was a distinguished educator that served as President of Springfield College and Westfield State University as well as Chancellor of UMass Amherst. Dr. Bromery was responsible for bringing the “DuBois Papers” to UMass Amherst.

“The 2015 DuBois Tribute was a collaborative testimonial to the legacies of W.E.B. DuBois and Randolph Bromery and a ‘fitting’ end to Black History Month.” Said Brooks Fitch, Chairman DuBois Tributes.

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is known worldwide for the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy—educating students in spirit, mind and body for leadership in service to others. With its foundation of academic excellence and rich athletic heritage, Springfield College prepares students with real-world leadership skills for careers that transform lives and communities. The college offers a range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the fields of health sciences, human and social services, sport management and movement studies, education, business, and the arts and sciences. It also offers doctoral programs in physical education, physical therapy, and counseling psychology. The college is ranked in the 2016 edition of “Best Colleges” in the top tier of “Best Regional Universities – North Region” by *U.S. News & World Report*, and is designated as a premier Leadership Development Center by the YMCA of the USA. More than 5,000 traditional, nontraditional and international students study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at regional campuses throughout the country.