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**To:** Jesse Bernal, Chief of Staff to the President and Vice President for Inclusion & Equity  
**From:** Jason Cronkrite, Vice-Chair of the Administrative Professionals Executive Committee  
**Subject:** Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week Memo  
**Date:** January 9, 2024  
**CC:** Social Justice Subcommittee of the Administrative Professionals Committee

The AP Executive Committee supports the attached endorsement from the AP Social Justice Sub-Committee for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week.

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**TO:** AP Executive Committee  
**FROM:** AP Social Justice Subcommittee  
**SUBJECT:** Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week  
**DATE:** December 19, 2023  
**CC:** AP Social Justice Subcommittee Members: Keigh-Cee Bell (Chair), Justin Bean, Trista Bergerud, Elyssa Durham, Leda Evans, Jacob Fortman, Rachel Salinas, Meaghann Smith, Anna Tollefson, Kathleen VanderVeen (I&E Liaison)

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Please consider this memorandum of the Administrative Professional (AP) Social Justice Subcommittee's as support of endorsement of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week, starting January 2023 and continuing endorsement of future events.

Annually, Grand Valley State University hosts events, learning opportunities, and service opportunities to commemorate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the impact of his advocacy for racial equity in the Civil Rights Movement. The executive planning committee, Bobby Springer and Louis Moore, plan and deliver events for the week following the third Monday of January each year. For January 2024, the events are as follows:

**Monday, Jan. 15**

6 p.m.: Keynote presentation by Melissa Harris-Perry (will also be available virtually)

Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain St. NE, Grand Rapids

**Tuesday, Jan. 16**

10 a.m.: Keynote presentation by Melissa Harris-Perry

Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room (overflow room, Pere Marquette)

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**

4 p.m.: Silent march on Allendale Campus, led by keynote speaker Dar Mayweather, '07 and '09

4:30-6 p.m.: GVSU keynote presentation by Dar Mayweather, '07 and '09

Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room

**Thursday, Jan. 18**

11:30 a.m.: Screening of "Team Dream" film, panel discussion

Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room

5 p.m.: Keynote presentation by TaRita Johnson, followed by reception

Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies in partnership with the Division of Inclusion and Equity

DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus

7 p.m.: Screening of "Team Dream" film, panel discussion

DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus

**Saturday, Jan. 20**

8 a.m.-2 p.m.: MLK Day of Service and Solidarity, presented by the Office of Student Life

**The AP Social Justice Subcommittee unanimously supports the endorsement of these and future events in commemoration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** The AP Social Justice Subcommittee also commits to working with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week Executive Planning Committee in the future for more intentional collaboration and support of these events.