



The Young at Heart Chorus rehearses before their last appearance at Springfield Technical Community College two years ago. The chorus will return to STCC for a performance on March 29 at 11 a.m. in the Scibelli Hall Theater as part of the college's 2018 Ovations educational and cultural event series.

## SPRINGFIELD

# STCC announces spring 2018 speaker, performance series

Springfield Technical Community College is pleased to announce the lineup of speakers and performers for the spring semester.

All events, except for the Soul Food & Jazz Luncheon, are free and open to the public. The events are brought to the college by 2018 Ovations Educational and Cultural Event Series, and the 2018 Diversity Speaker and Performance Series.

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ries, coordinated by the Office of Student & Multicultural Affairs.

The Ovations Series is sponsored by The Chicopee Savings Bank Endowment for Academic Excellence, the Office of Academic Affairs and the Honors Program at STCC.

#### Ovations Series

**Charles P. Dew, Feb. 16, 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Scibelli Hall Theater:** Charles P. Dew is Ephraim Williams Professor of American History at Williams College. A native of St. Petersburg, Fla., Dew was raised in a family that embraced the memory of the

Confederate South. He was, in his own words, a "Confederate Youth." His enrollment at Williams College in the 1950s changed his point of view. He wrote about his transformation in his memoir, "The Making of a Racist: A Southerner Reflects on Family, History, and the Slave Trade." Dew's reflections will coincide with the Diversity Series events celebrating Black History Month.

**The Young at Heart Chorus, March 29, 11 a.m., Scibelli Hall Theater:** The Young at Heart Chorus, a talented collection of senior citizens, has appeared all over the world. They have been the subject of an award-winning documentary and their YouTube videos have gone viral.

**STCC Student Storytelling, April 26, 9:30 a.m., Scibelli Hall Theater:** Students will be given the opportunity to compete for first place in the STCC Storytelling event. STCC professors will narrow down the field to four finalists, and the audience will select the winner.

#### Diversity Speaker and Performance Series

**Soul Food & Jazz Luncheon, Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m., Scibelli Hall Gym:** The Jimmy Green Quartet will perform. Tickets for this event, which is part of Black History Month, cost \$2 for STCC students and \$5 for the general public. Proceeds will benefit the Myra D. Smith Scholarship Fund.

**Kaila Mullady, March 7, 11 a.m., Scibelli Hall Theater:** Kaila Mullady, a New York-based performer, is the 2015 World Beatbox Champion, the 2014 American Vice Beatbox Champion, 3x Loop Station Champion and 3x reigning Beatrhyme Champion. The keynote speaker for Women's History Month, Mullady will share her story of breaking into the male-dominated world of beatboxing.

**Zak Ebrahim, March 27, 11 a.m., Scibelli Hall Theater:** Zak Ebrahim, a peace campaigner, is the author of "The Terrorist's Son: A Story of Choice," which won an American Library Association Award in 2015. After his father's incarceration, his family moved more than 20 times,

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haunted by and persecuted for the crimes of his father. After several years of hiding his true identity, Ebrahim began to speak publicly about his personal path to peace.

**Jo Sallins Two Man Trio, April 5, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Scibelli Hall Theater:** Jo Sallins, who began playing drums at age 9, has become a master musician, music educator and world traveler.

Founded in 1967 and located on 35 acres of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, STCC is a major resource for the economic vitality of Western Massachusetts. As the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC, a designated Hispanic Serving Institution and an Achieving the Dream Leader College, offers a variety of career programs unequalled in the state.

STCC's highly regarded transfer programs in business, engineering, liberal arts, science and technology continue to provide the most economical options for students pursuing a four-year degree. With an annual enrollment of more than 7,700 day, evening, weekend and online students, STCC is a vibrant campus rich in diversity.

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