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Included below is a press release regarding Ferris State University student Cheytaya Brown of Detroit. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Cheyta Brown recipient of Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award

BIG RAPIDS – The second annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award was presented to Cheytaya Brown of Detroit on Jan. 20 during the Ferris State University Legacy Ball. Also receiving the award was Kaiya Hamilton of Detroit.

The MLK Legacy Award was established in 2006 to honor students who exemplify excellence in leadership, passion for service and have demonstrated a commitment to social responsibility in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Brown created a student organization called S.T.A.N.D. (Students Taking Action and Nurturing Diversity) in the Fall of 2006. Her goal was to create an organization on campus that anyone could be a part of, regardless of their background.

Prior to S.T.A.N.D., Brown led a program entitled “Dive Into Diversity.” Various issues of diversity based on race, socioeconomic status, religion and gender were discussed among students, faculty and staff as part of the program. She is also an organizer for the Image Awards, a ceremony spotlighting students, faculty and staff in the FSU community who have exhibited excellence and achievement.

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