As we celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. here at the University of Utah, it’s worthwhile to note that the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial was dedicated on Sunday, October 16, 2011 on the Mall in Washington D.C.. This impressive monument sits adjacent to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and is the first monument on the National Mall to honor a non-president, as well as the first to honor a man of color. The 30-foot statue is a tribute to the life and achievements of Dr. King.

The dedication was originally scheduled for August 28, 2011, the 48th anniversary of King’s landmark “I Have a Dream” speech, but was shifted due to the threat of hurricanes. The monument features two massive stone boulders, which represent the Mountain of Despair, from which the Stone of Hope, on which is carved the likeness of Dr. King, emerges. The line “out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope”, from Dr. King’s pivotal “I Have A Dream” speech, is carved in the stone. Cherry trees are planted on site, and will bloom each April (the month King was assassinated).
Moving Forward

Monday, January 16
MLK, Jr. Celebration Rally and Marade, featuring the Rev. France A. Davis, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Utah State Board of Regents 2:00 pm Rally/3:00 pm Marade East High School Auditorium 840 South 1300 East The University of Utah and Greater Salt Lake Communities come together to commemorate the leadership and contributions of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Brief presentations will be offered at East High School followed by a march to the University of Utah Kingsbury Hall. The march is 1.3 miles long. Please dress for the weather and for walking.

Tuesday, January 17
A Polynesian Dance Workshop Presented by 'Ailines Touch of Polynesia 9:00 am to Noon Olpin Student Union Ballroom 200 South Central Campus Dr. The University of Utah "Haere Mai" means "welcome" or "coming together" and sets the tone for this year's celebration. Hosting students from the greater Salt Lake area, the group features dance workshops by professional Polynesian dance instructors. This will give students a sense of "Ohana," or family, through song and dance. For students in grades 6-8, limited capacity, pre-registration is required by calling 801-581-5791.

Get on the Bus 6:00 pm Heritage Center, Room 18 151 Connor Street The University of Utah Directed by Spike Lee, the film "Get on the Bus" chronicles the journey of 12 black men, with nothing in common, except their race and destination, as they board a bus in Los Angeles in October of 1999 and head for the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. They make the trek discussing issues surrounding the march, manhood, religion, politics, and race. Refreshments will be provided.

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If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wednesday, January 18
Keynote Address Dr. Vivian S. Lee, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, The University of Utah Noon Olpin Student Union Ballroom 200 South Central Campus Dr. The University of Utah Vivian S. Lee is the senior vice president for health sciences at the University of Utah, dean of the School of Medicine, and CEO of University of Utah Health Care. She earned a bachelor’s from Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges, a doctorate from Oxford, a doctorate from Harvard School of Medicine and a master’s of business administration from NYU’s Stern School of Business.

“For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf” A People Productions Presentation 7:30 pm Olpin Student Union Ballroom 200 South Central Campus Dr. The University of Utah People Productions, Utah’s first African-American themed theatre, presents Ntozake Shange’s black feminist classic, for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf. A “choreopoem,” the play is a series of 20 poems depicting the struggles and obstacles recognizable to any African-American woman. Performed by a cast of seven women, the poems deal with love, fulfillment, abandonment, and abuse, frequently set to music and expressed in dance.

Thursday, January 19
Celebrating Utah Firsts: A Panel Discussion 12:15 pm The Hinckley Institute of Politics Orson Spencer Hall Caucus Room 2S5 260 Central Campus Drive The University of Utah Come, interact, and be touched by history as a panel of some of the first persons of color in Utah share their stories of inspiration and triumph as they tell about their journeys to much milestones in their careers.

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For more information about University of Utah MLK, Jr. Celebration events visit: http://www.diversity.utah.edu/events/mlk/2012/
You can learn more about the construction and background of the memorial by visiting the official site of the project at www.mlkmemorial.org.

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JANUARY 18, 2012
Speaker: Dr. Vivian S. Lee, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Location: Union Ballroom
NOTE: The January seminar will be the keynote speaker for the MLK Week celebration

FEBRUARY 15, 2012
Speaker: Chalimar Swain, Associate Director, International Center
Emily Edmonston, International Student and Scholar Services Coordinator, International Center
Location: Union Den
Topic: Culture Shock and Intercultural Communication: Working Effectively with International Students

MARCH 21, 2012
Speaker: Dr. Maria Ledesma, Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Leadership & Policy
Location: Union, Parlor A

APRIL 18, 2012
Speaker: Jan Saeed, Director of Spiritual Life, Westminster College
Location: Union, Parlor A
Topic: Spirituality in the 21st Century

MAY 16, 2012
Speaker: TBA
Location: Union Parlor A