

Professor links African and Latin cultures

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (NNPA) - Students at Bolton Elementary School in Winston-Salem received a global lesson on African influence in Latin cultures as part of a Black History Month program.

Recently, Krishauna Hines, a Spanish professor at Salem College, gave an Afro-Latino presentation to Bolton's Spanish classes. The presentation evolved from the two degrees she's earned in Spanish.

"I wanted to find a connection with my culture and what I was studying," said Hines, who is African-American. "In the spirit of Black History Month, I looked for a way to globalize the discussion so that it goes beyond the borders of the United States and is inclusive of the African Diaspora."

A familiar connection to African history in this country and Latin America wasn't

too hard to find, for both have a history of slavery. That is how African ancestry came about in both countries. "They got there the same way we got here," Hines said.

Even though her message is one of commonality, Hines has a greater reason for educating others about the link between the two ethnic groups.

Hines said, "The purpose of this presentation is to let African-Americans and others know that they need to become more marketable in a global economy."

Through a slide presentation, music and other forms of media, Hines showed not only the influence of African culture on Latinos, but also the influence that Afro-Latinos have on American culture. The students went into a frenzy as she highlighted the lives of Afro-Latin celebrities. Some of the names in-

cluded Alfonzo Ribeiro (Dominican actor who played Carlton on "Fresh Prince of Bel Air"), Sammy Sosa (Dominican baseball player for the Orioles), and Mariano Rivera (Panamanian pitcher for the New York Yankees).

Students were very responsive to the presentation as some played the tambourine, drums and other instruments, while others enjoyed watching the big screen.

"My favorite part was when she showed the famous Afro-Latinos," said fifth-grader Da'Sha Smith. "Some of them, I didn't know about their heritage or where they came from. I got to learn more about the famous people."

Fifth-grader Elijah Romero enjoyed a different segment of the show. "I like when they showed where slavery ended because when I learned about what they used

to do to them, I felt sorry for them," said Romero.

Another lesson that Romero learned was how diversified one race can be. "I've learned that there could be more than one descendant in a Latino. There can be White, Black or even Asian in their bloodline."

Spanish teacher Angie Nelson-Pico, who was responsible for Hines' visit, jumped at the opportunity to have Hines speak to the students.

"I want them to realize the African influence throughout the Americas, not just the United States," said Pico.

In her presentation, Hines hoped to bridge an educational gap beyond the language barrier. "I felt if they found a connection with the culture, they may see that it's more important than just learning about the language," she said. "We cannot separate

the language from the culture. They are inextricably linked."

Hines, oftentimes speaking in Spanish, explained in great detail the influence that Africans had in Latin America, not just in music,

food and dance, but in other areas as well. "I want people to know that their influences ran deeper than that," said Hines. "African influences can be found in areas of science, exploration and architecture."

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gro leagues already enshrined in Cooperstown including Cool Papa Bell, Josh Gibson, Judy Johnson, Buck Leonard, Satchel Paige and Smokey Joe Williams.

The special election was the culmination of a project begun with a \$250,000 grant from Major League Baseball in 2000 to study the history of African Americans in baseball since 1860.

"Eighteen Negro League stars had been elected prior to today's vote, but previous committees had overlooked many who were deserving," Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement. "Major League Baseball is proud to have played a part in a process that has corrected some of those omissions."

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