

# JAMES FARMER MULTICULTURAL CENTER ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Keynote Speaker



### Tylik M. McMillan

Internationally recognized young civil rights activist and movement strategist Tylik McMillan, is a native of Lawrenceville Virginia, by way of Harrisburg Pennsylvania and a proud HBCU graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Tylik works to educate lawmakers and stakeholders from the White House to corporate c-suites on the challenges and opportunities facing communities, by advocating for more resources and policies that help invest and advance economic and social equality.

Tylik helped organize the 2020 Commitment March on Washington and 2021 March On for Voting Rights which drew over hundreds of thousands to Washington DC which called for racial justice, police reform, voting rights protections, census participation and more.

Within his work, Tylik has commentated on MSNBC, BBC World News and others. He has been recognized by Vice President Kamala Harris and the White House as a prominent young voice to help lead our nation forward. In addition he has been recognized as a Bloomberg 50 One to Watch, featured by Good Morning America, CBS Morning News, Washington Post, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, CNN, BBC, BET among other global, national, and local outlets. Tylik wishes to inspire other young people to get involved and make civic engagement the new norm, not the exception. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.



## Civil Rights Trail Coordinators Receive Regional Award

On Wednesday, September 27th, Chris Williams, assistant director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center, and Victoria Matthews, tourism sales manager of the city of Fredericksburg, received the Shining Example partnership award from The Southeast Tourism Society for their groundbreaking work on the 3-mile long Fredericksburg Civil Rights Trail. The Southeast Tourism Society, a nonprofit organization that promotes tourism among 13 southeastern states, plus Washington, D.C., gives Shining Example awards each year to recognize outstanding contributions to travel and tourism. Fredericksburg's Civil Rights Trail, officially titled "Freedom, A Work in Progress," received the award for being a Shining Example of partnership between the University of Mary Washington and the city of Fredericksburg.



## Alumni Events:

### Save the Date: Giving Tuesday

**Tuesday, November 28**  
[givingday.umw.edu/makeitpossible](https://givingday.umw.edu/makeitpossible)

For information about upcoming events and programs at the JFMC, visit our website at [students.umw.edu/multicultural](https://students.umw.edu/multicultural) or follow us on social media!



## 2024 Black History Month Celebration Major Speakers

# Junior Marvin, Manny Kellough, and Bill McGee

Junior Marvin, Manny Kellough, and Bill McGee are three legendary musicians who have played an instrumental role in transforming Black music into a global, cultural phenomenon.

Join us for our major speakers, Junior Marvin, Manny Kellough, and Bill McGee on Wednesday, February 7 at 7pm in Chandler Ballroom C, Cedric Rucker University Center.



## 2023-2024 Cultural Awareness Series - Upcoming Events

### Fall Events:

2023 Native American Cultural Celebration  
November 6 - November 10, 2023

2023 Jewish Cultural Celebration  
November 13 - November 17, 2023

Kwanzaa Celebration  
Wednesday, December 6 | 6 p.m.  
Chandler Ballroom, Cedric Rucker University Center

### Spring Events:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration  
January 17 – January 27, 2024

2024 Black History Month Celebration  
February 2024

2024 Women's History Month Celebration  
March 2024

2024 Islamic Cultural Celebration  
April 1 – April 5, 2024

34th Annual Multicultural Fair  
Saturday, April 13 | 10 am – 5 pm

Passover Seder 2024  
Wednesday, April 24 | 5 p.m.  
Chandler Ballroom C, University Center