MLK Celebration 2015 - The Courage to Dream: The Determination to Achieve flyer

Western Michigan University
The courage to dream:
The determination to achieve
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Jan. 14 through April 18

For additional MLK event information, visit
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Wednesday, Jan. 14

WMU/Kalamazoo Public Schools Social Justice Book Bowl
5 p.m.
Linden Grove Middle School
Elimination competition for middle and high school students from surrounding area school districts.

Thursday, Jan. 15

“The Legacy of Dr. King 46 years later: Where are we on Affirmative Action? Are we living the same reality?”
Room 4240, Student Commons Theater
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Speaker: Buddy Hannah; poet, author and radio commentator for “Talk It Up,” 95.5 FM in Kalamazoo.

Friday, Jan. 16

Community Reflection
11 a.m.
Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College

Saturday, Jan. 17

Public School Students’ Visitation
9 a.m. registration
East Ballroom, Bernhard Center
Open to middle and high school students and parents and guardians from Kalamazoo Public Schools and surrounding school districts.

Workshops at the Lee Honors College include:
For high school students, “The Courage to Create: Writers and Writing for Social Justice.”
For all participants, “Fostering Creativity: Supporting Your (and Your Child’s) Courage to Create.”

Sunday, Jan. 18

The 29th Annual Northside Ministerial Alliance Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
4 p.m.
Galilee Baptist Church, 1216 N. Westnedge Ave.
Keynote: Dr. Forrest Harris, president of American Baptist College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Monday, Jan. 19

City of Kalamazoo Communitywide Day of Service
8 a.m.
Meet at City Hall, 241 W. South St.
Volunteer opportunities available at kalamazooicity.org/mlk or go.volunteerkalamazoo.org/aam/general/event/?doc_id=1220
 Convocation:
10:50 a.m.
Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College

March to MLK Park
Start at 3:30 p.m. at the flagpole at Kanley Chapel, WMU; to Kalamazoo College Red Square, corner of Thompson and Academy streets, at 4 p.m.; to MLK Park, corner of Rose Street and West Michigan Avenue, at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Teach-In: Police Violence, Racism and Social Justice
5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations, Welborn Hall
Reception hosted by the Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations, in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences.
6:15 to 6:30 p.m., teach-in begins with brief plenary presentations by Lee Walker and Tim Ready.
6:30 to 8 p.m., facilitated discussions led by WMU faculty members.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Courage to Create Poetry Competition: Final Round
6:30 to 9 p.m.
WMU Center for the Humanities, 2500 knauss Hall
Kalamazoo Public Schools semifinalists will perform poetry on the theme “Confronting Injustice.”
A reception will follow the event.
A reception for the student poets, K-12 teachers, local writers, competition judges and families will follow the event. Special guest orators and community leaders will also perform poetry at the event.
Sponsors: WMU Center for the Humanities, WMU Lee Honors College, WMU Office of the Vice President for Research, WMU Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Saturday, April 18

Emerging HOPE
Family Strengthening Program
8th Annual Mental Health Forum
1 to 4 p.m.
VanDuesen Room
Kalamazoo Public Library, downtown branch
Keynote: Rev. Joan Cornelison, executive director Pastoral Services at Hope Network Leadership Center, will speak about “Making Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities a Priority.”
Following the keynote, participants can attend one of three educational free workshops: “Medicaid and Mental Health Rights,” “Embracing People with Mental Illness and Developmental Disabilities within the Church” or “Visioning: Planning a Future For and With Your Family Member with a Dual Diagnosis.”
Workshop registration and attendance is free. An application has been submitted for State Continuing Education Clock Hours and WMU Continuing Education Units. Credit will be offered for all workshops and keynote address, pending approval. There is a fee for both SCECHs and WMU CEUs of $15 per participant.
Registration: surveymonkey.com/s/XQ9LPK7
More information: (269) 205-3386 or emerginghope@gmail.com.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
This year’s annual communitywide celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. is centered on the theme “The courage to dream: The determination to achieve” The 2015 celebration is being sponsored by WMU’s MLK Committee, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo’s Northside Ministerial Alliance and the City of Kalamazoo.

Committee Mission and Inspiration
• to pay homage to a great cultural and racial American hero;
• to promote inclusiveness within the Greater Kalamazoo community;
• to bring together individuals, institutions, businesses, government, faith and civic groups, and assist them in recognizing the value that inclusion brings to our community.

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