



# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Presidential Commission

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Mon.  
January  
**27**  
12:00–1:30 pm

### Alumni Spotlight Fireside Chat with **Michael Tuccio, '00, '05**

Social Studies Teacher, Jamestown Public School District  
📍 Williams Center Blue Lounge



Speaker: Michael Tuccio

Tues.  
January  
**28**  
12:30–2 pm

### Alumni Spotlight Fireside Chat with **Jillian Hanesworth, '14**

Emmy Winning Spoken Word Artist and Poet Laureate of Buffalo, NY and Community Activist

📍 Williams Center Blue Lounge



Speaker: Jillian Hanesworth

4:00 pm

### Raising Our Voices To Share His Dream: Celebrating Dr. King's vision through music, dance, poetry and performance

📍 Williams Center MPR

Wed.  
January  
**29**  
12:00–1:30 pm

### Alumni Spotlight Fireside Chat with **Jennie Billera, '16**

Music Educator, Buffalo Public Schools

📍 Williams Center Blue Lounge



Speaker: Jennie Billera

Thurs.  
January  
**30**  
12:30–2 pm

### Alumni Spotlight Fireside Chat with **Nikkie Herman, '98**

Director of DEIJ Education, University of Rochester

📍 Williams Center Blue Lounge



Speaker: Nikkie Herman

Fri.  
January  
**31**  
4:30–6:00 pm

### Keynote Address, **Dr. Tonja Williams Knight**

Buffalo Public Schools Superintendent

- SUNY Fredonia's African Drumming Ensemble
- Voice, Esther Duclair and Piano, Jiyong Mai | Lift Every Voice and Sing – Black National Anthem
- Ms. Jennie Billera and Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts Chamber Choir
- Professors Mai, Gratteau-Zinnel & Class with Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts Chamber Choir

📍 Keynote: Rosch Recital Hall, Reception to follow: Mason 1080



Speaker: Dr. Tonja Williams Knight

Sat.  
February  
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### Day of Service

The "Saturday of Service" on February 1 will unite SUNY Fredonia students, faculty and staff with local non-profit organizations to facilitate volunteerism. Sign up for Saturday of Service by January 22. (email [Mark.Suida@fredonia.edu](mailto:Mark.Suida@fredonia.edu) or sign up using the form at [fredonia.edu/drmlk](https://fredonia.edu/drmlk))

📍 meet at assigned location



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