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2024 MLK Celebration

Keynote: Dr. Reggie Williams, Ph.D

Monday, January 15 at 10:30 a.m.

- 10:30 a.m. Welcome by Dr. Lisa Durant-Jones, Ed.D
(Interim Vice President, DEI)
- 10:35 a.m. Remarks by Dr. Andrea Talentino, Ph.D
(Augustana College President)
- 10:40 a.m. Speaker Introduction by Rachel Nandelenga (SGA President)
- 10:45 a.m. Keynote by Dr. Reggie Williams, Ph.D
- 11:15 a.m. Q&A with Dr. Reggie Williams (Facilitated by Dr. Wolff)
- 11:35 a.m. Heavy Steppas Performance
- 11:45 a.m. Closing Remarks by Ashley Allen
(Director, Student Inclusion and Diversity)
- 11:55 a.m. Lift Every Voice by Charlotte Boyer "Charlotte Blu"

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." – Dr. Martin Luther King*

Lift Every Voice and Sing

by James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.