

News Release

Red River Valley Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The annual community-wide Red River Valley Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held at the University of Minnesota Crookston on Monday, January 15, 2018. The day's events commence at 10:30 a.m. with a Unity Walk beginning at the Crookston Inn and ending on campus at the Kiehle Auditorium with a celebration program. Everyone is invited to join the walk and the celebration and lunch that follow.

The celebration program includes speeches, performances, and the announcement of the Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Award. The award is a special honor that was first presented in 2013. It recognizes a Red River Valley native or resident who has actively impacted their community by promoting diversity, multiculturalism, equality, and human rights through demonstrated leadership, service, and advocacy on behalf of underrepresented populations and diverse individuals.

This year's program participants include Emery St. John, Native Drummer from GF; Cooper High School Step Team from Minneapolis; Dalton Javner, CSA President, UMC Choir and UMC Pop Choir; Fresh Voices Latino Digital Artists from Crookston; Grand Forks Air Force Base Youth with "I am " speeches; the Gospel Outreach Choir; Dale Knoteck representing Crookston Civil Organizations; and the UMC Black Student Association.

A free lunch social follows the celebration program in Brown Dining Room.

The Red River Valley Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Crookston Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs, Crookston campus academic departments, and student clubs in collaboration with regional community partners.

For more information, contact Lorna Hollowell, U of M Crookston director of Diversity and Multicultural Programs at lhollowe@umn.edu or 218-281-8580.

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