DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Birthday Celebration
4:00 p.m., Sunday, January 15, 2006
Georgia Perimeter College
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10th annual

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Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
2340 Clifton Springs Road
Decatur, Georgia 30034
EVENT HISTORY

Former college president Dr. Jacquelyn M. Belcher initiated the Georgia Perimeter College Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration in 1996 as a way to celebrate Dr. King’s birthday and to “make a difference” in the community. This year marks the program’s 10th anniversary. The National Association of College Auxiliary Services recognized the event in 2002 with the Golden Award, which acknowledges the nation’s best for a program promoting cultural awareness and inclusion. The event also won a bronze medal in 2000 in the poster division contest of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, which represents two-year and technical colleges in the Southeast and a first place regional award for NCMPR in the promotional campaign category.

Georgia Perimeter’s MLK celebration is one of the largest in the nation. This year’s celebration features Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Children’s Center.

Previous Speakers
1997 - Spike Lee, Director
1998 - Maya Angelou, Poet
1999 - Kweisi Mfume, former NAACP President
2000 - Juan Williams, Journalist
2001 - Judge Glenda Hatchett, TV Courtroom Show Judge
2002 - James Earl Jones, Actor
2003 - Phylicia Rashad, Actress
2003 - John Lewis, U.S. Congressman
2004 - Danny Glover, Actor
2004 - Felix Justice, Actor
2005 - Russell Simmons, Urban Entrepreneur

Each year the celebration includes the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award, presented to a corporation and an individual for outstanding community service. In conjunction with the event, the college also recruits volunteers among faculty, staff and students for service projects. To register for a volunteer project visit www.gpc.edu/~gpccsl. For more information about the Georgia Perimeter College Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration visit www.gpc.edu/mlk.
PROGRAM

Prelude ............. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church Music Department
Mr. Earnest “Chip” Norman, Minister of Music

Procession ............. Harmony: Atlanta’s International Youth Chorus
Ms. Joyce Ketchie Carr McDonald, Music Director

Invocation .......................... Reverend Jerry D. Black
Pastor, Beulah Missionary Baptist Church

Student Welcome ............. Ms. Theresa Godbold
President, GPC Rockdale Center Student Government Association

Alumni Welcome ............. Ms. Gloria S. Butler
Georgia State Senator

Mistress of Ceremony .................. Ms. Xernona Clayton
President and CEO, Trumpet Awards Foundation

Musical Selection ............. DeKalb Symphony Chamber Orchestra
Mr. Fyodor Cherniavsky, Interim Music Director/Conductor

Soloist ............................. Ms. Crystal M. Harris
“This River”
Accompanied by the DeKalb Symphony Chamber Orchestra

“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” (see p. 11)
Accompanied by Mr. Earnest “Chip” Norman & Audience

Recognition of Dr. Jacquelyn M. Belcher ............. Mr. Robert E. Watts
Interim President, Georgia Perimeter College

Humanitarian Awards .................. Mr. Robert E. Watts

Corporate Award Presenter ............. Mr. Bill McCargo
Vice President for Corporate Community Relations
Scientific-Atlanta

Corporate Award Recipient .................. Wachovia
Mr. Bill Linginfelter, Georgia CEO

Individual Award Presenter ............. Mr. Timothy C. Tuff
Chairman, President and CEO, John H. Harland Company

Individual Award Recipient ............. Dr. Earl and Ms. Carolyn Glenn
Founders, ACE III Communications, Inc.

Musical Selection ............. Harmony: Atlanta’s International Youth Chorus

Introduction of Speaker ............. Mr. Timothy C. Tuff

Speaker .......................... Dr. Benjamin S. Carson
Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins Children’s Center

Recession ............. Harmony: Atlanta’s International Youth Chorus
“We Shall Overcome” (see p. 11)
Accompanied by Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson & Audience

Postlude .................. DeKalb Symphony Chamber Orchestra
Dr. Benjamin S. Carson

Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery
Johns Hopkins Children's Center

Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Children's Center, will deliver the keynote address at this afternoon's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. Carson's story is one of faith, family and overcoming odds to become world-renowned for separating conjoined twins. He is endeared by thousands for his inspiring work with young people and support for education.

Born in poverty in 1951 in Detroit, Dr. Carson struggled with poor grades, a violent temper and low self-esteem until his mother, who only had a third-grade education, challenged him and his brother to strive for excellence. With hard work and discipline, Dr. Carson rose to the top of his class and earned scholarships to college and medical school.

At age 33, Dr. Carson was appointed director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore, becoming the youngest person in the country to hold such a position. Dr. Carson is perhaps best known for leading a 70-member medical team in 1987 in the successful separation of twins joined at the back of the head. The 22-hour operation is believed to be the first time hypothermia was coupled with circulatory by-pass and deliberate cardiac arrest to spare brain tissue for such a procedure.

Since then Dr. Carson has been instrumental in several separations of conjoined twins. In recent years, Dr. Carson, with colleagues in Hopkins’ plastic surgery division, has developed a program in which children with congenital deformities undergo neurosurgical and plastic surgical reconstruction.

Named one of top 20 physicians in America by Time Magazine and CNN, Dr. Carson is the recipient of numerous awards and is listed among Who's Who in America. He is the author of three best-selling books, Gifted Hands, Think Big and The Big Picture. He and his wife, Candy, are founders of the Carson Scholars Fund, which encourages academic excellence in young people.
Ms. Xernona Clayton
President & CEO
Trumpet Awards Foundation

Ms. Xernona Clayton, civil rights veteran, president and CEO of the Trumpet Awards Foundation, is this year’s mistress of ceremony. Ms. Clayton brings eye-witness accounts of the struggle for civil rights and social justice. In 1965 she joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and served as an advisor to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ms. Clayton and her husband, the late Ed Clayton, are authors of *The Peaceful Warrior*, a biography of Dr. King. This work has been published in several languages and is recommended by education boards nationwide.

A trailblazer in her own right, Ms. Clayton has emerged as a recognized voice in the media and corporate and community relations. She began her broadcast career in the 1967 and became the first African-American in the South to host a television program. Ms. Clayton joined Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., in 1979 as a documentary specialist. In 1982 she was named coordinator of minority affairs and in 1988 was appointed corporate vice president for urban affairs. As a corporate executive, Ms. Clayton was one of the highest-ranking female employees at TBS.

Ms. Clayton is the recipient of numerous awards including the Humanitarian Award from the Hillside International Truth Center, the American Spirit Award from the United States Air Force Recruiting Service and the Mickey Leland Award presented by the National Association of Minorities in Cable. Additionally, Ms. Clayton was named one of the nation’s “Top 100 Black Business and Professional Women” by *Dollars and Sense* magazine; one of the “Women at the Top of the Entertainment Industry” by *Ebony*; and one of “Georgia’s Most Influential Black Women” by *Georgia Informer* magazine. Her autobiography, *I’ve Been Marching All the Time*, was published in 1991.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards

Dr. King’s direction was to “go out and carve a tunnel of hope from a mountain of despair.” In the spirit of these words, Georgia Perimeter College has been committed to educating and serving its communities for the past 41 years. In an effort to keep the dream alive and fulfill Dr. King’s legacy, the college has established the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards.

These awards are given to honor those individuals and corporations who contribute in significant ways to the fulfillment of Dr. King’s dream. The awards symbolize the act of service, the dedication to community-building and the commitment to the empowerment of others.

Georgia Perimeter College is proud to continue its tradition of recognizing individuals and corporations who are keeping “The Dream” alive.

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As the nation’s fourth-largest bank holding company, Wachovia’s commitment to the communities it serves is broad and deep. Its goal is for every community to be better because Wachovia does business there. Wachovia brings together financial support, relationships with dedicated community organizations and the vast potential of its 95,000 employees to create shared success in all the communities it serves.

Wachovia’s philanthropic leadership has been recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, which named Wachovia its “Outstanding Corporation” for 2005, and by BusinessWeek magazine, which named it one of the top 10 corporate donors for 2005.

**Highlights of Wachovia’s Service to Its Communities**
- $2.9 million in corporate donations and $800,000 in employee donations to victims of this year’s Gulf Coast hurricanes.
- More than $100 million in employee giving and matching funds from the Wachovia Foundation.
- An employee volunteer network that logs more than 600,000 service hours a year. Each employee gets four hours per month of paid time off to volunteer in local communities.
- Help for more than 475 lower-income families each week to buy a home.
- A $75 billion commitment over five years in community loans and investments to serve communities affected by the SouthTrust merger.
- $2.6 million to organizations specifically supporting efforts to help Georgia teachers develop their skills as part of the Wachovia Teachers in Teaching Initiative.
- Donations of more than 90,000 books to almost 4,500 classrooms and school libraries in 29 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Wachovia has also made significant commitments to Georgia Perimeter College. The Wachovia Foundation has contributed $100,000 to various initiatives, including a $25,000 grant to provide book scholarships for Joint Enrollment students and a $75,000 award to the Georgia Perimeter College Leadership Academy, the largest financial commitment to the program to date. Mr. Barry Gray, a Wachovia vice president, serves on the Georgia Perimeter College Foundation Board, and Mr. Isaiah Tidwell, retired Atlanta market president, has spoken to Leadership Academy students.

Wachovia is also recognized nationally for its commitment to diversity. Its national rankings include the “Top 50 Companies for Diversity” by DiversityInc magazine for three consecutive years, the “Top 10 Best Places to Work” by Working Mother magazine for two consecutive years, one of the “Top 50 Best Companies for Latinas in the U.S.” by Latina Style for five consecutive years and one of Essence magazine’s “Outstanding Companies for Black Women.”
Dr. Earl and Ms. Carolyn Glenn

Dr. Earl and Ms. Carolyn Glenn founded ACE III Communications, Inc., in 1991. The company publishes The Champion and Atlanta goodlife. The Champion made history in 1997 when it was named as the official newspaper of DeKalb County, a first for a black-owned newspaper in the state of Georgia. The Champion also distinguished itself as the first African-American newspaper to win first place in its class from the Georgia Press Association Annual Better Newspaper contest in 2002. The Champion is now the largest black-owned newspaper in Georgia and the nation. Atlanta goodlife, a magazine focusing on the lifestyles of metro Atlanta residents, has also won numerous awards.

Ms. Carolyn Glenn, a native of Monroe, Georgia, attended Albany State and Georgia State Universities, attaining degrees in business and vocational education and educational administration. She began her career in 1967, and over a 20-year span, served the communities of Dalton, Atlanta and DeKalb County as a business teacher, vocational coordinator and high school administrator. Presently, she is a member of the boards of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta (DeKalb Section), DeKalb Council for the Arts and the Georgia Perimeter College Foundation. She is a member of the Atlanta Business League, past board member of the Chamber of Commerce, founding member and past president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (DeKalb Alumnae Chapter), and the Magnolia Chapter of The Links, Inc. She is also a lifetime member of the Georgia PTA and, with her husband, a life member of the NAACP. The Atlanta Business League bestowed on Ms. Glenn the coveted title of Business Woman of the Year in 1997, and Women Looking Ahead magazine named her one of the six most influential people in Georgia, 2001.

Dr. Glenn hails from Goldsboro, North Carolina, and he is a graduate of North Carolina Central University and Howard University School of Dentistry. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force and practiced dentistry for 28 years prior to his retirement in 1999. He served on the Goldsboro Board of Education, and he is a board member of the South DeKalb YMCA, an organization that he has served for 15 years. Dr. Glenn is a member of the 100 Black Men of America and the Boy Scouts of America and is a leadership giver for United Way.

The Glens have been strong supporters of the Georgia Perimeter College Leadership Academy, which provides strategies for increasing the number of underrepresented students on college campuses. Once on campus, students receive counseling, mentoring and tutoring to help them succeed in classroom and real-world settings. As mentors, the Glens guided Leadership Academy students in the creation of a magazine, filling all the roles from planning to writing and advertising. This experience provides an opportunity to learn business management skills, engage in networking exchanges and examine relevant issues.
DeKalb Symphony Chamber Orchestra
SONATA DA CHIESA for String Orchestra
by Dr. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Today’s musical selection by the DeKalb Symphony Chamber Orchestra is performed under the direction of Interim Music Director and Conductor, Mr. Fyodor Cherniavsky. Sonata da Chiesa is Italian for Church Sonata, which evolved over 300 years ago as a Baroque instrumental work. As the name signifies, it was intended for performance in a church and originally was a set of instrumental interludes used for reflection or celebration, usually alternating between slow and fast movements including Exultate, O Magnum Mysterium, Adoro and Jubilate featured in the main musical selection, and Exultate featured in the postlude.

Composer Adolphus Hailstork was born in 1941 and grew up in Albany, New York, where he took lessons in singing, violin, piano and organ. He conducted a boys’ choral ensemble in high school. A graduate of Howard University, Dr. Hailstork studied in Europe and earned a master’s degree in composition from the Manhattan School of Music and a doctorate from Michigan State University. He is currently a professor of music at Virginia’s Old Dominion University, where he holds the title of Eminent Scholar. Dr. Hailstork composed the Sonata da Chiesa in 1992 as a commission for the string orchestra of the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia. His piece reflects the composer’s fascination with cathedrals, particularly the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany, New York. In this work scored for strings, Dr. Hailstork updates an old form alternating the rhythmic propulsion of the dance with contemplative music displaying a distinctive harmonic edge.

Ms. Crystal M. Harris
Soprano Soloist

Ms. Crystal M. Harris enjoys a growing reputation as one of this country’s most exciting new artists. Ms. Harris is a graduate of Spelman College and Georgia State University, having earned a bachelor of arts (music) and master of music degrees, respectively. She is a candidate in the doctor of music arts (voice) program at the University of Alabama. Ms. Harris made her professional debut in 1991 with Onyx Opera in Atlanta, appearing as the announcer in the production of Gallantry.

Ms. Harris has appeared with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, performing with a solo quartet in A Child for Our Time and as the featured soloist in The Three Cornered Hat, both conducted by Maestro Yoel Levi. Ms. Harris performed in Scenes from the Life of a Martyr with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Robert Spano. She received rave reviews for her performance, which was broadcast nationwide by National Public Radio. In November 2005, Ms. Harris sang the role of Mimi in a concert version of La Boheme with the University of Alabama Opera program.

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Ms. Harris has spent much of her professional career performing in the most prestigious opera houses in Europe and North America, among them La Scala (Milan, Italy), Opera Bastille (Paris, France), Deutsche Oper (Dusseldorf, Germany), the War Memorial Opera House (San Francisco, California) and the Los Angeles Opera (Los Angeles, California).

Today’s musical selection, This River, was composed by Dr. Uzee Brown, Jr. The original song was written as part of the religious musical drama Yes, Lord, based on the life of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner.

Harmony: Atlanta’s International Youth Chorus

Harmony: Atlanta’s International Youth Chorus was established in 1992. The musical group brings together 125 youth, ages six through 18, from diverse racial, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds to promote peace, love, justice and hope through choral excellence and song. Truly an international chorus, Harmony’s members have sung in 35 languages since its inception. Harmony embraces the belief that training culturally diverse children to perform together benefits the quality of life in our communities and in our world in a tangible way. Harmony has performed at a number of venues, including the Spoleto Festival and Carnegie Hall, and has welcomed such dignitaries as Desmond Tutu, President Jimmy Carter and Andrew Young.

In 2004 Harmony received a “Blessed are the Peacemakers Award” presented by the World Council of Churches. The Peacemaker Award honors those who exemplify creative and courageous peace and justice-making efforts.

Harmony: Atlanta’s International Youth Chorus is led by Ms. Joyce Ketchie Carr McDonald, music director, and assisted by Ms. Gwendolyn M. Johnson. The performance is accompanied by Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson, pianist, and Mr. Jeff Kershner, percussionist.

Procession
Siyahamba (We are marching in the light of God) ............Zulu song
Heleluyan (Alleluia) .........................Muscogee Indian song
Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy) ..................Argentine folk song
Person to Person ..............................Kirby Shaw

Musical Selections
One Small Step .........................Jay Althouse & Sally K. Albrecht

Ma Navu ..............................Jewish folk song
Arranged by Audrey Snyder

Where Can We Find Peace? ........Sally K. Albrecht & Jay Althouse

Recession
We Shall Overcome

For more information on Harmony, visit www.harmonychorus.org
Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast’ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who has by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome some day.
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome some day.

We’ll walk hand in hand. We’ll walk hand in hand.
We’ll walk hand in hand some day.
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome some day.

We shall all be free. We shall all be free. We shall all be free some day.
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome some day.

We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace.
We shall live in peace some day.
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome some day.
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