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MCCC TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WITH TWO-DAY CELEBRATION

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his contributions to racial justice and equality with a two-day celebration on Jan. 16 and 17.

Celebration VII, a production of music, dance, and readings honoring King, will be held on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 3:30 p.m. in the La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater. Admission is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 3 p.m.

The celebration will include performances by several local organizations and artists:

- Musical arrangements by Monroe High School's Generations of Sound, City of Faith Quartet, Mario Jeter, Madison McElvaney and the Martin Luther King Celebration Community Unity choir
- Dance numbers by the Peg Harris Dance Studio and the Arthur Lesow Community Center Dance Troupe
- Spoken word by Manuel "Lito" Mendez, Clarence Smith, the Green Growers Group 4-H Club and Arthur Lesow Community Center Kids Club

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Additional performances will include background reading by Meadow Montessori School and more dance and musical routines by “Monroe’s Got Talent.”

Celebration VII is sponsored by La-Z-Boy, Green Growers Group 4-H Club, Monroe County Library System, Arthur Lesow Community Center, City of Hope Community Development Corporation and the Monroe County Community College Diversity Committee.

Monday, Jan. 17 will feature a **Service/Volunteer and Diversity Fair** that will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in two locations: on Main Campus in the Warrick Student Services/Administration Building and at the Whitman Center in Temperance.

The **service/volunteer fair** will host a variety of volunteer and non-profit organizations who will offer information on the volunteering opportunities in Monroe. Information tables will be set up with representatives from American Red Cross Monroe County Chapter, El-Shaddai Counseling and Consultation Services, Monroe Center for Healthy Aging, Mercy Memorial Hospital and Learning Bank Network.

The **diversity fair** will cover discriminatory issues such as race, age, gender, post-9/11 discrimination, height/weight and sexual orientation. Several MCCC student clubs will be represented, as well as the Muslim, Native American and African American communities.

In addition, a **diversity-related dance** will be performed by the MCCC Student Dance Club in the Dining Room on Main Campus from noon to 1 p.m., and **several short films and a discussion** will take place from 1-2 p.m. in the Dining Room on Main Campus. The films will highlight King’s impact on contemporary society and diversity/inclusion. Tiffany Wright, an MCCC assistant professor, will be leading the discussion.

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The Service/Volunteer and Diversity Fair is made possible by collaboration between MCCC and several local organizations: American Red Cross Monroe County Chapter, El-Shaddai Counseling and Consultation Services, Monroe Center on Health Aging, Learning Bank Network, Mercy Memorial Hospital, Arthur Lesow Community Center, La-Z-Boy, Inc., and Green Growers Group 4-H Club.

About Monroe County Community College

Founded in 1964, Monroe County Community College is a public, two-year institution supported by tax monies from Monroe County, educational funds from the State of Michigan and student tuition.

The college's mission is to provide a variety of higher educational opportunities to enrich the lives of the residents of Monroe County. The Main Campus is located on South Raisinville Road in central Monroe County with easy access to Toledo and Detroit. The Whitman Center is located in Temperance, near the Ohio-Michigan Border. Information about MCCC is available at

www.monroecc.edu.

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