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African dance group returning to LCCC

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A popular African dance group will return to the campus of Lewis and Clark this spring for a performance sponsored by the Diversity Council in memory of one of its founding members.

Alyki Lolo is back by popular demand and will perform, at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 in the Benjamin Godfrey Memorial Chapel on the campus of the College of Education. The performance is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the LCCC Diversity Council in memory of sociology faculty member Chris Raffield.

"Not only was he the idea of a Diversity Council at Lewis and Clark, but Alyki Lolo is actually a group that he initiated. We bring it back to campus for our students, employees and the public to experience," said Alison Davidson, Diversity Council and Art faculty member.

Davidson said the Diversity Council wanted to bring the popular dance group back to campus this spring.

"In an amazing twist of fate, Chris family made a donation to the Lewis and Clark Community College Foundation and asked that it be used to support a diversity event, which they deemed would be Chris’ vision," she said. "Alyki Lolo leaves Chris’ memory, with the support of the Diversity Council, and is brought back to the campus," she said.

Alyki Lolo brings African dance to the community through teaching and performance so that people will gain a rich understanding of African heritage and experience the joy and power of dance accomplished by drummer, Funder Dalithi Rumba, a master dancer from the Congo, West Africa.

The performance will reflect the rich culture of West Africa, enhanced by traditional music and dance for more information about the event, contact Davidson at 618-697-4467.

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Dr. Stacey Brown at her office.

Big Brothers Big Sisters recognizes volunteers

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In observance of the end of the calendar year, the Region 7 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Illinois is recognizing the people who have made a difference in the lives of children and youth. Big Brothers Big Sisters is America’s original mentoring program, helping children and youth reach their full potential by forming strong, positive relationships with volunteers who serve as mentors and role models.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Illinois is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide safety and growth for children and youth through one-on-one mentorship.

It is said that a mentor is a key partner in the development of young people and the friendships formed through this program can last a lifetime. The program has been proven to have a positive impact on children in multiple ways. Mentors and mentees alike benefit from being part of this organization.

For more information, call 618-664-6767 or go to the website www.bigbbsil.org.

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He is a longtime member of the American Water Works Association and the Missouri Water Resources Association.

In addition, Goss has been a member of the Glen Carbon Sanitary District for the last 25 years and recently joined the staff at the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Public Access Center.

"I have no reason to believe the position will be eliminated," said Goss. "I think that's a byproduct of how things are going in future years and just trying to make sure we maintain the current water levels and we are not in the same situation," he said.

"I think he is well known in the community and very well thought of in the community. He is very familiar with the position," Mackie said. "He provides stability in that he is very familiar with the position."