



# James Farmer Multicultural Center

## Alumni Newsletter | February 2020



## 2020 BLACK HISTORY MONTH: A RIGHT WORTH THE FIGHT

2020 BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
CELEBRATION KEYNOTE SPEAKER

# ETAN THOMAS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12 | 7 P.M.  
CHANDLER BALLROOM C, UNIVERSITY CENTER



## 2020 ANNUAL STEP SHOW & COMPETITION

SATURDAY, FEB. 22 | 7 P.M.  
DODD AUDITORIUM, GEORGE  
WASHINGTON HALL

UMW IDS: \$5 AT THE DOOR.  
GENERAL PUBLIC: \$10 AT THE DOOR

CASH, EAGLE ONE CARD, CASH APP,  
PAYPAL, OR VENMO  
(DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED)

## FARMER LEGACY 2020 A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT TO ACTION

In 2020, the University will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dr. Farmer's birth, the 30th anniversary of the James Farmer Multicultural Center, and the 10th anniversary of the Women's and Gender Studies Program. Join us to celebrate Dr. Farmer's legacy and our continued commitment to inclusion, social justice, and service.

Visit [umw.edu/farmer](http://umw.edu/farmer) for a full listing of Farmer Legacy 2020 Celebration events.



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# LET'S COME TOGETHER FOR UMW'S ANNUAL GIVING DAY

SUPPORT THE JFMC ON ANNUAL GIVING DAY:  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19

For 24 hours, the Mary Washington community will be celebrating our commitment to UMW's future through gifts and donations! Your gifts and support are a commitment to raising multicultural and diversity awareness, ensuring the highest quality of programs and services, social justice engagement, and outreach for the campus. If you would like to be a Giving Day Ambassador, please contact Dr. Marion Sanford at [msanford@umw.edu](mailto:msanford@umw.edu) by Friday, February 7.

Visit us and donate at [givingday.umw.edu](http://givingday.umw.edu)!



## MULTICULTURAL FAIR: THEN & NOW

Thirty years ago, the first Multicultural International Festival was held on the campus of Mary Washington College.

From performances to vendors, to food trucks and face painting, the annual Multicultural Fair has become a highlight of many undergraduates' experiences at UMW and a staple event for families in the Fredericksburg Area. This year, the James Farmer Multicultural Center celebrates 30 years of the Multicultural Fair!

**Help us celebrate 30 years of exceptional multicultural programming on April 4, 2020 from 10 am to 5 pm rain or shine for the 30th Annual Multicultural Fair at UMW!**



Left: Dean Cedric Rucker strolls on Campus Walk during the Multicultural Fair, 1991  
Center: African performers at the Multicultural Fair, 2004  
Right: Chinese Lion Dance at the Multicultural Fair, 2018

2020 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## DR. MECCA JAMILAH SULLIVAN

MONDAY, MARCH 23 | 7 P.M.  
CHANDLER BALLROOM C, UNIVERSITY CENTER



Mecca Jamilah Sullivan, Ph.D., is the author of the short story collection, *Blue Talk and Love* (2015). In her fiction, she explores the intellectual, emotional, and bodily lives of young black women, through voice, music, and hip-hop inflected magical realist techniques.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb. 11 | 6 p.m.**

**Harlem Renaissance at 100**  
Chandler Ballroom A&B,  
University Center

**Feb. 12 | 7 p.m.**

**Black History Month**  
**Keynote: Etan Thomas**  
Chandler Ballroom C,  
University Center

**Feb 22 | 7 p.m.**

**Annual Step Show & Competition**  
Dodd Auditorium,  
George Washington Hall

**Mar. 23 | 7 p.m.**

**Women's History**  
**Month Keynote:**  
**Dr. Mecca Jamilah Sullivan**  
Chandler Ballroom C,  
University Center

**April 4 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**30th Annual Multicultural Fair**  
UMW Fredericksburg Campus

**April 9 | 7 p.m.**

**Islamic Cultural**  
**Banquet Speaker:**  
**Ayesha Noor**  
Chandler Ballroom C,  
University Center

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University Center, Room 319  
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