

A GRAND CELEBRATION

in honor of

THE RESTORATION OF SENIOR COLLEGE STATUS



MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE
The City University of New York

PRAISE/THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, September 11, 1994

7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

PROGRAM

Musical Interlude

Presiding: President Edison O. Jackson

INVOCATION

Rev. Jacquelyn Bullock, MEC Chaplain

MUSICAL SELECTION

Because He Lives

Audience

WELCOME

Hon. Priscilla Wooten

Hon. Victor Robles

DRAMATIC READING

MEC Drums & Poets

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Jacquelyn Bullock

MUSICAL SELECTION

First Baptist Church of Crown Heights Concert Choir

Mr. Bobby Banks, Director

GREETINGS

Hon. Ada Smith

Rev. James R. Green, Jr.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Medgar Evers College Chorale

REMARKS

Hon. Major Owens

Hon. Velmanette Montgomery

MUSICAL SELECTION

First Baptist Church of Crown Heights Concert Choir

STATEMENT OF OCCASION

Dr. Edison O. Jackson

MUSICAL SELECTION

Lift Him Up

Audience

CLOSING REMARKS

MUSICAL SELECTION

Thank You, Lord

Choirs and Audience

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jacquelyn Bullock

GRAND CELEBRATION

Monday, September 12, 1994
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Amphitheater

PROGRAM

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Presiding: President Edison O. Jackson

INVOCATION

MUSICAL SELECTION

MEC Chorale

WELCOME

*Ms. Katie Davis, Chairperson
MEC Community Council*

*Ms. Marceline Watler, President
MEC Alumni Association*

*Mr. Bains Richards, President
MEC Student Government Association*

*Prof. Yvonne Bennett, President
MEC Faculty Senate*

MUSICAL SELECTION

Metro Steel Band at MEC

GREETINGS

*Hon. James P. Murphy
Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds*

Hon. Una Clarke

Hon. Denny Farrell

Hon. Jeannette Gadson

Hon. Edward Griffith

Hon. Roger Green

Hon. Marty Markowitz

Hon. Clarence Norman, Jr.

Hon. Mary Pinkett

Hon. Albert Vann

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

President Edison O. Jackson

REMARKS

Hon. Sheldon Silver

MUSICAL SELECTION

Metro Steel Band at MEC

CARNIVAL COSTUME PARADE

"The Nature of the Storm" & "Tribes"

*Designs by: Kemi George, Kevin Condio, Natalie Clarke
and Calvin Ramirez*

INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR

President Edison O. Jackson

REMARKS

Hon. Mario M. Cuomo

SALUTE TO THE FOUNDERS

Mr. Alexander Barton

MUSICAL SELECTION

M.E.C. Chorale

CORPORATE BREAKFAST

Thursday, September 22, 1994

8:30 a.m.

The Brooklyn Club

PROGRAM

Presiding: President Edison O. Jackson

INVOCATION

Rev. Lloyd Henry

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

BREAKFAST

WELCOME

Hon. Ed. Towns

Hon. Larry Seabrook

REMARKS

Hon. Charles Inniss

Mr. Bob Catell

Hon. Ed Sullivan

STATEMENT OF THE OCCASION

President Edison O. Jackson

CLOSING REMARKS

BENEDICTION



LEADING THE WAY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

Medgar Evers College has come a long way since its humble beginnings in 1971. Under the leadership of its third president, Dr. Edison O. Jackson, the College now boasts an enrollment of 5236 students for the Spring 1994 Semester representing a 92% increase since his arrival in the Fall of 1989. Additionally, the College now operates seven specialized Centers of Excellence, a middle college high school, beacon program, Freshman Year Program, enhanced Learning Center, expanded Library, a Diplomat in Residence program (the only college within the City University System or the State of New York to have a Diplomat in Residence), state-of-the art computer labs and office technology, REACH and Project ADVANCE programs (provide training in health related careers) and new degree programs in Computer Science (A.S.) and Environmental Science (B.S.) with additional bachelors degrees pending approval in Mathematics, Liberal Arts and International Relations/World Studies.

Nineteen ninety-four has indeed been an historic year for Medgar Evers College filled with triumph, justice and progress. Triumph, because after nineteen years of tireless lobbying, senior college status has been regained thanks to the dedicated efforts of elected officials, community supporters and the College Family. Justice, because after thirty years of investigations and court proceedings, the man accused of murdering Medgar Wiley Evers, for whom this College is named, was convicted this year of his heinous crime. Progress, because of the many stellar accomplishments realized through the commitment and dedication of the entire Medgar Evers College Family.

Over the past several years, Medgar Evers College has undergone many organizational and structural changes in an effort to improve the delivery of educational services to its students. These changes have included the establishment of a division of Urban and International Affairs, review of the CORE Curriculum, as well all other academic programs within the schools of Business and Public Administration, Liberal Arts and Education and Science, Health & Technology; reorganization of Academic Affairs, revision of the Governance Plan; institution of a comprehensive counseling plan and revitalization of Career Development. As the College continues its mission of educating students for the "new world order", improving productivity and enhancing quality will form the cornerstone for its entry into the 21st century. Encouraged by the phenomenal success of the last five years, the College's goals for the next five years will include: creating academic programs that meet the demands of the 21st century; enhancing teaching and learning, expanding research avenues, promoting student success; strengthening community linkages; approval of the next phase of campus expansion.

As we prepare to enter the twenty-first century, Medgar Evers College is poised to make a significant difference not only in the lives of its constituents, but also to the educational revolution that is taking place within The City University, the nation, and the world.

THE HISTORY OF MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE

Medgar Evers College is the realization of a dream held by the Central Brooklyn Community for many years. The College was originally established by the Board of Higher Education as an experimental school of professional studies. It was and is the only senior college offering a variety of both two and four-year programs.

Representatives from the Central Brooklyn Community have played an active part in planning the College from the beginning. The twenty-eight member Medgar Evers Community Council composed of elected officials, community leaders and students signed its Certificate of Incorporation on February 9, 1972. The Community Council continues to play a very active and significant role in the life of the College through participation on committees and through its fund raising efforts.

In September, 1971, the College opened its doors to more than 1,000 highly motivated students from New York City. More than 75 percent of the student enrollment came from the Central Brooklyn area. Three hundred of those students were paraprofessionals taking courses at the College as part-time students in teacher education. Originally, Medgar Evers College was spread out in several locations. Classes were held in the Masonic Temple at Lafayette and Clermont Avenues, in the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 244 Vanderbilt, as well as in St. Joseph's College and Long Island University. The space in these various locations were rented temporarily until the College could move into the Brooklyn Preparatory School for Boys on July 1, 1972. The College's main divisions were the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Professional Studies and the Humanities.

COLLEGE COLORS

The Medgar Evers College colors, black, white, brown and yellow, represent the races of mankind. Since the area of Central Brooklyn is populated by representatives of all races, and the college is dedicated to the service of the community, these colors were believed to be appropriate.

COLLEGE SEAL

The Medgar Evers College seal symbolizes the theme: *"Knowledge is the foundation of freedom and justice" Knowledge, freedom and justice are the basic elements of peace.* The circular form of the seal represents the universality of the theme. The central aspect of the seal is formed by the peace symbol to represent the universal cry for peace. The unmanacled hands represent freedom. The scales represent justice. The lamp and book represent knowledge. The inspiration for the design of the College seal came from the fact that Medgar Wiley Evers dedicated his life's work to attaining a new birth of freedom in our time, where all mankind could obtain knowledge to function as useful citizens, enjoy the protection of justice, and live in peace.