SDSU Common Read

Join the campus and community as we read, discuss, learn and grow through our exploration of The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates, by Wes Moore.

The Other Wes Moore is available at the SDSU Bookstore, and the South Dakota Art Museum.

Common Read Kickoff
September 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Volstorff Ballroom, University Student Union
Building identity through choices, awareness, community and hope will provide a thematic framework for this engaging, interactive introduction to The Other Wes Moore.

Common Read Student Panel
September 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Volstorff Ballroom, University Student Union
African American and American Indian SDSU students will share their stories, bringing a campus perspective and points of connection with The Other Wes Moore.

Common Read Open Mic Night
September 19, 8:00 p.m., Jack’s Place, University Student Union
The role of music, particularly rap and hip hop, is highlighted in The Other Wes Moore. Lend your voice in poetry or song or just come and listen to some of SDSU’s most talented students.

Getting Past Misunderstanding
September 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Bailey Rotunda G
Local attorney Michael Taylor will present and lead a discussion of issues relating to social and criminal justice associated with the common read.

A Conversation Inspired by Wes Moore
September 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Volstorff Ballroom, University Student Union
Business consultant, motivational speaker, and former Rapid City Councilman Malcom Chapman will incorporate common read themes into his engaging, humorous, and inspiring address.

Diversity Potluck
October 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m., McCrory Gardens Education and Visitors Center
“Diversity is You, Me, and The Other” is the topic for Sam Jennings’ presentation at this annual potluck featuring local foods with an international fair. Those attending should bring a dish to share. Sponsored by the Brookings Human Rights Committee.

Common Read Film: Hoop Dreams
October 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Bailey Rotunda D
Jackrabbits’ Men’s Basketball Coach Scott Nagy and some of SDSU’s own “hoop dreamers” will introduce this award-winning documentary about the role of basketball in the life of inner-city African American communities.

Poverty Simulation
October 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m., First Lutheran Church gymnasium
This interactive simulation will expose students to some of the challenges and realities of living in poverty. Space is limited. Pre-registration (via email to Sandra.newman@sdstate.edu) is required by October 15.

Hunger Banquet
November 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Volstorff Ballroom, University Student Union
Experience a meal based upon world food distribution, and learn about hunger in our community; gain additional insights into these realities, based in the context of the common read. Tickets available after October 5 from the Honors College, $2.00 each. Proceeds will go to the Brookings Harvest Table.

The Importance of Youth Mentoring
November 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Brookings City/County Building
Mentors, mentees, and local community leaders will discuss the important role of mentoring in the lives of young people and the broader community. Sponsored by the Brookings Human Rights Committee.

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates
November 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Larson Memorial Concert Hall, Performing Arts Center
Rhodes Scholar, White House Fellow, US Army combat veteran, author and hero of our common read, Wes Moore, will cap our series, sharing his inspiring story at the Griffith Honors Forum Lecture. Free tickets required for admission, available at sdstate.edu/Griffith, October 5. Sponsored by the Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College.