Lehigh's Martin Luther King Celebration  
January 19, 2015

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

Over the next two weeks, the Lehigh community will come together to honor the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who dedicated his life to the pursuit of a just and equitable society. In addition to activities in the local community, such as an event organized by the Bethlehem chapter of the NAACP, the university’s MLK Committee has developed a number of programs focused on the theme of social justice.

The capstone social justice event will be a talk on January 28 by highly acclaimed civil rights lawyer, advocate and legal scholar Michelle Alexander, the New York Times best-selling author of The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness.

Dr. King once said, “Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

At Lehigh, we are fortunate to be a community of scholars who continue to examine these important issues and share their knowledge of and passion for social justice. I encourage all of you to be a part of these discussions as we continue to celebrate Dr. King’s work, sacrifices and vision for a better society.

For more information about our MLK events, please visit the web page at: http://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/mlk.

Sincerely,

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