

News release

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Two to be honored as Humanitarians

at Martin Luther King Jr. celebration

KENOSHA – Two area residents will be honored at Gateway Technical College's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Jan. 19.

William Harris, Kenosha, and Saul Arteaga, Delevan, will be honored at the 15th annual event for exemplifying the daily principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recipients of the award are those who demonstrate commitment to the protection and advancement of human rights and social justice and have improved lives and contributed to the well-being of people.

Harris and Arteaga will be honored at the celebration to be held at noon in the Madrigrano Auditorium, 3520-30th Ave.

 Pastor William Harris, Kenosha. Harris is dedicated to reaching out to children and their families living in Kenosha's inner city. Harris is the project director for the Frank Neighborhood School Project, a co-pastor of Gospel Chapel church, founder and pastor of Root of Jesus Christian Ministries, and works as a youth activities director at Frank School. Harris has also worked tirelessly on several outreach programs to assist Kenosha's families and youth, including overseeing efforts to help provide food, tutoring and a safe environment for children in the Frank Elementary School area.

Saul Arteaga, Delevan. Arteaga founded Southern Wisconsin Translation and Interpreting Services in 2002. He serves and works with several groups representing his company as well as service to the community. Some of those include serving on the Wisconsin Supreme Court Committee to improve court interpretation; on the Walworth County Workforce and Economic Development Board; translation committee chairman for Mano a Mano, an organization which improves the quality of trilingual interpreters; and working with circuit court judges on the development of refugee language training for interpreters.

Arteaga has also recently partnered with Marquette University to provide volunteer interpreters for their weekly legal clinic which offers free legal advice to the community.

The celebration will feature three speakers this year: Charlie Daniel, Sue Hollow, and Kevin Ingram.

> Charlie Daniel is the education director for Minority Student Participation & Retention and Displaced Homemakers programs for Wisconsin's Technical Colleges.

- Sue Hollow is the co-director of Peace Learning Circles of Kenosha & Racine.
- Kevin Ingram is the director of the Wisconsin Educational Opportunities Programs and Office of Urban Education for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

This year's celebration theme is "Stewards of Change – Portraits of Peace." Doors to the event open at 11:15 a.m.

The program is free and open to the public. Audio and video of the event will be streamed at Gateway Technical College's Web site <u>www.gtc.edu</u>. The program will be carried on WGTD live at noon. WGTD, based out of Gateway Technical College, can be heard in Kenosha/Racine at 91.1, in Elkhorn at 101.7 and in Lake Geneva at 103.3.

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