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UDC HOSTS “FREEDOM – THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES” – THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA’S OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING’S BIRTHDAY

Washington, D.C. — The University of the District of Columbia will once again be the site of the District's 20th annual citywide observance of the King Holiday. On Saturday, January 15, 2005, Mayor Anthony A. Williams and the D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission will host the commemoration by remembering the life, legacy, and birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Activists Elaine R. Jones, Esq., former President of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, Pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church are the featured speakers for this event. This year’s celebration will focus on the District of Columbia’s struggle for self-determination and voting representation in Congress.

Two “Living the Dream” Awards will be presented by Mayor Williams. The 2005 honorees are The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton and the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Mayor
Williams and the Commission are proud to present this year's program which will kick-off a weekend of celebrations. Among those celebrations is a day-long opportunity to engage in service projects on January 17.

**WHO:**
Mayor Anthony A. Williams  
D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

**WHAT:**
20th Annual King Holiday Celebration

**WHEN:**
Saturday, January 15, 2005  
4:00 p.m. (Reception)  
4:30 p.m. (Program begins)

**WHERE:**
University of the District of Columbia  
4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.,  
Main Auditorium  
Building 46  
Metro Red Line – Van Ness/UDC Station

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments are being donated by local restaurants.

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