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Sigma Tau Delta to Host “A Day of Celebration and Service” on Jan. 19

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University’s chapter of Sigma Tau Delta will host “A Day of Celebration and Service” in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. A variety of activities and events will be held on Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Tucker Student Center, located on the GWU campus.

Dr. Leshea Stuart, associate professor of English and faculty sponsor of Sigma Tau Delta, believes the event will emphasize the overall mission of Gardner-Webb. “Because MLK Day reinforces the community values—both national and Christian—for which Gardner-Webb stands, it is important that students have an opportunity to reflect on those values and to think of ways to translate those values into campus and community service,” she stated.

Plans for the event include screenings of two civil rights documentaries in the Time Warner Cable Theatre. “Eyes on the Prize” and “A Time for Justice” will be shown on a continuous loop. The Tucker Art Gallery will feature photographs from the 1960s civil rights movement and Dr. King’s sermons will be played on the gallery sound system. A gospel choir will perform at various times throughout the day.

Members of the community will be available to talk to students about their own experiences during the civil rights movement.

“We hope students will participate Monday in order to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and a movement so integral to our identities as Americans and as active, informed citizens,” Stuart offered. “We hope students will leave determined to create their own stories of love and of service.”

For more information about the Sigma Tau Delta MLK Day of Celebration and Service, contact Stuart at lstuart@gardner-webb.edu.

Sigma Tau Delta, an International English Honor Society, was founded in 1924 at Dakota Wesleyan University and strives to provide cultural stimulation on college campuses and promotes exemplary character and good fellowship. The GWU chapter

was established in the early 1970s and student members are actively involved in a variety of events and service opportunities.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University is home to more than 4,300 students from 37 states and 21 foreign countries. Founded in 1905, Gardner-Webb provides exceptional educational opportunities within a Christian environment.