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As the nation inaugurates its first African-American president, UD brings two nationally known African-American voices to town to headline community and campus events Jan. 19-20 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

Alvin F. Poussaint, a Harvard psychiatrist who co-authored the 2007 book *Come On People* with Bill Cosby and was a script consultant for *The Cosby Show,* will keynote the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Holiday Celebration and Presidential Banquet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19, at the Dayton Convention Center. His appearance is a collaboration between the Dayton chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and UD’s Diversity Lecture Series. Tickets are $60. Call 937-268-0051 for more information.

Kevin Powell, an activist, author, poet and original cast member on MTV's reality series *The Real World: New York,* will headline UD's annual Martin Luther King Jr. prayer breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the Kennedy Union ballroom at UD. The breakfast is sold out.

Poussaint and Powell replace Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie in the Diversity Lecture Series schedule. McKenzie was asked to participate in Barack Obama's inauguration and will be rescheduled.

The Diversity Lecture Series is part of UD’s strategic plan to increase inclusion and diversity on campus and prepare students, faculty, staff and the Dayton community for success in a global society. Past speakers have included Andrew Young, Coretta Scott King, Spike Lee, Kirk Franklin, Clarence Page, Nikki Giovanni, Soledad O'Brien, Azar Nafisi and Johnnetta B. Cole.

UD’s commitment to diversity is founded in its Catholic heritage of social justice and the Marianist traditions of equality and inclusion of people from all segments of society.

The series is co-sponsored by the offices of the president and provost with support from the National Conference for Community and Justice; the Dayton chapter of the SCLC; United Way of the Greater Dayton Area; YWCA Dayton; the Victoria Theatre Association; Markey's Audio Visual; Ross Buick-GMC-Hummer; RTA; UD's Media Production Group; the *Dayton Daily News,* WDTN-TV; WDAO-1210 AM; and 92.1 WROU.