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Included below is a press release detailing Martin Luther King Jr. Week 2007 at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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MLK Jr. Week 2007 kicks off Sunday at Ferris State University

BIG RAPIDS – BIG RAPIDS – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week 2007 will kick off on Sunday at 2 p.m. with the annual MLK March across Ferris State University's Big Rapids campus, beginning at Merrill/Travis Hall and ending at the Rankin Student Center Lobby with refreshments. Events will continue through Jan. 21 honoring the late civil rights leader.

"Martin Luther King believed in peace and service and unity," said Karyn Benner, Ferris Office of Minority Affairs College Day-Special Programs coordinator. "True peace comes from service. On Monday, which is a day off – it is a day to realize you can be a part of diversity through participation and integrating ideas."

Added Karen GreenBay, Ferris SCHOLAR Program coordinator, it is amazing to see the unity between not only Ferris faculty, staff and students but between the campus and the community.

Planned events include the following:

Sunday, Jan. 14

- 2 p.m. – Annual MLK March. Begins at Merrill/Travis Hall.
- 6 p.m. – Society of Minorities in Hospitality Management Dinner. Located in Café Ferris. Free.

Monday, Jan. 15

- 10 a.m. – Faculty, staff tribute. Rankin 238.
- Noon to 5 p.m. – Community Service Activity with Crafters Anonymous. Rankin Student Center Dome Room.
- Noon to 6 p.m. – MLK Basketball Tournament. Student Recreation Center.
- Noon to 7 p.m. – Tunnel of Oppression. Rankin 153/155.
- 1 to 4 p.m. – Jim Crow Museum Tour. Groups meet in the Dome Room on the hour.
- 7 p.m. – Student Tribute. Rankin Student Center Dome Room.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Tunnel of Oppression. Rankin 153/155.

- 11 a.m. – Presentation. Race: The Power of Illusion. Rankin 239.
- 7 p.m. – T. Gardner from Pinpoints Theatre, “the most authentic voice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,” presents “A Dream Deferred.” Rankin Student Center Dome Room.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Tunnel of Oppression. Rankin 153/155.
- 7 p.m. – Jim Ellis presents “Instilling Pride One Lap at a Time.” Rankin Student Center Dome Room.

Thursday, Jan. 18

- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Tunnel of Oppression. Rankin 153/155.
- 11 a.m. – Presentation. “What’s Race Got to Do With It?” Rankin Student Center Dome Room.
- 7 p.m. – Religious Roundtable Panel Discussion. Rankin 252.

Friday, Jan. 19

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Tunnel of Oppression. Rankin 153/155.
- 11:30 a.m. – Presentation. Food for Thought: White Privilege Activity and Discussion. Rankin Student Center Dome Room.
- 7 p.m. – Movie Showing. “Higher Learning.” Pharmacy 101.

Sunday, Jan. 21

- 4:30 p.m. – Circle Unbroken. Immanuel Lutheran Church.

For further information about MLK week activities, contact Benner at 591-5042 or GreenBay at 591-5034.

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