## 19th Annual DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Breakfast

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice

everywhere."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Friday, January 29, 2021 | 9-11am



# WELCOME

Welcome to the Nineteenth Annual UMass Dartmouth Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast.

This event provides us the opportunity to gather as one community to celebrate the legacy of one of America's greatest social justice pioneers.

This year's theme "A Call to Action: Then and Now" will center on the importance of social and political activism to effectuate change both during the era of Dr. King and the present. Dr. King's strategy of non-violent resistance and interracial cooperation and collaboration enabled him and his allies to fight against institutional racism in the Jim Crow South of the United States. Dr. King's generation did their part. Fortunately for us, Dr. King left us with a blueprint and the tools to do our part!

#### Program

#### Welcome & Opening Remarks

David A. Gomes, Chief Diversity Officer Dakeyla Johnson, Crime & Justice Studies Major/Black Studies Minor -Class of 2022

#### **Musical Selection**

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" by Dr. James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson Designated by the NAACP as "The Black National Anthem "Performed by UMass Dartmouth D'SWORD Gospel Choir - Accompanied by Unique Sound Band

#### Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Final Speech

*"I've Been To The Mountaintop"* delivered on April 3, 1968, Mason Temple, Memphis, TN *-NewsPoliticsInfo* (YouTube)

#### Introduction of Chancellor

David A. Gomes, Chief Diversity Officer

#### **Chancellor's Remarks**

Dr. Mark A. Fuller

#### **Musical Selection**

"Lean on Me" by Bill Withers Performed by Candida Rose Baptista

#### Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dakeyla Johnson, Crime & Justice Studies Major/Black Studies Minor -Class of 2022

#### Keynote Address/Moderated Question & Answer Session

Tamika D. Mallory, Co-Chair of 2017 Women's March and Co-Founder of Until Freedom

#### **Musical Selection**

"Everlasting God" by William Murphy Performed by UMass Dartmouth D'SWORD Gospel Choir -Accompanied by Unique Sound Band

#### **Closing Remarks**

Mark Preble, Chief Operating Officer

#### **Musical Selection**

"We Shall Overcome" by Peter Seeger Performed by Candida Rose Baptista

#### **Musical Guest**

**Candida Rose Baptista**, an American-born Cape Verdean, is a vocalist, songwriter, entertainer, music and cultural educator, as well as a mother and grandmother.

Candida is an alumna of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music, specializing in African-American/World music performance and a minor in African-American Studies. She also earned a graduate degree from the University of Massachusetts Boston. She holds a Master of Science in Transnational, Cultural, and Community Studies, now known as Critical Ethnic and Community Studies.

In addition to her work with various jazz, R&B, and Cape Verdean musical groups through her company Golden Rose Music, Candida spends her days traveling the southcoast region of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as a Life Enrichment Entertainer. She shares her gift of song at nursing homes, assisted living and adult day care facilities, as well as for various senior groups and associations.



Her 10-song debut CD entitled "KabuMerikana: The Sum of Me", combines her Cape Verdean musical roots with her American (primarily jazz) influences, a mixture she calls "KabuJazz".

It is said that Candida captivates her audiences and stirs them with a uniquely compelling voice that combines the overtones and undertones of jazz, rhythm and blues, and gospel with just the right touch of international spice.

### Keynote Speaker

Tamika D. Mallory,

Award-winning social justice leader and activist

Tamika D. Mallory, is a Harlem born award-winning social justice leader, activist, and mother. Quick-witted, strategic, and bold, Tamika speaks truth to power no matter the consequences. She is being hailed as one of the most influential Black voices of our generation.

Tamika served as the youngest ever Executive Director of the National Action Network and was instrumental in the creation of the New York City's Crisis Management System, an official gun violence prevention program that awards nearly \$27 million to violence prevention organizations annually.

Tamika continues to make history when she helped shepherd the largest single day demonstration, the 2017 Women's March on Washington serving as one of its four national co-chairs. Most recently, she co-founded Until Freedom, an intersectional social justice organization that serves as a clearing house for organizers, activists, movement attorneys, artists, celebrities and formerly incarcerated individuals. Tamika also co-hosts Street Politicians podcast on iHeart Radio's Black Effect Network.

Tamika's expertise lies in the areas of civil and human rights issues including extensive work around equal rights for women, economic empowerment, gun violence, criminal justice reform and police accountability. Tamika has been honored as one of Time's 100's Most Influential People in the world as well as featured on Fortune's 2017 list of the World's Greatest Leaders.

Tamika has been dubbed the Sojourner Truth of our time. She is a world-renowned sought-after speaker, the author of a highly anticipated book State of Emergency, a movement strategist and a brilliant media commentator and organizer that mixes street smarts with policy to engage the most marginalized communities.

## **REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** was born into a ministerial family. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA serving from 1914 to 1931; his father served from 1931 to 1971. From 1960 until his death, Martin, Jr. acted as his co-pastor. Martin, Jr. attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of 15. He received a B.A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Black institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather graduated. In 1951, he graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of the senior class. In 1955, he completed a PhD. in systematic theology at Boston University. It was in Boston that he met and married Coretta Scott, with whom he had two sons and two daughters.

In 1954, Martin Luther King, Jr. accepted the pastorate of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. In December of 1955, he led the first great nonviolent demonstration in U.S. history. The Montgomery Bus Boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, the Supreme Court of the United States declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses.

In 1957, King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide leadership for the Civil Rights Movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity and its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the 11-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over 2,500 times. In these years, he led a massive protest that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the civil rights movement. He organized voting rights drives in Alabama and directed the March on Washington, D.C., where he delivered his "I Have a Dream;" address. He was arrested upwards of 20 times and assaulted at least four times. He was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of Black America, but also a world figure

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King, Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would donate the \$54,123 prize money to the furtherance of the Civil Rights Movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

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