

SPRINGFIELD

STCC announces fall speakers, film series

Springfield Technical Community College will kick off its Diversity Speaker & Performance Series with an appearance by 2015 World Beatbox Champion Kaila Mullady, who will speak and perform today.

The series will include a diverse range of speakers, performers and events that are free and open to the public. The series, presented by STCC's Office of Multicultural Affairs, is designed to engage students and enrich the campus-life experience.

The college has also announced its fall lineup for the Oventions Series, which premieres Sept. 25 with a talk by author Howard Bryant, a sports writer.

The following events will take place in the Scibelli Hall Theater at STCC except where noted:

■ **Kaila Mullady, today, 11:15 a.m.:** The New York-based performer is the 2015 World Beatbox Champion, the current American Vice Beatbox Champion, Loop Station Champion and three-time reigning Beatrhythme Champion.

■ **Howard Bryant, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. (Oventions Series):** Howard Bryant addresses the NFL controversy involving players kneeling during the national anthem in his latest book, "The Heritage: Black Athletes, a Divided America, and the Politics of Patriotism."

■ **"Documented" film, Oct. 1, 11:15 a.m. and 1:35 p.m.:** This film documents the experience of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas as an undocumented citizen.

■ **Jose Antonio Vargas, Oct. 3, 11:15 a.m.:** Jose Antonio Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker and the author of the forthcoming memoir, "Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen," and the producer and director of the film "Documented."

■ **Gabby Rivera, Oct. 10, 11:15 a.m.:** Gabby Rivera is drawing attention for her new Marvel comic book series with the character America Chavez, a queer, Latinx superhero who was written and designed by a queer Latinx. Rivera is the author of "Juliet Takes a Breath," a young adult novel. Rivera will be a keynote speaker at the first-ever STCC Comic Fest, which runs Oct. 9-Oct. 12.

■ **Ruth E. Carter, Oct. 11,**



Kaila Mullady will open STCC's Diversity Speaker & Performance Series with a presentation and performance today in the Scibelli Hall Theater.

11 a.m.: A native of Springfield and a two-time Academy Award-nominated costume designer, Ruth E. Carter has worked in the movie industry for more than three decades and has over 40 films to her credit. She will be a keynote speaker for the STCC Comic Fest.

■ **Lucy Thurber, Oct. 18, 11 a.m., (Oventions Series):** Lucy Thurber, a western Massachusetts native, along with the Rattlestick Playwrights Theater, received a special citation for their collaboration of "The Hilltown Plays" at the 2014 Obie Awards. Most

recently, Thurber has had a major off-Broadway hit, "Transfers," a story of two community college students — one African-American, the other Hispanic — applying for a scholarship at a prestigious four-year college.

■ **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, Oct. 18, noon, Scibelli Hall, Rooms 109 & 110:** The third annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration provides an opportunity to celebrate Hispanic cultural heritage through food, live music and community engagement.

■ **"Travis: A Soldier's Story" film, Oct. 24, 10:10 a.m. and 2 p.m.:** An award-winning and challenging documentary featuring the inspiring true story of U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills of the 82nd Airborne.

■ **SSG Travis Mills, U.S. Army (Ret.), Oct. 25, 11 a.m.:** Retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills of the 82nd Airborne is a motivational speaker, actor, author and an advocate for veterans and amputees.

■ **Larry "Spotted Crow" Mann, Nov. 5, 11:15 a.m.:** Larry Mann is an award-winning writer, poet, cultural educator, traditional storyteller, tribal drummer/dancer and motivational speaker as well as the author of three

critically acclaimed books, "Tales from the Whispering Basket," "The Mourning Road to Thanksgiving," and his latest book "Drumming & Dreaming."

■ **The Mid-Term Elections - What Just Happened? Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m. (Oventions Series):** Democratic political writer Bill Scher and Republican lawyer and activist Isaac Maas will share their thoughts two days after the mid-term elections.

■ **"Human Flow" film, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.:** An epic film journey led by the internationally renowned artist Ai Weiwei, "Human Flow" gives a powerful visual expression to the global refugee crisis especially as it relates to the personal human impact. A panel discussion will follow the screening.

■ **Black History 101 Mobile Museum, Nov. 28, 11:15 a.m., Scibelli Hall, 7th Floor:** For 25 years, Khalid el-Hakim has personally acquired a diverse archive of memorabilia. Among this unique collection are rare artifacts representing categories including, but not limited to, slavery, politics, Jim Crow, science, religion, education, music, sports and civil rights.

For more information about upcoming events and speakers, go online to stcc.edu.