


# Circling The Elements 2017



Circling the Elements : Encouraging the Vision Learning Community Presents

**Dr. Billy R. Close**  
**Transitional Life Skills: From MVP to PhD**



**Friday April 14, 2017**  
**10:00AM**  
**Albany State University**  
**Student Ballroom**  
**(East Campus)**

Dr. Billy R. Close is Founder & Executive Director of Beyond the Athlete and Assistant Professor in the College of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Florida State University. A former All-American and inductee in the State of Florida's Track & Field Hall of Fame, Dr. Close encourages student-athletes to pursue their purpose and passion beyond sports.






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Curious George Reading Program Presents

A Reading Session With  
*Encouraging the Vision Learning Community*

**ASU Early Learning Center**



**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Albany State University**  
**STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM**  
**(EAST CAMPUS)**



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Albany State University Department of English & Modern Languages & The 4th Annual 2017 Circling The Elements Conference: Hip Hop in Diaspora Present

**Student Keynote Speaker**  
**LaDiamond Lett, Theatre Major, Albany State University**



"Miss AhDiamond Loves the Kids:  
Learning Arts Through Mentorship"

**Friday, April 21, 2017**  
**Albany State University**  
**Student Ballroom (East Campus)**  
**9:15-10:15 am**



Albany State University Department of English & Modern Languages & The 4th Annual 2017 Circling The Elements Conference: Hip Hop in Diaspora

**PRESENTS**  
**Keynote Address**  
**Dr. Tiffany D. Pogue, Assistant Professor, Department of Teacher Education College of Education**  
**Albany State University**



"Hip Hop as Diaspora, A Theoretical Sampling"

**Albany State University**  
**Student Ballroom (East Campus)**  
**Friday April 21, 2017**  
**12:45-1:45 p.m.**



<https://circlingtheelements.wixsite.com/hip-hop-conference>

# Circling The Elements 2017

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The 4th Annual 2017 Circling The Elements Hip Hop Conference: Hip Hop  
in Diaspora Present

Featured Student  
Presenter



Kierra S. Lawrence, Albany State  
University, English Major

"From Android to Electric  
Lady: Janelle Monae as Hip  
Hop's Singing Emcee"

9:30-10:15 am

Featured Faculty  
Presenter



Dr. John Williams Jr., Assistant  
Professor, Albany State  
University

"10 Piece Wet w/ Lemon  
Pepper Sprinkles: How Hip Hop  
Can Help Solve Obesity Issues  
in the South"

10:30-11:30 pm

Albany State University  
Student Ballroom  
(East Campus)

Saturday, April 22, 2017



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Albany State University English & Modern Languages Department  
and  
The 4th Annual 2017 Circling the Elements Hip Hop Conference: Hip Hop in Diaspora Present

**MOVIE** Screening

12:40 PM  
**Saturday April 22, 2017**  
Albany State University  
Student Center Ball Room  
(East Campus)

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The 4th Annual 2017 Circling The Elements  
Hip Hop Conference: Hip Hop in Diaspora  
Presents

**The Collective: Students With Vision  
A Discussion Panel**

Chiagoziem Agu, Alicia Huff, Eleasha Davis, Dedreonna Jenkins,  
Kenyatta Severson, Matthew Roachford, Shana Few,  
Zh'Mayah Wicker

Moderated by: Prof. Andre Stefan & Taylor Brown

"Planting the Seed of Religion, Culture, and  
Media in Hip Hop"

**Albany State University  
Student Ballroom  
(East Campus)**  
3:10 - 4:10 pm  
**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

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**DUTCHMAN**  
by LeRoi Jones (Amiri Baraka)  
Directed by André Stefan & LaDiamond Lett

Friday **April 21** 7PM  
Saturday **April 22** 8PM

Albany State University East Campus  
Student Center Ballroom

**2017  
Diaspora  
Hip Hop Conference**

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