

## NEWS

## Guilford wakes up to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

MLK DAY EVENTS  
CELEBRATE CIVIL RIGHTS  
STRUGGLE, BUILD ON  
KING'S LEGACY

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It has been said time and time again that at Guilford, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day is not a day off, but a day on. This year, students were determined to prove just that.

Early on the morning of Monday, Jan. 17, volunteers ran through dormitories shouting, "Wake up! It's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!" Though classes were canceled, many students made the trek to Dana Auditorium, ready to serve and learn.

The day-long celebration of the life of King began with a speech from President Kent Chabotar. He echoed the words of King as an allusion to Aaron Copland's classical orchestral work, *Lincoln Portrait*, to illuminate the unfolding of the day's events.

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Brittany Ford sings with the choir G-3 in Bryan Jr. Auditorium on Jan. 17. Although classes were cancelled, MLK Day at Guilford was filled with educational events.

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## Academic program prioritization results released

SLRP TO REVIEW  
PRIORITIZATION  
RECOMMENDATIONS

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On Dec. 14 Guilford announced the milestone completion of a five-year initiative, which is designed to guide the allocation of the college's financial resources and faculty to the academic departments.

Results of the Academic Program Prioritization (APP), formally known as the Program Prioritizing Report (PPR) were released to the Guilford community by way of the college intranet on Jan. 20.

The final report included detailed data tables, a rubric that can be used to analyze the results, and a copy of the consultant's report.

According to the Dec. 14 news release, "the effort grew out of 2005 strategic plan efforts to assure good stewardship of college resources, one of the institution's core values."

The ranking placed programs in one of three categories: high, medium, and low based on criteria approved by the faculty.

Top-tier programs are those that have demonstrated the greatest potential for growth and improvement with additional resources. Lowest in the ranking are weak in multiple areas and would require significantly more resources, and should therefore be considered for consolidation or laying down.

Those departments ranked medium and high show strengths in areas for growth and will receive greater priority for resources.

Though APP ranking has been linked to potential program cuts, Academic Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs Adrienne Israel told the Guilfordian that programs will not be laid-down and cut if they scored low priority for allocation of resources in the initiative.

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## Rusiewicz starts as new head football coach



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This winter saw a whirlwind of change for the Guilford College Athletic Department. Less than two months after former head football coach Kevin Kiesel left Guilford, Chris Rusiewicz was announced as his replacement.

Rusiewicz formerly served as associate head coach at Ursinus College, a small liberal arts college in Collegeville, Pa.

The search happened quickly so recruitment season would not be delayed. In order to facilitate the search, a committee

was formed. The members reviewed applicants and brought their concerns to committee discussions.

"I was concerned with how he would get students to come here," said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Aaron Fetrow, who served on the committee. "For me, it was important that he recruits young men who want to come to Guilford first and play football second. If football doesn't work out, they should still be happy here."

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## VIDEOS



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Q & A with Coach Rusiewicz by Morgan Andrews



Fall semester vs. Spring semester by Emily Cooper

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By Terah Kelleher



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By Meg Holden

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