

Clark offers lineup of events to recognize MLK Day

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Clark College will host several unique events this week, from speakers and poets to musicians and dancers.

Today, at 6 p.m., Dr. Preston Pulliams, district president of Portland Community College, will address attendees at Foster Auditorium.

Pulliams became PCC's fifth president in 2004, after serving as vice-chancellor for Community Colleges for the State University of New York, where he coordinated

and directed the activities of 30 community colleges in the SUNY system.

Pulliams graduated from Muskegon Community College, and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in social science from Michigan State University, a master's degree in counseling and personnel from Western Michigan University, and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Michigan.

Following Pulliam's presentation, the Vancouver African Methodist

Episcopal Zion Church Choir will perform.

On Monday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Gaiser Student Center, performance art group Living Voices will present "The Right to Dream," followed by a performance from the Ghanaian drumming group Obo Addy African Drummers.

The Right to Dream re-creates a young man's coming-of-age as an African American in Mississippi during the 1950s and 1960s.

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, speaker and comedian Debbie Wooten will make

a presentation about her life experiences from noon to 1 p.m., at the Gaiser Student Hall, followed by speeches from members of the Clark College community.

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, slam poet Laura "Piece" Kelley Jahn will perform original poetry at 1 p.m., at the Gaiser Student Center.

All events are free and open to the public. Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. For more information, visit www.clark.edu.