



## NEWS ADVISORY

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## **DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

### ***Silent march, program and service project scheduled for Jan. 20***

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich, Jan. 15, 2014** - On Monday, Jan. 20, Davenport University students, faculty and staff will celebrate and honor the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a silent march around the W.A. Lettinga Campus with a program and reception to follow.

“Across the country, people of all ages and backgrounds will come together to improve lives, bridge social barriers, and move our nation closer to the "Beloved Community" that Dr. King envisioned,” said Dr. Rhae Anne Booker, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. “We would like Davenport University students to have a similar experience on this very important day.”

**All media are invited to attend.**

**WHAT:**

Davenport University Honors Martin Luther King, Jr.

**WHEN:**

**Monday, January 20**

**12:30 p.m. | Silent March**

Wilbur A. & Sharon L. Lettinga Auditorium, W.A. Lettinga Campus – 6191 Kraft Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49512

**1 p.m. | MLK Celebration & Call to Action**

Wilbur A. & Sharon L. Lettinga Auditorium, W.A. Lettinga Campus

Reflections from Davenport’s students, faculty, staff and community featuring keynote speaker Patrick Miles Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan.

**4:00-6:00 p.m. | MLK Day Service Project**

David D. Hunting YMCA – 475 Lake Michigan Drive NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Davenport University students will participate in a community service project.

**6:30-8:30 p.m. | 28th Annual Commemoration**

GRCC Ford Fieldhouse – 111 Lyon Street, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Davenport University co-sponsors and plans this annual event along with Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State University and other local community representatives. This intercollegiate event will

feature keynote speaker Chuck D, the leader and co-founder of the legendary rap group Public Enemy, the author of two critically acclaimed books, and a political activist, publisher, radio host and producer.

**Tuesday, January 21**

**10 a.m. | Guest Lecture featuring Chuck D**

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**About Davenport University**

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving more than 10,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience and more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology and health professions. More information is available at [www.davenport.edu](http://www.davenport.edu).

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