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**Cleary University celebrates Black History Month with community events**

(HOWELL, MI) During Black History Month, celebrated in February, Cleary University is a co-sponsor of three community events you will not want to miss:

* **I am MLK Jr – a documentary film: Feb. 2**
* **Charles H Wright Museum tour: Feb. 10**
* **Engaging Dance and Drumming performance: Feb. 24**

**I am MLK Jr** explores the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and his impact on civil rights through the years. This 2018 documentary film will be shown Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Howell Historic Theater in downtown Howell (314 E Grand River Avenue). Doors open at 6:30 pm, the film begins at 7 pm, and a panel discussion follows the documentary.

Here is the panel of experts:

Victoria Burton-Harris

Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Washtenaw County Prosecutor’s O­ffice

Dr. Patricia Coleman-Burns

Assistant Professor Emerita of Nursing and Black Studies, University of Michigan

Anthony Lewis

Director of Community Engagement, Michigan Department of Civil Rights

Freelance journalist Jon King serves as the panel discussion moderator.

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This event is free and recommended for those age 13 and older. No registration is needed. The Livingston Diversity Council is the presenting sponsor.

**Charles H Wright Museum tour** will take place Friday, Feb. 10 at Detroit’s Midtown Cultural Center. Cost is $20 a person and includes transportation to and from the museum, a guided tour, and time to explore other exhibits at the museum. Attendees will pick up the bus at 11 am at the Commons building on Cleary University’s campus, located at 3750 Cleary Drive in Howell (The Commons is the first building to the right when entering the campus). Return time is approximately 5 pm.

The Charles H Wright Museum holds the world’s largest permanent collection of African American culture, comprised of more than 35,000 artifacts. Charles H Wright was a Detroit obstetrician and gynecologist who felt inspired to create a repository for African American history and founded the museum in 1965.

To reserve your spot for the museum tour, visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/a-special-guided-tour-at-the-charles-h-wright-museum-tickets-493031720147](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-special-guided-tour-at-the-charles-h-wright-museum-tickets-493031720147) or go to the Livingston Diversity Council website for details and tickets.

Get ready to dance and move at **“Engaging Dance and Drumming,”** a musical performance that will take place Friday, Feb. 24 at Cleary University’s Commons building. Doors open at 5 pm and the performance begins at 5:30 pm.

Attendees of all ages will enjoy an evening of authentic African dance and drumming with the Bichini Bia Congo Dance Theater of Ann Arbor and Afro Beats of Flint. The performance features West African musical styles with American funk, jazz and soul influences intertwined with chanted vocals, rhythms and percussion – a performance that will get everybody off their feet!

Refreshments will be served, and the event is free!

Cleary University’s Commons building is located at 3750 Cleary Drive (the first building to the right as you enter the campus, off Grand River Avenue and west of Latson Road).

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**About Cleary University**

Founded in 1883, Cleary University is a four-year, world-class accredited university, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees from a unique Business Arts curriculum, driven by a

faculty of thought leaders with deep, practical experience in their industries. Providing on-campus and online education models, Cleary provides a robust athletic program and a rich

residence life with nearly 200 students living on the quiet, rolling 50-acre campus. Cleary graduates tend to land jobs faster than their peers and with higher earning salaries at the start of their careers.

Cleary University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, a proud member of the HLC Standard Pathway, and an approved institution by the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements. A nonprofit university, Cleary’s campus is located at 3750 Cleary Drive, Howell, MI 48843, (800) 686-1883 with an education center within the Durfee Innovation Society at 2470 Collingwood St., Detroit, MI 48206.

**Cleary University**:

* Ranked #5 in the nation for best online business degree (University HQ)
* Ranked #3 in Michigan for best average starting salary two years post-graduation (US Department of Education)
* Ranked #5 in the entire country for its student debt ratio to starting salaries (*Wall Street Journal*)
* Named “Best for Vets College in 2022” by *Military Times*
* Earned Gold Level Veteran-Friendly status from The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) for continued excellence in serving military-connected students in Michigan

To learn more about Cleary University, visit its website: [https://cleary.edu](https://cleary.edu/).

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