

MLK Day at WCU

Martin Luther King Day falls on Jan. 18 in 2016, but as is traditional, WCU will celebrate on Jan. 21, once students return to campus for the start of spring semester. The day kicks off with the 23rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Brunch, held in Sykes Student Union Ballroom at 10 a.m. The brunch is sponsored by the Office of the President and the Frederick Douglass Society.

At noon, Dr. James Peterson, an associate professor at Lehigh University, will speak on the intersection of Douglass, King, and the Black Lives Matter movement in Sykes Student Union Theater.

In the afternoon, there will be an opportunity to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy by providing service to others. The Office of Service-Learning & Volunteer Programs will be holding two sessions of "no-sew" blanket making. The first session runs from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the second from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

These warm and fuzzy fleece blankets will be given to children at A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, Chester County Hospital's NICU and pediatric units, and Fleece for Keeps, an organization that provides blankets to children in the foster care system. Last year, more than 400 WCU students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the local community, met the goal of making 150 blankets in one afternoon.

A soul food dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Sykes Student Union Ballroom, followed by the showing of *If These Halls Could Talk*, a documentary of starkly emotional stories from 11 college students, discussing what it's like for students of color on campuses today.

Tickets for the brunch are available at the SSI ticket window, lower level, Sykes Student Union or by calling 610-436-2266. Tickets for the soul food dinner and film are available at the door. Register for blanket-making at this site: <https://orgsync.com/34350/forms/170335>.