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Willie Gary to speak at Palm Beach Community College King Celebration

(Lake Worth, Fla. - Dec. 14, 2006) Prominent Stuart attorney Willie E. Gary will be the keynote speaker at Palm Beach Community College's 8th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Breakfast.

Themed "Bringing Unity to the Community," the celebration will be held at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Martin Luther King Plaza at PBCC in Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave. The celebration is free and open to the public, but attendees must RSVP by Jan. 5 by calling (561) 868-3115.

Once a migrant worker, Gary has overcome a lifetime of obstacles to become one of the most successful trial attorneys in the country. He earned his reputation in legal circles as "The Giant Killer" by representing little-known clients against powerful corporate giants. He has won some of the largest jury awards and settlements ever, including a \$500 million verdict in 1995 against a Canadian funeral home company and a \$240 million verdict in 2000 against Disney when a jury found Disney stole the idea for its sports complex from Gary's clients.



Gary's success has been featured in numerous national newspapers and magazines and on major network television news and talk shows. In May 2002, he was featured in *Ebony* magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Black Americans." *Forbes* magazine has listed him as one of the "Top 50 attorneys in the U.S."

Gary holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Shaw University and a juris doctorate from North Carolina Central University. After earning his law degree, Gary returned to Florida and opened his hometown's first African-American law firm with the help of his wife Gloria, who assisted him at his new practice.

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Gary's practice has since grown into the national partnership known as Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, McManus, Watson & Sperando, P.L.

Gary is known for his philanthropic endeavors. In 1994, he and his wife founded The Gary Foundation, which provides college scholarships, direction and resources to students so they may realize their dreams of achieving a higher education. The Garys have donated millions of dollars to help historically black colleges and universities, including \$10 million to his alma mater Shaw University. He is also chairman of the Black Family Channel, the nation's only African-American owned and operated 24-hour cable TV network.

Editor's note: For a high resolution photo of Willie Gary go to <http://www.pbcc.edu/images/marketing/williegary.jpg>

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