The University of South Carolina
Commemorates the Life of

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
1929 • 1968

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015
7:30 a.m. • Breakfast Program
Russell House Ballroom

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015
6 p.m. • Black Law Students Association Celebration
School of Law Auditorium, with reception to follow

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015
6 p.m. • MLK Gospel Fest 2015
Koger Center for the Arts

EDUCATION: THE PIPELINE TO EQUALITY – AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
A Commemorative Breakfast Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
7:30 a.m. • Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015 • Russell House Ballroom • Columbia, SC

Program

PRESIDING
Mr. Bobby Gist
Executive Assistant to the President
For Equal Opportunity Programs

GREETINGS
The Honorable Stephen Benjamin
Mayor, City of Columbia

INVOCATION
Rev. Tom Wall
Campus Minister, Methodist Student Network

LITANY
Lindsay Richardson
President, USC Student Government Association

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
Honorable Bob Coble
Former Mayor, City of Columbia

SELECTION
Shaquille Hester
Baritone
Senior, USC School of Music

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Ambassador Andrew Young

REMARKS & PRESENTATION
Dr. Harris Pastides
President, USC

PRESENTATION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS
April Ruff Davis
Dr. Harris Pastides

THANKS ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY
Dr. Carl Wells
Chair, MLK Commemorative Celebration Planning Committee

CLOSING COMMENTS
Mr. Bobby Gist

Special Thanks To
Dr. Harris Pastides, USC President
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A special thanks to everyone for attending and to all who share the dream and labor in its cause. The dream still lives!

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Rev. Matthew Mickens and The New Highway Travelers

Rev. Matthew Mickens and The New Highway Travelers, based out of Hopkins, S.C., have been singing gospel music for many years and have now become one of the most requested and relevant gospel artists to perform around the country. This talented group of young men comes from a family with more than 40 years of experience performing gospel music.

Rev. Matthew Mickens, the fourth of the Mickens children, always desired to sing quartet. In 1997 the vision of Deacon James & Pastor Hattie Mickens was brought back to existence by Rev. Matthew Mickens. He formed a group just as his parents did. This time he named the group Rev. Matthew Mickens & The New Highway Travelers. The group now consists of Rev. Matthew Mickens, lead vocalist; Justin Mickens, lead vocalist, lead guitarist and son of Rev. Mickens; Colton Mickens, vocalist, bass guitar and son of Rev Mickens; Jamie Mickens, vocalist and keyboardist; Brandon Brown, Drummer/Percussionist; Jason Smith, organist. Over the years The Highway Travelers have been involved in numerous community activities in Richland and Sumter Counties and most recently released its album “He Paid the Cost.” We are proud to have the group as a part of our MLK celebration.

Men of Praise

This outstanding South Carolina-based group, Men of Praise, is a loyal group of Christian men all dedicated to singing praises to the Lord. Influenced by traditional gospel music, spirituals and down-home gospel, this a cappella group sings to spread the message of God and entertain the audience. The outstanding group uses its individual vocal gifts to spread a positive message about God. We are proud to have the group appear at our 2015 MLK Gospelfest.

Ambassador Andrew Young

On March 12, 1932, Andrew Jackson Young Jr., known as Andrew Young Jr., was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. The product of a middle-class family—his father was a dentist his mother a teacher—he had to travel from his neighborhood to attend segregated schools. After graduating from Howard University, Young chose to study at Connecticut's Hartford Theological Seminary. In 1955, he became an ordained minister. Working as a pastor in Georgia, Young first became part of the Civil Rights Movement when he organized voter registration drives. He moved to New York City to work with the National Council of Churches in 1957, then returned to Georgia in 1961 to help lead the "citizenship schools" that tutored African-Americans in literacy, organizing and leadership skills. Though the schools were a success, Young sometimes had trouble connecting with the rural students in the program.

As the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was running the citizenship school program, Young became a member of the organization and began working closely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Within the SCLC, Young coordinated desegregation efforts throughout the South, including the May 3, 1963 march against segregation during which participants were attacked by police dogs. King valued Young's work, trusting Young to oversee the SCLC when protests meant that King had to spend time behind bars.

In 1964, Young became the SCLC's executive director. While in this position, he helped draw up the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. He was with King in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968, the day of King's assassination. Following King's death, Young became executive vice president of the SCLC.

In 1970, Young left the SCLC to make a run for Congress, but was defeated at the polls. Two years later, he ran again, and this time he was elected to the House of Representatives. Young was the first African-American to represent Georgia in Congress since Reconstruction. In his time as a legislator, he supported programs for the poor, educational initiatives and human rights.

During Jimmy Carter's run for the presidency, Young offered key political support; when Carter was in office, he chose Young to be the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Young left his seat in Congress to take the position. While ambassador, he advocated for human rights on a global scale, such as sanctions to oppose rule by apartheid in South Africa.

In 1979, Young had to resign his ambassadorship, as he had met in secret with Zehdi Labib Terzi, the Palestinian Liberation Organization's U.N. observer. The resignation did not keep Young from being elected as Atlanta's mayor in 1981. After two terms as mayor, he failed in his attempt to secure the Democratic nomination to run for governor of Georgia. However, Young was successful in his campaign for Atlanta to host the Olympic Games in 1996.

Young wrote about his role in the fight for civil rights in two books: “A Way Out of No Way” (1994) and “An Easy Burden: The Civil Rights Movement and the Transformation of America” (1996). He has also written “Walk in My Shoes: Conversations Between a Civil Rights Legend and His Godson on the Journey Ahead” (2010). He continues to fight for equality and economic justice with a consulting firm, Good Works International, that supports development initiatives, particularly in Africa and the Caribbean.

As an esteemed civil rights activist, Young has received accolades that include the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Springarn Medal. Morehouse College named the Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership in his honor, and Young has taught at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.
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A LITANY FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

LEADER: Originally composed by Francis Bellamy in 1892 and formally adopted by Congress in 1942, The Pledge of Allegiance is an expression of loyalty to the Flag of the United States and the Republic of the United States of America. As we gather this morning to remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we “pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible” with a renewed focus on “Liberty and Justice for all.”

AUDIENCE: We pray for liberty and justice for the victims of violence, harassment, and abuse.

LEADER: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once famously said “No one is free until we are all free.”

AUDIENCE: We pray for liberty and justice for all of God’s children regardless of their race, national origin, color, creed, or diverse background.

LEADER: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. also famously said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

AUDIENCE: We pray for liberty and justice for all segments of our society: not just for the affluent, but also for the disenfranchised; not just for the powerful, but also for those who are powerless; not just for the majority, but also for the minority and for those who are marginalized.

LEADER: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. also famously said, “Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness. I want to leave a committed life behind.”

AUDIENCE: In the words of Dr. King, we pray for the will to live and leave a committed life behind.

LEADER: As members and friends of this community we pray for courage and the will to help realize the theme of this year’s celebration – with liberty and justice for all.

AUDIENCE: In the words of Rienhold Neibuhr, We pray for “The serenity to accept the things that we cannot change, courage to change the things that we can change, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

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Dr. Jamey O. Graham Sr.

Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr. has received many honors and awards including a listing in Who’s Who Among Outstanding Students in Colleges and Universities, Presidential Scholar, O.R. Reuben Scholar, dean’s list, recipient of the UNCF/Andrew Mellon Fellowship, and was the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr., honor scholarship at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. In addition to his studies at Colgate, Rev. Dr. Graham has studied abroad at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, which afforded him the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the Holy Land.

Reverend Dr. Graham has served as pastor of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Darlington, S.C., and is currently senior pastor of Saint John Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C. Reverend Dr. Graham’s love for preaching the gospel with clarity and power affords him the privilege to conduct revivals, seminars, and other workshops for church growth and development throughout the Southeast. He is a gospel preacher and a Christian gentleman. He loves the Lord and his soul’s desire is to be like Jesus. We thank him for doing reflections at our MLK Gospelfest.

Flossie Boyd Johnson & Favor

Flossie Boyd Johnson & Favor have been singing for many years, the best in gospel music. Based out of Bishopville, S.C. this group of saved people will praise and worship God in every way with everybody. Flossie Boyd Johnson & Favor perform not only at churches, but arenas, outdoor festivals, family reunions, weddings, funerals, nursing homes and other venues around the country.

This anointed, God-fearing group of individuals, have been blessed with the opportunity to have recorded four (4) albums: “Trainfare Home”(cassette), “Let Me Lean On You”(CD), “Live At Home”(CD and DVD) and their latest, which seems to be doing quite well for their ministry, “Old Fashioned Church Songs”(CD), and the CD “Thankful.”

Having appeared with such artists as Lee Williams & The Spiritual QC’s, The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Keith “Wonderboy” Johnson, Doc McKenzie & The Gospel Hi-Lites, Bill Pinckney, Shirley Caesar, Dorothy Norwood, The Canton Spirituals and The Williams Brothers to name a few. This is an outstanding gospel group worshipping in cities and states such as SC, NC, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Ohio, Michigan, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, D.C., NJ, NY, Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, Alabama and they have even had the privilege to travel in ministry to the country of Italy.

God always knew his rightful place for these members. Throughout all, God has blessed them. Flossie Boyd Johnson & Favor have vowed to tell everyone all over the nation that God is real. Remembering that when you have done all that you can do and you can’t do anymore….PRAYER CHANGES THINGS! Flossie & Favor are looking forward to worshipping and fellowshipping with you tonight as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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MLK Gospel Fest 2015 – A Musical Tribute
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembered through the Songs of Freedom as we Promote: And Justice for All

6:00 p.m. • Sunday, January 18, 2015 • Koger Center for the Arts • Columbia, SC

MASTER OF CEREMONY
Tony Jamison, WFMV Gospel Radio

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Bobby Gist
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Rontreal Tyler, PHR
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Division of Human Resources

OPENING GOSPEL ARTIST
Men of Praise

REFLECTIONS ON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.
Pastor, St. John Baptist Church
Columbia, SC

GOSPEL ARTIST
Matthew Mickens and the Highway Travelers

INTRODUCTION OF FEATURED GUEST GOSPEL ARTIST
Tony Jamison

FEATURED GUEST ARTIST
Flossie Boyd Johnson & Favor
“Gospel music at its best”

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BENEDICTION
Rontreal Tyler,
Black Law Students Association Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

6:00 p.m. • Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 • USC Law School Auditorium

PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION
Anthony McCollum Jr., First Year Law Student

PRESIDING PERSONALITY
Judi Gatson
News Anchor, WIS-TV Columbia

INVOCATION
Tony Johnson, Second Year Law Student

MUSICAL SELECTION
Richland Northeast High School Gap Choir

WELCOME/GREETINGS
Sonia Canzater, Third Year Law Student
President, Black Law Students Association
Lindsay Richardson, USC Student Body President
Robert Wilcox, Dean, USC School of Law

REFLECTIONS/OCCASION
Marlene Johnson-Moore, Third Year Law Student

MUSICAL SELECTION
Richland Northeast High School Gap Choir

INTRODUCTION OF PANELISTS
Judi Gatson

PANELISTS
Chief Justice Jean Toal
SC Supreme Court
Mayor Steve Benjamin
City of Columbia
Senator John Scott
S.C. State Senator
Dr. Seth Stoughton
USC School of Law Professor

CLOSING REMARKS
Bobby Gist, Executive Assistant to the President for Equal Opportunity Programs

BENEDICTION
Cornelius Hair, Second Year Law Student

A reception sponsored by the USC School of Law will follow the program.
Special thanks to Dean Robert Wilcox.