



## NEWS ADVISORY

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### **DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. *Silent march, program and service project scheduled for Jan. 18***

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich, Jan. 11, 2016** - On Monday, Jan. 18, 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.

“We are proud to annually host this celebration of diversity, community and improvement, and to honor the significant contributions and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” said Dr. Rhae-Ann Booker, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. “On this day each year we have an opportunity to come together as a community and be reminded that we all can make a positive impact.”

**All media are invited to attend.**

**WHAT:**

Davenport University Honors Martin Luther King, Jr.

**WHEN:**

**Monday, January 18**

**12:00 p.m. | MLK Celebration**

Wilbur A. & Sharon L. Lettinga Auditorium, W.A. Lettinga Campus  
Reflections from Davenport’s students, faculty, staff and community featuring keynote speaker Stephen R. Drew, Senior Partner at Drew, Cooper & Anding in Grand Rapids.

**1:00 p.m. | Silent March**

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

**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 p.m. – 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 Touré, Iconic Journalist, Culture Critic, and TV Host.

**Tuesday, January 19**

**10 a.m. | Guest Lecture featuring Touré**

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

**About Davenport University**

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving nearly 9,000 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, health professions and urban education. More information is available at

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