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**Baker College's Owosso campus to celebrate Black History Month
with 'Roots of Courage' public event Feb. 14-15**

More than 100 students, interactive booths share diversity info, experiences

OWOSSO, Mich. – Baker College's Owosso campus will celebrate Black History Month with the public event "Roots of Courage," Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 14-15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Student Center gymnasium, 1020 S. Washington St., Owosso.

"Roots of Courage" is free and is an opportunity to learn about the many aspects of diversity as it relates to African-Americans. This fourth annual event will feature approximately 30 booths, each with an interactive component, that present the work of more than 100 students in classes, programs and clubs.

"We have found this event to be an invaluable learning experience for all who attend – students, faculty and the public," said Kristina Marshall, J.D., program official of social science and event coordinator. "'Roots of Courage' is designed to illuminate the multiple facets of diversity relevant for African-Americans today and to promote a more inclusive and accepting society."

For Baker College students participating in the event, this event complements experience gained in the classroom and helps them learn team-building and goal-setting skills, how to address diversity issues, collaboration techniques, professionalism, and written and oral communications.

The event is sponsored by the campus' Unity Committee, which promotes an inclusive environment. The committee provides information, activities, events and

professional development that encourage students, staff and faculty to expand their understanding, depth of knowledge and beliefs about diversity and to support opportunities that build a diverse student, staff and faculty population on campus.

For more information about the “Roots of Courage” public event, contact Marshall at 989.729.3419 or kristina.marshall@baker.edu.

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To celebrate Black History Month, the public is invited to “Roots of Courage” to explore about 30 booths, each with an interactive component, created by more than 100 Baker College students. The focus is on the many aspects of diversity as it relates to African-Americans. These photos are of the 2016 campus event.