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Included below is a press release regarding Ferris State University student Kaiya Hamilton of Eaton Rapids. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Kaiya Hamilton recipient of Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award

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

Hamilton is currently interning with Schneider Electric in Palatine, Ill., and will be receiving her bachelor's degree in Television and Digital Media Productions.

She is a member and founder of the student organization First Expressions, an outlet for students to express their thoughts and feelings in art, poetry, song or story.

Last year, she published a book, *Wiser Than Young*, a collection of poetry reflecting her experiences. Her second book, *Waiting for Rain*, was published in the Spring of 2006.

Hamilton's other accomplishments are being named 2005 Homecoming Queen and being a recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Team Award. She volunteered as a Scholar Peer Mentor and is also a member of the Women's Theatre Alliance in Chicago.

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