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BU Launches Day of Reading Program To Promote Awareness of Black History Month Among Local Elementary School Children

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Miami Shores, Fla. – In a continuing effort to sponsor events and programs that promote diversity, culture and community service, Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Student Activities at Barry University are sponsoring the first-ever Day of Reading tomorrow (Feb. 22) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Gerry Sweet Early Learning Center in Miami.

During this new, innovative program – which is being launched to coincide with Black History Month – approximately 20 BU students will travel to the Center where they will read children's books about African-American history and traditions to elementary school children. After the stories have been read, the books will be donated to the elementary school's library. Through the generosity of the Barry community, more than \$200 has been raised and more than 20 books have been donated for this event, all of which will be given to the Center. Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Student Activities are planning to make the Day of Reading an annual event.

Students will arrive at the Center approximately 10 minutes before the event begins. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to me as soon as possible. The Gerry Sweet Early Learning Center is located at 351 NW Fifth St., Miami. For more information, call Lakima Garnett or Jocelyn Sanders (305) 899-3961.

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