The Black History Intercollegiate Consortium Presents:

The 31st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration


Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by the College of Charleston
Order of Events

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Welcome

Renard Harris, PhD.
Vice President of Access & Inclusion
College of Charleston Office of Institutional Diversity
Opening Prayer

Vernon Kennedy
Student Ambassadors
College of Charleston
Opening Song

College of Charleston Gospel Trio
Charity Jones - Soprano
Zoe Genovese - Alto
Vernon Kennedy, Jr. - Tenor

"Let Praises Rise" Trey McLaughlin
MLK Student Reflections

Joie Pinckney
Charleston Southern University

Cadet Carleton Bailiff
The Citadel Military College

Destiny Hawkins
College of Charleston

Keturah Mingledolph
Medical University of South Carolina
MLK Award Presentations

Awarded to one deserving faculty, staff or community member representing each BHIC member institution.

Selection criterion include a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of equity and inclusion on and off campus.
Carla Isom
Food and Service Personnel
Charleston Southern University

Presented by Nataysuan T. Taylor

- Dedicated 20+ years of service to the city of Paterson, NJ as a recreational basketball coach winning numerous championships
- Also coached AAU basketball, with several players gaining full scholarships to colleges
- Regular volunteer with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life on Team Big Momma
- Currently works for Charleston Southern University via Aramark as a cafeteria worker
- Loves listening and sharing experiences with CSU students
Shawn Spann Edwards, PhD.
Chief Diversity Officer
The Citadel Military College

Presented by Cadet Marrick Kelley

- Diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), human resources (HR) and management professional and professor
- CEO and Principal Consultant of Solutions, LLC, focused on providing DEI and culture alignment strategies and HR services to its clients
- Board member on various committees, and member of the Diversity Council for the SC Chamber of Commerce
- Awarded the Innovator Under 35 Award by the Bethune-Leonard Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. and Student of the Year and Young Alumni awards from Webster University’s Charleston Campus
- Inducted into the National Honor Society for Business Schools Delta Mu Delta
Charissa Owens, PhD.
Director of Diversity Education & Training
The College of Charleston

Presented by Courtney Hicks

• Graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Doctorate in Education at 27 years old

• A published scholar and the executive producer of the upcoming film, *If These Walls Could Talk*, a film featuring the historical contributions African and African Americans made to the College of Charleston

• Co-creator and Advisory Board Chair for the 1967 Legacy Program, designed to foster the success of trailblazing African and African American students.
Cristina López, PhD.
Associate Professor of Nursing/D&I Officer
Medical University of South Carolina

Presented by Dante Pelzer, PhD.

• Joined MUSC in 2009 as an intern in the IOP Crime Victims Center serving as a community outreach therapist
• Inaugural Mental Health Disparities and Diversity Program postdoc; joined the CON faculty as dual appointment in 2013
• Founder/chair of D&I Council (DICE)
• Member of the Clemson, USC, and MUSC Dean’s Forum on Critical Conversations on Racial Equity Task Force
• Assistant Director for the Office of Gender Equity
• Co-Director of the SCTR Special Populations Core
• Co-chair of the Latinx Special Interest Group for the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT)
Mozell Rollerson
Advanced Standing Coordinator for the Division of Student Services Trident Technical College

Presented by Stephanie Hable

• Has worked at Trident Technical College (TTC) since 1997

• Current President of TTC’s South Carolina Women in Higher Education chapter for Trident Technical College, and serves on multiple committees

• Recognized for her dedication and hard work as an advisor for eight years with the Phi Theta Kappa organization

• Proves daily that the work of helping TTC students and the community is ongoing and something she truly finds rewarding
MLK Scholarship Presentation

Presented by Timothy Grant, MTS, MDiv.
BHIC President
Chief Diversity Officer
Charleston Southern University
Congratulations, D’Asia Thompson!

Awarded to one deserving student from the host institution for a demonstrated commitment to civic engagement, leadership, academic excellence and the advancement of equity and inclusion on campus.
Closing Prayer

Vernon Kennedy, Jr.
Student Ambassadors
College of Charleston
Closing Song

College of Charleston Gospel Trio
Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing
by James Weldon Johnson
Lift ev’ry voice and sing,
’Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list’ning 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 ’til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening 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,

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Out from the gloomy past,
’Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
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God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has 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.
Thank You for Joining Us!
See you in 2022 at Charleston Southern University!