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Motivational Speaker Tawana Williams to Serve as Special Guest

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Dimensions Program at Gardner-Webb

University welcomes nationally acclaimed motivational speaker,

Tawana Williams, as guest for the University's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. service. The program will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 9:25 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center's Paul Porter Arena.

Born without arms and impaired use of her legs, Williams' compelling life story explains her will to survive the anguish of physical defect and the shame of abuse and isolation.

"My mission is to make a positive impact in the lives of people, primarily through my message of hope and inspiration," Williams said. "I want to assist them in achieving their highest potentials and goals by sharing my message of triumph."

In addition to being a wife, mother, entrepreneur and artist, Williams is the author of three books, "I'm Different but I Can," "Unarmed and Dangerous," and "Motivation for the Soul: Move or Be Moved."

"One of the theme songs of the Civil Rights Movement was 'We Shall Overcome,'" said Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president of Christian Life and Service and senior minister at Gardner-Webb. "Dr. King's message was one of overcoming, not only injustices, but other obstacles as well. Tawana's testimony beautifully reflects overcoming physical obstacles and through it all, bringing honor and glory to God."

Gardner-Webb University's Dimensions programs are free and open to the public. The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual, and cultural life at the University and also to promote a sense of community. Dimensions programs are held each Tuesday at 9:25 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). More information is available at 704-406-4277.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for career success and for engaged, responsible citizenship in their professional, civic, and spiritual communities.