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## MLK Celebration at Quinsigamond Community College

WORCESTER – Martin Luther Breakfast Committee Co-Chairs Ms. Nellie Toney and Mr. Allen Fletcher, along with Quinsigamond Community College Interim President Sheila Sykes, are pleased to announce the 21<sup>st</sup> annual “Keeping the Dream Alive” Community Breakfast honoring the legacy and ideology of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event will take place on January 16 at 8 a.m. at QCC’s Athletic Center, 670 West Boylston St. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

They year’s keynote speaker is Elaine Brown, civil rights activist, lecturer and author. Ms. Brown was raised by a factory-worker mother in the ghettos of North Philadelphia and became a former leading member of the Black Panther Party in the 1970s. In 1996, after living abroad for 7 years, Brown moved to Atlanta, Georgia where she founded Fields of Flowers, Inc., a nonprofit education corporation dedicated to building a comprehensive, model education center for black and other poor children. Brown co-founded the National Alliance for Radical Prison Reform in 2002 and Mothers Advocating Juvenile Justice in 1997. She is the author of *Taste of Power*, her autobiography and *Condemnation of Little B*. Brown is currently writing *For Reasons of Race and Belief*, the biography of Jamil Al-Amin (formerly H. Rap Brown), with Karima Al-Amin.

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The Worcester Voices of Praise, under the director of James A. Scott, along with the regionally renowned LoveTones will provide musical entertainment. Heidi L. Freeman, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Council, will recite her poem, "Keeping the Dream Alive."

Tickets to the breakfast are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. They can be obtained by calling Susan Laprade at 508-854-4368.

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