



**News Release**

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**Chairperson Named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Event**

Janet Days, Gateway coordinator of multicultural programs, has been selected to serve as chairperson of Gateway Technical College's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. The 2006 event will be held over the noon hour at Madrigrano Auditorium located on the Kenosha Campus of Gateway Technical College. The Celebration attracts visitors from throughout the three-county Gateway District.

"I'm very proud to have been chosen to lead the committee made up of community members and Gateway staff dedicated to developing a program worthy of honoring the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," say Days. Days assumes this position following the retirement of VP and Provost of Gateway's Community Campus, Dr. Cassell Lawson. Lawson created the event and led the committee for the previous 11 years.

The annual celebration typically features a keynote speaker, inspirational messages and readings, and music. The 2005 event featured Justice Louis Butler, the state of Wisconsin's first African-American Supreme Court Justice.

Days' vast community involvement lends itself well to developing and managing this annual standing-room-only event. Days currently serves on the Racine Unified School Board. She is the chair of the Board's Legislative/Administrative Liaison Committee and is an appointed member of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Policy and Resolutions Committee. She was honored at an August 17, 2005 luncheon by the YWCA as a Racine County Woman of Distinction. In nomination documents, Days is cited for her "love for learning and helping others achieve" and her "consciousness of diversity throughout the Gateway District."

In addition to her school board leadership, she currently participates in the following:

- Racine Police Department Cops and Kids Reading Program
- Leadership Racine
- Member, NAACP
- Member, Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Programs Personnel
- Young Professional Racine—Planning Committee and program presenter
- Midwest Dragon Boat Races

Days will convene the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. planning committee in September. Those interested in participating in event planning should contact Days at her office on Gateway's Racine Campus: 262.619.6754.

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