

Martin Luther King Celebration Jan. 27-Feb. 5

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UNH's 23rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. spiritual celebration, "Are You Making Your Mark?" will take place Jan. 27-Feb. 5, 2013. This celebration features Rob Dixon, a UNH alum and nationally recognized youth advocate. Scheduled events are listed below and more information is available at: <http://unh.edu/inclusive/mlk/>. All events are free and open to the public.

Spiritual Celebration

Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013, 4-5:30 p.m., Durham Community Church

An inter-faith and multi-faith spiritual celebration that supports and highlights the spiritual foundation that Martin Luther King Jr. brought to his life and works. Featuring songs, drumming, music, poetry, and special readings, the community remembers The Rev. Dr King. Reception to follow.

Educational Panel: Public and Private Schools: What's Working, What's Not

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013, 4-5:30 p.m., MUB Strafford Room

Rob Dixon, UNH alum and nationally recognized youth advocate, will join community leaders to ask what freedoms and responsibilities serve us best as we strive toward the building of MLK's beloved community. What do we need to know about education under serving some of us? How are some initiatives working? How are other, well-intentioned programs not achieving their goals? What are the personal impacts of poorly performing schools? How are after-school programs working? How do we continue to build community in our educational institutions?

MLK Commemorative Address: Are You Making Your Mark?

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013, 7-8:30 p.m., Johnson Theatre

Rob Dixon will speak about his transformative work in Boston and how he believes everyone can carry out the legacy of Dr. King. Dixon, a record-setting UNH basketball player and former professional athlete, became an educator and community activist following his graduation from UNH in 1983. He organized the Boston area establishment of the nonprofit Project RISE (Respect, Integrity, and Success through Education), which has the impressive record of a 96 percent high school graduation rate. His program asks students to focus on their life experiences and to consider how they may be leaders in a world of challenging realities. A nationally recognized youth advocate, Dixon was named an "All-Star Among Us" by People magazine for his commitment to bettering the lives of children. Presidents Obama, Bush, Clinton, GHW Bush, and Carter celebrated Dixon's work at the 2009 MLB All-Star Game. A reception will immediately follow his address.

Campus Activism Fair

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013, 12:45-2 p.m., MUB Strafford Room

Hear UNH students talk about their favorite service organizations and how they got involved. Join UNH's social justice activists in roundtable discussions on how the work sustains them as individuals and their surrounding communities. This student-centered conversation will feature opportunities for local service, and students will share how service work builds both career and service skills in a changing world.

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