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Martin Luther King III to address Agnes Scott College convocation

ATLANTA -- Like father, like son.

Martin Luther King III will bring his family's message of peace and racial harmony to Agnes Scott College when he speaks at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Convocation at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

The convocation, which is free and open to the public, will be held in Gaines Chapel of Presser Hall on the Agnes Scott campus. A reception will follow in the Katharine Woltz Reception Room in Rebekah Scott Hall.

King has been actively involved in significant policy initiatives at local, national and international levels and was most recently elected as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He has worked to maintain fair and equitable treatment of all citizens at home and abroad as a delegate to other nations twice during the Carter administration and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

He helped found the Africa Initiative, a program developed to end starvation in Africa and joined other world leaders to confront injustice in South Africa including lobbying South Africa's apartheid government for Nelson Mandela's release. King served on the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, and since leaving office in 1993, he has worked with Leadership 2000 Inc., an organization he founded in 1988 to develop leadership among individuals aspiring for public office. Currently, Leadership 2000 also teaches leadership skills and diversity sensitivity to managers in both the public and private sectors.

For more information, call the Agnes Scott information desk at 404-638-6430.

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Former National Endowment for the Arts chair will headline program

ATLANTA -- Jane Alexander, former chair of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), will speak on "The Arts in America" on Tuesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the Day Chapel of the Carter Center, 1 Copenhill Road, Atlanta. The event is a cooperative effort of both Agnes Scott College and DeKalb College. WXIA-11 Alive news anchor Kimberley Kennedy, a 1983 Agnes Scott graduate, will moderate the program.

As the sixth chair of the NEA, Alexander visited more than 200 communities in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, taking up the challenge of President Clinton to "renew America." Her vision for the agency included the arts' contributing to better schools, more vibrant local economies and stronger communities.

Upon her retirement, *The Washington Post* noted that she "joined an arts agency widely thought to be losing ground against the onslaught of its critics...and leaves one that actually gave evidence of having regained solid support from a broad swath of political moderates."

In the face of Congressional budget cutbacks, she successfully completed a total reorganization of the Arts Endowment, emphasizing partnerships and cross-disciplinary initiatives. Under her leadership, the NEA formed a partnership with the Department of Justice serving at-risk youth through the arts. The Endowment also formed partnerships with the Department of Education for improved arts education research and development.

Alexander, a native of Brookline, Mass., has been active in the arts for all of her adult life as an award-winning actress, producer and author. In addition to appearances in 40 films and television programs, she has formed in more than 100 plays on stages across the country.

She has received six Tony Award nominations, four Academy Award nominations and five Emmy Award nominations. She received a Tony Award for *The Great White Hope* and an Emmy Award for *Playing for Time*. She also received the Television Critic's Circle Award for her portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt in *Eleanor and Franklin: The White House Years*.

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Agnes Scott artist affiliate will present concert

ATLANTA -- Bill Hearn, guitar instructor and artist affiliate at Agnes Scott College, and Joann Brown, soprano and Clayton State student, will present a free concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, in Maclean Auditorium of Presser Hall at the Decatur campus. The program includes "Grand Solo" by Fernando Sor, "Five Preludes" by Heitar Villa-Lobos, "Elegy" by Johann Kasper Mertz and "Letters from Composers" by Dominick Argento. For more information, call the Agnes Scott information line at (404) 638-6430.

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Agnes Scott Community Orchestra hosts auditions

ATLANTA -- The Agnes Scott College Community Orchestra will hold auditions for new members on Monday, Jan. 26, 1998, from 6-7 p.m. in Gaines Auditorium of Presser Hall on the Agnes Scott campus. Especially sought are trumpet, trombone, tuba, clarinet, and strings. For further information, call 404-296-0628.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

ATLANTA UNIVERSITIES CO-SPONSOR MAJOR SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS, FEB. 19-22

Atlanta area educational institutions will join the American Assembly on Feb. 19-22 in sponsoring a Southeast regional conference on U.S.-China relations that will result in policy recommendations to Congress and the White House.

The conference will be led by honorary co-chairmen Ambassador James Lilley and U.S. Senator Sam Nunn. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter will deliver the keynote address, and the 60 conference participants will include high-level officials of the U.S. government, prominent executives, and nationally known China specialists.

As Congress gears up for a heated debate over China's "most favored nation" status, China and the entire Asian region are very much on America's mind---witness the Asian market turmoil and its impact on the global economy, China President Jiang's recent and historical visit to the United States, and the spate of Hollywood movies on China's record on human rights. "The fact that controversy over China's human rights policies and trade practices simmers in this country at the same time U.S. businesses scramble to enter the China market is evidence of the difficulty in reaching a national consensus on vital Asian issues," says Conference Coordinator Alan Gorowitz. But conference organizers plan to do exactly that---formulate a consensus opinion among Southeast regional leaders.

Atlanta area conference sponsors are: Agnes Scott College, The Carter Center, Clark Atlanta University, Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Kennesaw State University. Agnes Scott President Mary Brown Bullock and professor Michael Oksenberg, senior fellow at Stanford University, will co-chair the conference, and Georgia Tech professor John Garver will serve as conference director.

Four panel groups will discuss and make recommendations on key U.S.-China policy issues in the areas of politics, economics, military and culture. The conference participants represent national, state and local government; private business; academia; the print and electronic broadcast media; labor unions; and human rights groups. The final conference report, reflecting the opinions of leaders in the Southeast region, will be sent to high-ranking foreign policy officials in the U.S. government.

Note: The conference is not open to the general public, but coverage by media representatives is welcome. Please call Nancy Seideman, Emory University, (404) 727-0640 for information.