

Pastor of historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta to speak at Palm Beach State King Celebration

Since 2005, the Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock has been leading the church where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his father once served as co-pastors.

(Lake Worth, Fla. - Dec. 17, 2010) – The Rev. Raphael Warnock, senior pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, will be the keynote speaker at Palm Beach State College’s celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 13.

The 12th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Breakfast will be held at 7:45 a.m. in the outdoor plaza named in King’s honor on the College’s Lake Worth campus, 4200 Congress Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

The College also will honor the recipients of its Martin Luther King Leadership Award. They are Albert Moore (Student), Devin Robinson X, (Alumni) and Edith Bush (Individual). The Urban League of Palm Beach County was chosen for the award in the Organization category.



The celebration will be webcast to each campus, allowing those not able to drive to the Lake Worth campus to participate. Warnock also will hold a Q&A with students after the celebration in Stage West at the Duncan Theatre on the Lake Worth campus.

In 2005, at just 35 years old, Warnock became the fifth and the youngest person ever to serve as senior pastor of Ebenezer, which is where King and his father once served as co-pastor. Prior to taking the helm of the church, Warnock served more than four years as the senior pastor of Baltimore’s Douglas Memorial Community Church and as the assistant pastor of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City.

For more information on the celebration, visit
<http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/MLKcelebration.xml>.

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Editor's note: Contact College Relations and Marketing for a high- resolution photo of Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock.

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