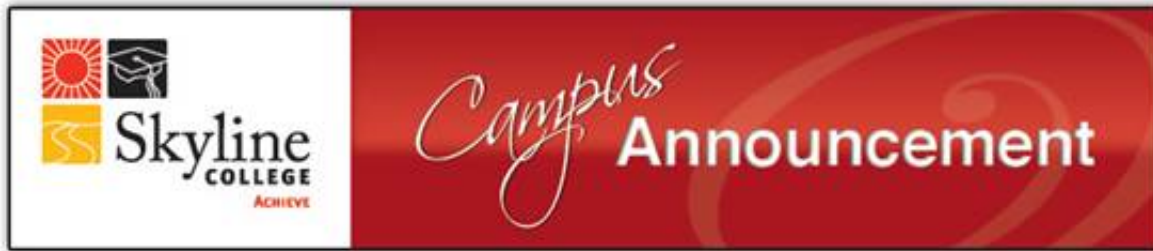


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Dear Skyline College Community:

To kick off the African American History Month, the Center for Innovative Practices through Hip Hop Education and Research (CIPHER) will be hosting a **Guest Lecture by M.K. Asante**, a best-selling author, award-winning filmmaker, Hip Hop artist, and professor who CNN calls "a master storyteller and major creative force", on **Tuesday, February 4 from 11:00-12:30pm**, followed by a book signing of his new book, *Buck*.



His critically acclaimed memoir, *Buck*, is described by Maya Angelou as "A story of surviving and thriving with passion, compassion, wit, and style." *Buck* is a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection and an NAACP Image Award – Outstanding Literary Work nominee. His other books are *It's Bigger Than Hip Hop*, *Beautiful*. And *Ugly Too*, and *Like Water Running Off My Back*.

Asante studied at the University of London, earned a BA from Lafayette College, and an MFA from the UCLA School of Film and Television. He has toured in over 40 countries and has lectured at Harvard, Yale, Stanford, as well as hundreds of other universities. He was awarded the Key to the City of Dallas, Texas.

Asante is a tenured professor of creative writing and film in the Department of English and Language Arts at Morgan State University.

Please invite your students to this "can't miss" event as described by many colleges and universities who had the opportunity to hear him speak. *Essence Magazine* has called him "the voice of the new generation."

The guest lecture will be held in Building 6, Rooms 6202-6206. It was also be streaming live on UStream.

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