

NAVY PIER *celebrates*
BLACK HISTORY
month



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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

GREAT PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

**Modern History is Unveiled at Navy Pier's Black History Celebration
Honoring the First African-American President of the United States
Barack Obama**

Featured month-long celebration includes enlarged gallery panels of commemorative photos and front page news stories featuring President Barack Obama's Victorious Journey to the White House

WHO: Navy Pier and more than 300 Chicago Public School Students

WHAT: A celebration of Black History that includes an invaluable journey into the past accomplishments of 29 African-American pioneers, including Chicago's own President Barack Obama. These pioneers have made significant contributions to the fields of medicine, science, literature, business, education, entertainment, athletics, politics and diplomacy.

WHEN: **Opening Ceremony**
Friday, January 30, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Navy Pier
Crystal Gardens
600 E. Grand Avenue
Chicago, IL

We invite you to join us and to share with your audience the specially-themed exhibit, "*Perseverance & Persistence An Exhibition of Pride*". Experience history in the making as the *Chicago Sun-Times Learning Laboratory* showcases gallery panels of commemorative photos and front page news stories that recapture the drama of the Barack Obama campaign, the excitement of election night, the elation of the Victory Rally in Grant Park and much more!

The *Opening Ceremony* will include inspiring performances by soloists James Earl Jones II, Maggie Brown and Veronica Houston, Najwa Dance Corps, Lights of Zion Gospel Mime Ministry, the Choir Academy Charter School of Chicago and a special commemorative unveiling.

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