

MLK DREAM WEEKEND

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MLK Dream Weekend Announces 2012 Diversity Banquet Speaker, Schedule of Events

GREENVILLE, S.C. – MLK Dream Weekend is proud to announce the 2012 Diversity Banquet speaker is Roland S. Martin, an award-winning and multifaceted journalist and author.

A nationally syndicated columnist with Creators Syndicate, Mr. Martin is the author of [Listening to the Spirit Within: 50 Perspectives on Faith](#), and [Speak, Brother! A Black Man's View of America](#), and “The First: President Barack Obama’s Road to the White House as originally reported by Roland S. Martin.”

Martin is a commentator for [TV One Cable Network](#) and host and managing editor of “Washington Watch with Roland Martin.” He is also a CNN Analyst, appearing on a variety of the network’s shows and is the recipient of more than 30 professional awards for journalistic excellence.

The Diversity Banquet kicks off each year’s MLK Dream Weekend’s events with a night of dining, entertainment, awards and recognition and the inspiring keynote address. Hundreds of business leaders and organizations attend this event to pay honor to Martin Luther King, Jr. and to celebrate diversity in our community. This year 11 scholarships, totaling \$45,000, will be awarded during the Diversity Banquet, once again showing the commitment to young dreamers in the Upstate.

MLK Dream Weekend’s 2012 Diversity Banquet will be held on Friday, January 13th, 2012, at 7 p.m. at the TD Convention Center. This evening is inspirational for all who attend, and we encourage youth groups, colleges, churches, and organizations to show their support by purchasing a table. Tickets are \$60 individually and \$550 for a table of 10. They are available online at www.mlkdreamweekend.com or at the following locations:

- * Valley Brook Outreach Baptist Church
- * BJ’s Music
- * Bethlehem Baptist Church
- * Greenville County Human Relations Commission

“We are eager for the 2012 MLK Dream Weekend. With the recent dedication of the memorial in Washington, we have renewed energy to celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. by continuing to put our dreams into action.”, Nika White, Marketing and Communications Director said.

The weekend continues with the Champions of Dreams Community Involvement Day, a free event open to the public, taking place January 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at various project sites throughout Greenville. And culminating January 16, with the Dreams In Action event being held at Greenville High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event will feature workshops, entertainment, and general assemblies all focused on helping individuals take action on their dreams.

MLK Dream Weekend is an organization of civic and business leaders committed to the cause of Dr. King and the citizens of Greenville County. Initiated in 2006 to establish an annual community-wide celebration of the MLK Holiday for the Greenville, South Carolina area, MLK Dream Weekend is based on Dr. King's dreams of diversity with equality and peace. For more information, please visit www.mlkdreamweekend.com.

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