

Black Heritage Committee

Northeastern ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Kwanzaa

The Pre- Kwanzaa Celebration 2011 has two components: 1) preliminary event and 2) the main event. The preliminary event will be held in Village Square including a Kwanzaa Shrine, the documentary Black Candle showing, along with Nguzo Saba display boards (one for each principle) on display; the idea is to collaborate with the Art Department to have students receive credit for creating the display boards. These running elements are to be on display the week/days prior to the main event.

Additional events to be held in Village Square during the preliminary events include a performance by Steven Cobbs and Chavunduka, an interactive drum circle and African dance lessons. These additional events should take place over the course of two days – the performance on one day and the Drum circle & dance lessons on another.

The Pre Kwanzaa Main event will be held in Golden Eagles. It will consist of the Kwanzaa Shrine and ceremony including a presentation on the history and meaning of Kwanzaa, the Black National Anthem, a keynote speaker or Jali/Griot/Story teller, and food (with potential performance group consisting of Nicole Ross' group).

Date for Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration: **Wednesday, December 5, 2011**

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Location: Village Square

Date for Kwanzaa Celebration: **Thursday, December 6, 2011**

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Location: Golden Eagles Room