

Business Professor Jumpstarts Black Month with Ballroom/Social Dancing

Professor builds community relationship during Black History Month with ballroom/social dancing.



Knoxville, Feb 18, 2020 (Issuewire.com) - Do you want to learn how to ballroom dance or learn a Latin dance like Salsa? In February, there will be a variety of ways to learn in the area, thanks to a business professor at Oklahoma Baptist University. During Black History Month, individuals will learn some of the hottest dances in the nation... right in the Shawnee community.

When you start talking about ballroom dancing, everyone thinks about the ABC's hit show *Dancing with the Stars* that pairs up celebrities with professional dance partners in intense ballroom competition. The show features every type of ballroom and modern dance. Many people, especially women, are interested in learning to ballroom dance.

On Saturday, February 8th, Basic Ballroom Dancing 101 offered to feature at least two dances, including Rumba from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. From 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, individuals were treated to Latin dance, including Salsa and Bachata. No partner or past experience will be necessary. This beginner's class introduced participants to the basic rhythms and dance techniques. More than 60 people participated in the event that day. It exceeded the expected attendance for that day. People in the area are looking for dancing venues like this event.

The dance instructor was Dr. Daryl D. Green, who is an associate professor at the Paul Dickinson School of Business. Some people call him the dancing doctor. He and his wife have several years of social and competitive ballroom dance experience. Dr. Green loves to support dance education in the community. The first time this event was held at OBU, it attracted over a hundred people. Dr. Green notes, "I like bringing people together. Music and dance bring people together regardless of their backgrounds. Folks from the community came out in great numbers. We hope the Oklahoma Central Chapter #5056 of USA Dance Inc. is helping us in sponsoring the dance party. I just want people to come and enjoy themselves again."

Dr. Green explains the contribution of African-Americans to music and dance. Dr. Green explains, “Like arts in America, ballroom dancing has been influenced heavily by African Culture. Most people don’t understand this point. For example, swing dancing in ballroom studios is very popular. Yet, modern swing came from the Lindy Hop. Lindy took Harlem by storm in the 1920s during the height of the Harlem Renaissance.”

Sadly, there is no place for ballroom dancing in Shawnee or East Oklahoma City. Most of the ballroom dance studios are in Oklahoma City, Norman, or Edmond.

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About Dr. Green:

Dr. Daryl D. Green is a popular and respected researcher and author that has been acknowledged internationally. Dr. Green is now the Dickinson Chair at Oklahoma Baptist University. He productively writes online blogs and columns. In addition, his quotes can be easily found in various media outlets in the United States, which include BET, Ebony, Associated Press, and USA Today. Dr. Green decided to retire from his position as a senior program manager in the federal government in 2016. For more than 20 years, Dr. Green has helped both organizations and individuals to make the right decisions through his columns, seminars, and lectures.



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