

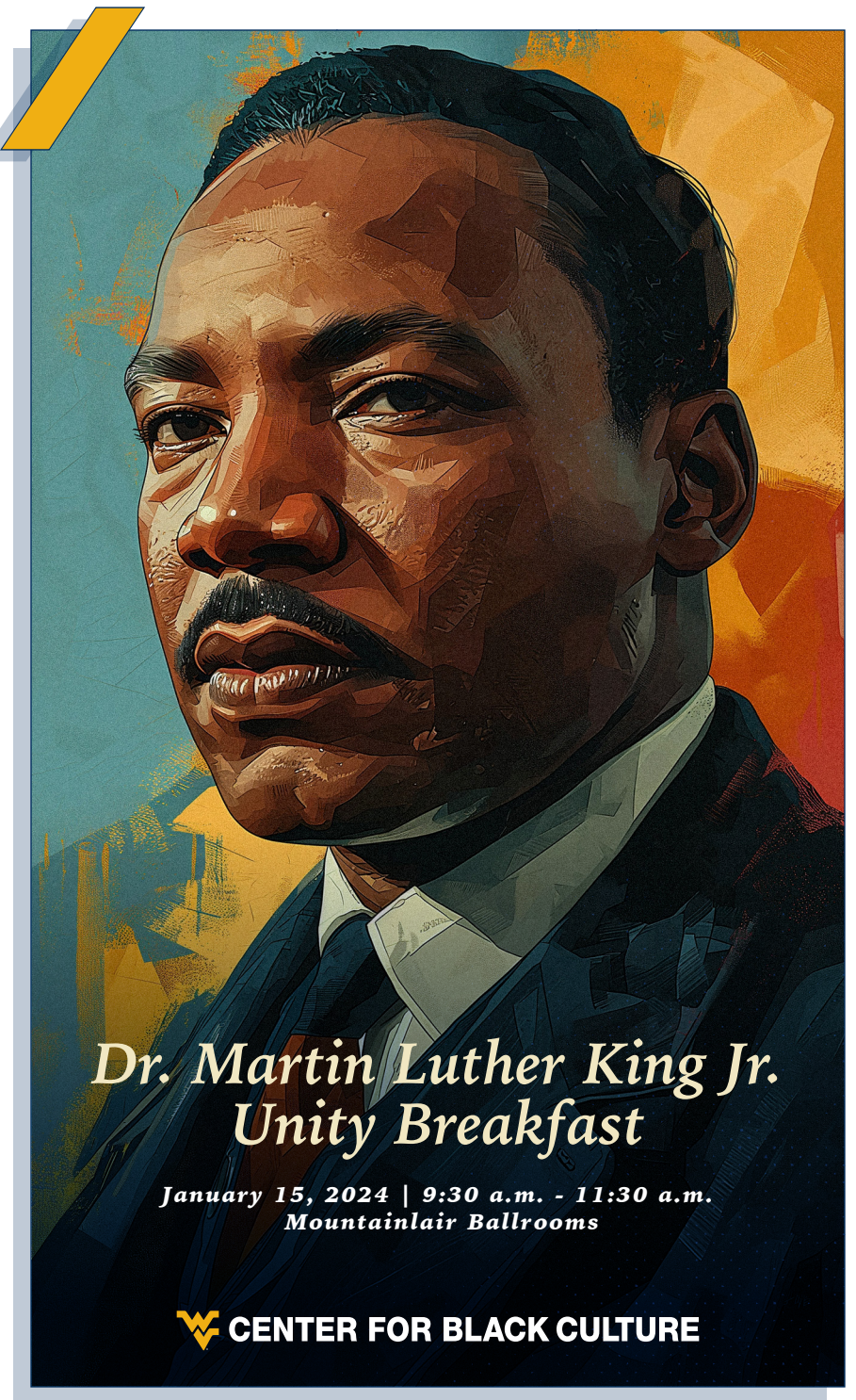
**2024 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Janelle Labarbera  
Stephanie Sarfo  
Maya Wetherbee  
Taya Sullivan

Kamille Moore  
Bryan Hill  
Sierra Worden

**PAST MLK AWARD WINNERS AT WVU**

1991 - Eshter Caddell	2007 - Robert Stitzel
1992 - Charlene Marshall	2008 - V.K. Raju
1993 - Sister M. Brendan Conlon	2009 - Horace Belmear
1994 - Franklin D. Cleckley	2010 - Ken Hechler
1995 - Dr. Neil Bucklew	2011 - James Tolbert Sr.
1996 - Mary Jane Hitt	2012 - Joel Beeson
1997 - Dr. Dana Brooks	2013 - John M. Watson
1998 - Larry Starcher	2014 - Rev. Kevin B. Cain
1999 - Albert L. Anderson	2015 - Don Spencer
2000 - Lourdes Cottingham	2016 - Jacqueline Dooley
2001 - Dr. Sandra Dixon	2017 - Shirley Robinson
2002 - Prof. Emily A. Spieler	2018 - Crystal Good
2003 - Angela Walker	2019 - Marvis Grant
2004 - Ann Chester	2021 - Ron Rittenhouse
2005 - Joan C. Browning	2022 - Danielle Walker
2006 - Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley	2023 - Michael Ellington



**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Unity Breakfast**

January 15, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Mountainlair Ballrooms



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**WELCOME**

Javier A. McCoy, M.Ed.  
Interim Director, Center for Black Culture

**FOUNDERS' DAY RECOGNITION**

**PRESENTATION OF  
DR. JUSTINE A. BURNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Barbara Littles, Esq  
Basileus, Gamma Chi Omega Chapter  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Kisstaman Epps  
Faculty Adviser, Gamma Chi Omega Chapter  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

**PRESENTATION OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP**

Charles E. Green Jr.  
Graduate Assistant, Center for Black Culture

**INVOCATION**

Sierra Worden  
Chaplain, Eta Omicron Chapter  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

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**BREAKFAST**

**INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Cameron Thompson  
Vice President, Pi Mu Chapter  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Jeneisha C. Harris  
Activist and Community Leader

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Dayna Pratt  
President, NAACP Collegiate Chapter

**PRESENTATION OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Cathy Jasper  
Assistant to Associate Provost  
Office of the Provost

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**CLOSING REMARKS**



**JENEISHA HARRIS**

Activist. Writer, author, community and nonprofit organizer, Memphis native and self-proclaimed rebel. Harris is the Free Community Food Program founder and program director, the founder of the Barbara J. Harris Scholarship Fund and the author of “Black Girl, Cry.” With two arrests and an unjustified warrant targeting her activism around the removal of the bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest’s statue, the State of Tennessee has attempted to silence her voice and work. In spite of this, she perseveres in the name of inherited resilience by continuing community work efforts, feeding hundreds of children every summer with the Free Community Food Program, empowering Black women through literature and sisterhood through The Girlfriends Book Club and organizing communities with black nonprofits in Nashville, TN. From civil disobedience to mutual aid, her bones bleed rebellion, Blackness and all things community. And in the words of our beloved Audre Lorde, “She is deliberate and afraid of nothing.”



**ANITRA L. HAMILTON**

A proud alumna of West Virginia University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She currently resides in Morgantown, WV, and is employed with WVU Hospitals Ruby Memorial where she has worked for 17 years on the Advance Certified Orthopedic Unit. Hamilton is the current president of the Morgantown-Kingwood Branch of the NAACP, which hosts quarterly blood drives and Narcan trainings, in addition to vaccination clinics. The branch also has helped to create a coalition of organizations to promote voter registration, voter engagement and poll attendance. She is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Gamma Chi Omega chapter, sits on the Council for Gender Equity of WVU and was appointed to the West Virginia House of Delegates, representing the 81st District, which covers a portion of Morgantown.