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PAST KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

2020 **Dr. Denise Fairchild** (President, Emerald Cities Collaborative)
2019 **Dr. Boyce Watkins** (Financial Scholar and Author)
2018 **Roslyn M. Brock** (Chairman Emeritus, NAACP National Board of Directors)
2017 **Erin Jones** (Educator)
2016 **Keith A. Beauchamp** (Emmy Nominated Producer/Director)
2015 **Fredricka Whitfield** (CNN News Anchor)
2014 **Cheryl Brown-Henderson** (Daughter of lead plaintiff Brown v. Board of Education)
2013 **Carolyn McKinstry** (Survivor, 1963 Bombing Sixteen St. Baptist Church)
2012 **Kevin Gover** (Director, National Museum of the American Indian)
2011 **Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Jr.** (College Curator, Morehouse College)
2010 **Dr. Terrance Roberts** (Author and Member of Little Rock Nine)
2009 **Dr. Doris McEwen** (Former Superintendent, Clover Park School District)
2008 **Mr. Carl Mark** (Executive Director, National Society of Black Engineers)
2007 **Honorable Norm Rice** (Former Mayor, City of Seattle)

UW Tacoma Black Student Union presents:

YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

Activism, even in small ways, makes a difference



Martin Luther King Jr
Unity Breakfast

University YMCA Student Center
8:00 am

1.16.23

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. UNITY BREAKFAST

Breakfast Buffet – Catered by Chef Chantel Gillis

Opening	Program Emcees: Jasmine Davis, President, Black Student Union CJ James, Vice President & Social Media Coordinator, Black Student Union Halanna Williams, Treasurer & Outreach Coordinator, Black Student Union Christian Ashford, Secretary, Black Student Union
Welcome	Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange, Chancellor
“Lift Ev’ry Voice And Sing”	Daisy Ashford
Remarks	Derek Kilmer, Congressman, Washington 6th District Victoria Woodards, Mayor, City of Tacoma
Introduction of Alumni Speaker	Chana Lawson ‘07, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations & BSU Alum
Alumni Speaker	Jeff Dade ‘11, ‘20 , UW Tacoma Alum
Dream Awards Presentation	Christian Ashford, Black Student Union Chana Lawson, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Dr. Elavie Ndura, Office of Equity & Inclusion
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Halanna Williams & Jasmine Davis, Black Student Union
Keynote Speaker	Dr. John “Push” Gaines Push for Dreams, Tacoma
Musical Performance	Salese Clark, Cello, Black Student Union “My Tribute – Janice Gaines” Daisy Ashford, Vocal
Closing Remarks	Mentha Hynes-Wilson, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

“LIFT EV’RY VOICE & SING” (BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM)

James Weldon Johnson, words | John Rosamond Johnson, music

Lift ev’ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.



ABOUT DR. JOHN “PUSH” GAINES

Dr. John “Push” Gaines is a former at-risk kid turned mentorship advocate. His message is all about pushing through adversity and defying the odds.

John’s childhood was one of extreme adversity. Growing up surrounded by drugs and violence, facing personal struggles, and being bullied for his differences, he had every reason to give up, but he pushed through. Now, as a professional speaker and author, John strives to help & teach people to overcome and to rise.

He is driven to give hope to others because his own story grew from hopelessness. John earned his nickname “PUSH” because he believes in the power of perseverance and teaches others to “keep pushing” through life’s obstacles to become the best version of themselves.

He has devoted himself to the world community. He has proudly appeared as a guest speaker at Universities, Corporations, nonprofit events, NBA skill camps, school assemblies, and youth camps across the country. As a graduate of East Central University, where he was named Outstanding Student in Business and won a football championship as captain of the football team, he is the picture of success. With a master’s degree in business leadership and a doctorate in business administration, he demonstrates great dedication and personal achievement.