

# Stepping



Members of the Glenbard West team practice before the show.

Dance competition part of black history month celebration

Estefania Garcia and other members of the Highland Park group perform during the event. Traditionally a black art form, stepping has become popular with people of all ethnicities.



STEPPING is becoming more and more popular, with movies such as 'Stomp the Yard' and 'You got Served' featuring the dancing style.

For those who don't know, "Stepping is a dance-like art form that involves the precise rhythmic gestures, clapping, foot stomps, intricate steps and call and response vocals that have evolved from slave chants and line dances," according to Multicultural Affairs Specialist Julia Willis.

On Monday the college's Multicultural Student Center hosted The Black History Month High School Step Show in SRC 2800.

It was the fourth year that the college featured a stepping event, which showcased step teams from the Midwest Steppers Conference which includes Waubensee Valley, Glenbard North, Glenbard East, Glenbard West, Wheaton Warrenville North and Highland Park high schools.

Students from the Multicultural Center judged the event and declared the team from Waubensee Valley winners but according to Willis the true goal of the event was to, "show that the connectivity that has evolved from stepping within black greek letter organizations has carried over into high schools."

Student Jason Richards was one of the judges at the event. Teams were judged on a variety of fields that included originality of theme.



Zorell Perry (right) and other members of the Waubensee team talk before the event. Their theme was 'We don't need a month' meaning that they should celebrate their ethnicities at all times.



More than 100 people attended the show, which was held in SRC 2800 on Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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