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Invitation to Participate in the Swahili Day 2025 High School Dance Competition

The Marafiki Center is excited to host the **4th Annual Swahili Day** on **June 7th, 2025**, from 4 - 9 pm at the **BCTC Newtown Campus** in Lexington!

This annual celebration creates a vibrant space to showcase and uplift the growing African cultural presence in our community. One of the major highlights of the day will be our **Dance Competition**, featuring talented students from various high schools across the area.

We invite your school or dance team to take part in this exciting cultural showcase! The competition will highlight traditional and modern African-inspired dance styles, offering students a chance to express creativity, pride, and unity through movement.

🌟 Dance Competition Judging Criteria:

Performances will be evaluated based on the following:

1. **Cultural Representation**
 - How well does the performance reflect African culture through dance, music, and costume?
2. **Audience Engagement**
 - How does the audience react? Is the performance captivating, exciting, or moving?
3. **Creativity and Originality**
 - Does the choreography bring something new and imaginative while honoring cultural roots?
4. **Technique and Synchronization**
 - Are the dancers coordinated, confident, and expressive?
5. **Stage Presence and Energy**
 - Does the group light up the stage with passion and confidence?

🏆 Awards and Recognition:

To honor the hard work and talent of all participating teams, we are offering the following:

- **1st Place:** \$300 cash prize + trophy
- **2nd Place:** \$200 cash prize + trophy
- **3rd Place:** \$100 cash prize + trophy

🇰🇪 **All participating dancers will receive a commemorative T-shirt** for their performance and contribution to celebrating African culture!

✅ **Register by May 1, 2025, through this [Online Form - Click Here.](#)**

Questions? Contact Astral Chiruzo, Youth Club Facilitator, 859-300-9587, astral@marafikicenter.org