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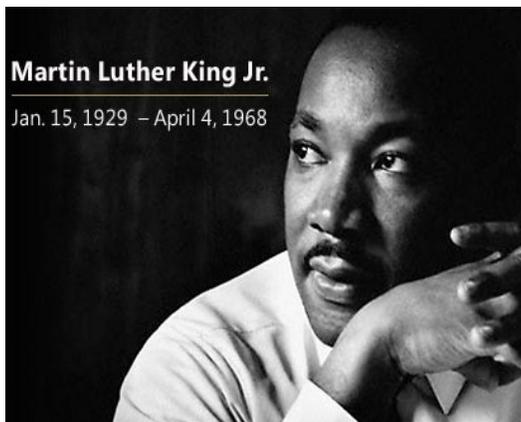
The mission of the NCCU Centennial Scholars Program is to provide participants with relevant academic, professional, and social experiences to be productive citizens without excuses.

The CSP staff is always open to suggestions about how we can better serve you. Please feel free to send your comments and suggestions to us at csp@nccu.edu or call 919-530-7814.

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CSP Honors & Celebrates MLK Day



Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan. 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed and celebrated on January 16, 2012.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the most renowned figures in American history. He was very instrumental in advancing the Civil Rights movement for African Americans. He is also revered for his many humanitarian and human rights efforts throughout his life that allowed him greatly influence American society and become the youngest man to win a Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

On August 2, 1983, the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation to make Dr. King's

birthday a National legal Holiday on the third Monday in January. The U.S. Senate approved the same legislation on October 19, 1983. The first observance of Dr. King's birthday as a legal National Holiday was on January 20, 1986.

NCCU will continue its second annual concert celebration of MLK Day with a performance by the University Choir of NCCU with the Durham Symphony on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Durham Armory.

The MLK Day celebration will continue with a Convocation on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 9:45 a.m. in the B.N. Duke Auditorium, with the address given by Chancellor Charlie Nelms.

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Director's Message

Greetings Scholars, Families and Partners:

Despite how we may grumble about the state of the economy or the political turmoil in Washington, the United States is by far one of the greatest countries in the world. We are free to express our views without fear of being arrested or shot. We don't have to observe our religious practices in secret. There is no state media controlling our news. We have to right to decide who our leaders are and what kind of laws govern us through the right to vote.

The Centennial Scholars Program will be partnering with the Depart-

ment of Political Science to register students to vote. Our goal is have 100 percent of CSP members casting their votes in November. Voting is your way of having a voice in what takes place within the country and around the world. Voting wields power. It is a right that has been bestowed on all citizens and a responsibility everyone should take seriously. Equal rights and democracy were not just handed to the masses. People fought and often died to make these ideals possible. Voting is a way to honor those who so ardently struggled for our freedoms.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 64 percent of those of

voting age actually voted in each of the last two presidential elections. Turnout is significantly less during non-presidential election years. If you are not yet registered to vote, please contact CSP at dkelly17@nccu.edu about how sign up. Encourage those around you to register and then follow through by actually getting to the polls. Please check your e-mail and the CSP Blackboard site for additional information in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you soon for a fresh start in the 2012 spring semester. We believe in each of you!

Warmest regards,

Jason J. Dorsette

Happy December Birthdays

Nicholas Artis
Roderick Ballard
Stafford Boyd
Lymon Brown
Terrell Butler
Semaj Coleman
Robert Corbitt
Jowan Council
Armond Hendrick
Nathaniel Hudson
Rashawn Johnson
Delante Livingston
Korey Mercer
Joshua Moffett
Micheaux Norman
Kenny Odum
Randy Person
Nathaniel Peterkin
Michael Provencher
Cornelius Richardson
Tyler Slade
Ikeem Springs
Sayqwan Stabler
Deshawn Stokes
Rhys Striblin
Cameron Sullivan
Timothy Walker
Terry Washington
Christopher White