

Black Scholars present the 1st Annual
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Breakfast
Unity through Faith

Thursday, January 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 5C212

7:30 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast



Keynote Speaker

ERIN GRUWELL

Civil Rights and Human Rights Activist, Educator, and Leader

Erin Gruwell is a teacher, an education activist, and the founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation. She created the Freedom Writer Methods, a progressive teaching philosophy and curricula designed to achieve excellence from all students.

By fostering an educational philosophy that values and promotes diversity, Gruwell transformed her students' lives. She encouraged them to re-think rigid beliefs about themselves and others, reconsider daily decisions, and ultimately re-chart their futures. With Gruwell's support, they chose to forego teenage pregnancy, drugs, and violence to become aspiring college students, published writers, and catalysts for change. They dubbed themselves the "Freedom Writers" –in homage to civil rights activists.

Erin is a graduate of the University of California Irvine, where she received the Lauds and Laurels Distinguished Alumni Award. She earned her Master's Degree and teaching credentials from California State University Long Beach, where she was honored as Distinguished Alumna by the School of Education.

Dr. King said "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." As a global community, we are currently confronted with challenge and controversy, however, through faith and a common vision... I Have a Dream Too (2.0 version), we will stand up to fear, we will confront hate, we will love one another just a little bit more! We will not stand in comfort and convenience!

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