

# Clark events will honor Dr. King

□ Freeman A. Hrabowski III  
will speak on Thursday

On Thursday Clark College will host a celebration honoring the life and dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The guest speaker will be author and educator Freeman A. Hrabowski III.

Hrabowski, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, will speak on "Beating the Odds: Preparing Minorities for Science and Engineering Careers."

The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. at Clark College's Gaiser Hall.

A leader in the civil rights movement as a child, Hrabowski was prominently featured in Spike Lee's 1997 documentary, "Four Little



Girls," on the racially motivated bombing in 1963 of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church. He has co-authored two books, "Beating the Odds" and "Overcoming the Odds," focusing on parenting and high-achieving African American men and women in science.

Hrabowski graduated from the Hampton Institute at age 19, with highest honors in mathematics. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he received a master's degree in mathematics and, four years later, earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration/statistics.

The program will also feature presentations by the Multicultural Students United Club of Clark College and Minorities Reconstructing Culture of Washington State University - Vancouver, as well as a performance by the Community A.M.E. Zion Church Choir.

Clark College is located at 1800 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver.

For additional information, call 992-2000 or visit the Clark College Web site at [www.clark.edu](http://www.clark.edu).