

MLK, Jr. Day speaker offers 'pearls' for living



Dr. Alma Jenkins, right, stands with her mother following Jenkins's speech. PHOTO: VOICE STAFF

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On a day of remembrance at Wayne Community College, students, faculty, staff, and members of the community came together in the Moffat Auditorium on January 17, 2002, to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Brandi Barnes, WCC student and president of the Multi-Cultural Association for Enrichment (MCAE), introducing Dr. Kay Albertson, Vice President of Academic Affairs, who welcomed the audience to the celebration.

Ahmad James, an accounting major at WCC, sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Later in the program he sang, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Olavee Williams, vice president of MCAE, then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Alma Jenkins, who shared her appreciation for the life of Dr. King and her 5 "pearls" of wisdom; dedication, love, goals, gratitude, and courage.

Dr. Jenkins was born in Selma, North Carolina. One of seven children, She attended Elizabeth City State University and toured Europe with the university choir.

She graduated in 1975 summa cum laude with a BS degree in biology. She received her M.D. Degree from Meharry Medical College in 1979 and completed her residency at Emory University hospitals in 1982.

She practices medicine at the Mount Olive Family Medical Center and on the staff at Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Mosley, a representative of the Diversity Committee, recited a heart-warming essay "Empire of Motherhood."

Ms. Yvonne Goodman, Associate Vice President of Student Development Services said grace to close the program.

After the celebration a Soul Food Festival was held in the Student Lounge with such treats as fried chicken, turkey, pork, green beans, corn, sweet potato pie, and a variety of desserts.



Visitors, faculty, staff, and students enjoyed the Soul Food Festival as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. PHOTO: KEVIN SPENCE



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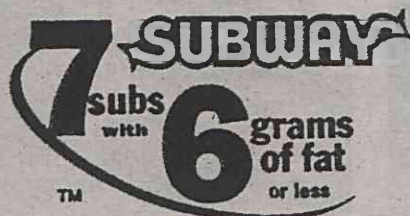
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