WHAT IS YOUR POSITION

IN TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY?

Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration 2018
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and the surrounding school districts.

open to families from Kalamazoo Public Schools of fun and educational workshops. The event is

Bernhard Center East Ballroom, Western registration
8:45 a.m. SATURDAY, JAN. 13

Speakers include Kalamazoo College students, Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College

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

Teach-in "Addressing Threats to Justice, Climate, Civil Rights, and World Peace: A Day of Learning and Action," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bernhard Center, Western Michigan University For more information, contact allen.webb@wmich.edu.

Convocation, 10:50 a.m. Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College

Speaker is Mariame Kaba, organizer, speaker and author whose work focuses on ending violence, disrupting the prison industrial complex, transformative justice and supporting youth leadership development. She is also the founding director of Project NIA, a grassroots organization dedicated to ending youth incarceration, and the co-founder of the Chicago Freedom School. For more information, contact Natalia Carvalho-Pinto, (269) 337-7208 or ncarvalh@kzoo.edu.

Pre-MLK Walk Lunch Discussion, 1 p.m. Kanley Chapel Dialogue Center.

Participants gather to engage in discussion surrounding the differences and similarities between the Civil Rights era and today. Posters will be available for decorating as well as food and hot chocolate. For more information, contact (269) 387-2506 or kanley-staff@wmich.edu.

Commemorative Walk, 3:30 p.m. Gather at WMU Kanley Chapel, proceed to Kalamazoo College Red Square, then MLK Park in downtown Kalamazoo. At the park, there will be a short keynote address, brief remarks by college students and a song led by community members.

Community Celebration, immediately following Commemorative Walk, approximately 5 to 6 p.m. State Theatre, 404 S. Burdick Ave., Kalamazoo

Hot chocolate and cookies are provided while viewing highlights of the week as well as local entertainment. Sponsored by Bronson Healthcare and Borgess Ascension. For more information, contact Mikka Dryer, (269) 341-8323, or Sister Sue McCrery, (269) 226-5937.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 11

"The Courage to Create" poetry reading and competition awards reception, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Trime Building Multicultural Center, Western Michigan University

The Courage to Create Program is a writing and research competition designed to encourage the love of reading, promote literacy and immerse students in topics of social justice. Each student is responsible for reading two books, including one fiction and one non-fiction selection. Students read the assigned books and prepare with their coaches and teammates for the competition.

Refreshments served at 5:30 p.m. Both competitions began in October and culminate in January.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

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

Speakers include Kalamazoo College students, faculty, staff and administrators.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

Public School Students’ Visitations, 8:45 a.m. registration
Bernhard Center East Ballroom, Western Michigan University

High school and middle school students and families have the opportunity to attend a variety of fun and educational workshops. The event is open to families from Kalamazoo Public Schools and the surrounding school districts.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

Northside Ministerial Alliance 32nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, 4 p.m. Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 120 Roberson St., Kalamazoo

Keynote speaker is Pastor Jonathan Tremaine Thomas of Destiny Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

MONDAY, JAN. 15

City of Kalamazoo Communitywide Day of Service, 8 a.m.
Kalamazoo City Hall, 241 W. South St.

Volunteer opportunities are available at volunteer.kalamazoo.org.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 16

National Day of Racial Healing
Visit facebook.com/thedayofheal or kalfound.org or contact Lanna Lewis at lswies@kalfound.org for updates on ways to participate and local activities hosted by Kalamazoo Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation.

Presentation of Dr. Lewis Walker Youth Social Justice Award Winners, 7 p.m. Kalamazoo City Hall, during the City Commission meeting

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

Student Summit, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sangren Hall, Western Michigan University

This free opportunity will serve to engage and develop student leaders as it relates to their student involvement, post-grad success and academic achievement. This short summit will feature stimulating sessions that engage participants on the following pillars: leadership, advocacy and legacy. Similar to a conference, there will be breakout sessions including a keynote from WMU Trustee Dr. William Pickard, founder and chairman of Global Automotive Alliance.

Registration is required at tinyurl.com/BL52018.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

Guest Speaker Dar Hayweather, CEO Good Mayweather Consulting, "The Easiest Conversation on Race," 11 a.m. 4240 Student Commons, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Emerging HOPE Family Strengthening Program Mental Health Forum, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Community Advocates, 3901 Emerald Drive, Kalamazoo

The forum features a keynote address by Kevin Fischer, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Fischer is the founder of the Domincine Fischer Memorial Foundation. He is dedicated to eliminating the stigma of mental illness, which he considers the leading barrier to early diagnoses and treatment. Following the keynote, participants can attend one of three educational workshops.

Mental health agency booths will be set up. Lunch will be provided, and event t-shirts will be given to the first 100 registered participants. State Continuing Education Clock Hours and WMU Continuing Education Units will be offered for all workshops and keynote address. There is a fee for both SCECHs and WMU CEUs of $15 per participant. Registration is $25 with limited scholarships available. To register, visit surveymonkey.com/s/xQ9LP7K or emerginghopeps.org. For more information, contact Curtis Robinson Sr. or Dr. Pamela Robinson at (269) 205-3356.