



respect, collaboration and appreciation of our differences and similarities

Moving Forward Through Looking Back

Honoring the 40th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination and the 20th year of the Business and Finance Diversity Committee

"Those who don't learn from history are destined to repeat it."

The Business and Finance Diversity Committee (BFDC) would like to request your support in promoting attendance at this year's MLK Convocation. We learned from our recent BFDC survey how important it is that employees hear directly from supervisors about their participation.

In honor of our 20th year celebration of Martin Luther King day, we have chosen the theme "Moving Forward through Looking Back". Through this year's engaging activities and events, we are exploring what Dr. Martin Luther King as a historic figure and the Civil Rights movement mean to us in the University community, as well as drawing inspiration from actions that others have taken during this time.

2008 B&F MLK Convocation January 21, 2008 1:00-4:00 Power Center Keynote Presentation

"An Afternoon with Martin and Langston"

Featuring dramatic presentations by Ben Vereen and Felix Justice

The Convocation will begin with a mini-documentary featuring UM/B&F employees (former and current) sharing reflections from being on UM campus during 1965-1973. The main presenters will then draw the audience inside the worlds of two of the greatest orators of the 20th century: Martin Luther King, Jr., and Langston Hughes. The presentation begins as Justice transforms into the legendary civil-rights leader through recitation of Dr. King's most memorable speeches, recreating the power of the man and his message. Justice then introduces "an old friend of mine I think you may have heard of," and Vereen portrays one of the great American writers in modern history, Langston Hughes. Following their respective performances, Justice joins Vereen on stage for a question-and-answer session. At the completion of the program, we will once again join in a celebratory reception. For information on a similar presentation, see Website:

<http://www.greatertalent.com/speakers/speakers.php?speakerid=655>

Remaining BFDC Calendar:

- **January 21** – 1-3:00 MLK Convocation 3-4:00 Reception – Power Center (busses from WT at 12:15 and 12:30, returning 3:30 and 4:00)
- **February 28** —8:30-10:00 "Unintentional Intolerance: What Nice People Need to Know" Steve Robbins Keynote, Rackham Auditorium (co sponsored with University Housing and Division of Student Affairs)

Questions? Please contact bfdc@umich.edu



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