



*The passing
of a giant of
our community ...*

Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke, one of the first five African Americans undergraduate students at Duke, died Oct. 22, 2019, at age 72.

Reuben-Cooke entered Trinity College of Arts and Sciences in 1963 along with Gene Kendall and Nathaniel “Nat” White, Mary Mitchell Harris and Cassandra Rush. With Reuben-Cooke’s death, only Kendall and White remain as surviving members of the original five.

She graduated in 1967, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and named a Woodrow Wilson Scholar. Her election as Duke’s May Queen was noted in the New York Times. During her time at Duke, she was active in the civil rights movement, including protesting in Durham and Chapel Hill and signing an open letter against the memberships of key Duke administrators and faculty members at the then all-white Hope Valley Country Club.

After graduating, Reuben-Cooke had a distinguished career as an attorney, but she remained connected to Duke after graduating, serving two terms on the Duke University Board of Trustees. In 2011, Reuben-Cooke earned the Duke University Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor granted by the Duke Alumni Association for her exemplary service. In 2013, a \$1 million scholarship fund was established to honor Wilhelmina and the four other first black undergraduates at Duke.

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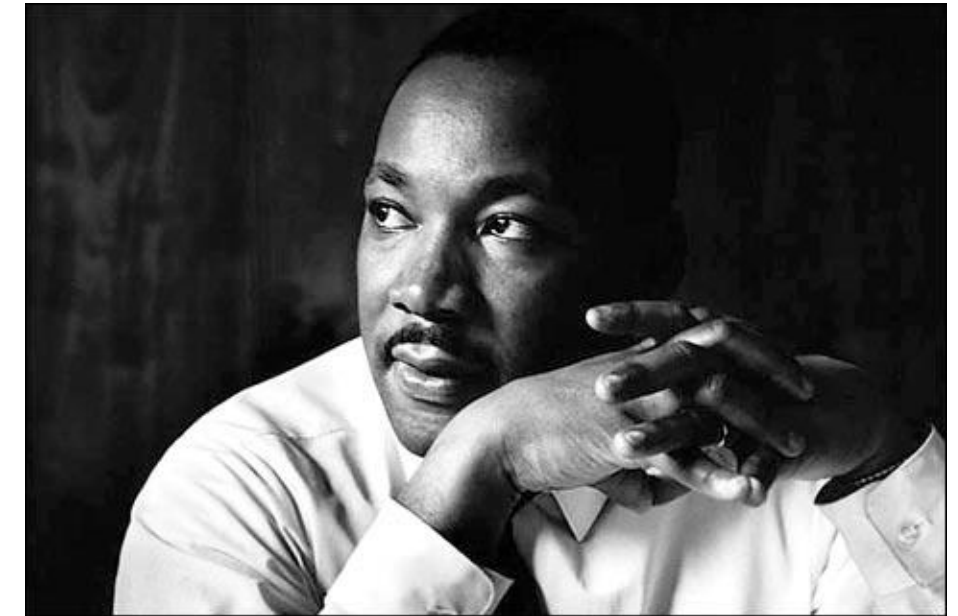
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DUKE UNIVERSITY’S 2020 SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Power of the People

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020
THREE O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA



In the grand historical arc of the human struggle for justice, we find ourselves observant of the cycle of destruction and creation. This is the “creative trouble” which was embodied in the work of those like Dr. King. In our moment, we are surrounded by words launched into the core of our society and threatening the parts of our world that are married to the marginalization of others. This dissension of injustice disturbs and, indeed, destroys. In these sometimes frightening moments, we must know what Dr. King understood: the truth destroys to usher in the possibilities of a liberated future. This knowledge means the subsequent dialogue will be grounded in this same truth. Our dialogue will be fertile soil for a world that welcomes and embraces those previously denied because we began building on an awareness of structural violence and systemic oppression. This is why words matter. This is why “creative trouble” is necessary: as we speak the liberating words and heed their clarion call, we hone ourselves into instruments capable of a harmony that does not request half the choir’s silence. Rebounding between the realms of destruction and creation, we find the conduit from dissent to dialogue, honoring every step of the process.

DUKE UNIVERSITY'S 2020 SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Duke University Chapel ~ Durham, NC
Sunday, January 19, 2020

*Please, no flash photography during the service.
And please turn off all electronic devices.*

PRELUDE John Brown Quartet

PROCESSIONAL Collage Dance Company
Directed by Ms. Sadiyah Shakur-Saleem

“SIM SHALOM” Rabbi Elana Friedman
(Grant Peace) *Campus Rabbi for Jewish Life at Duke*

INVOCATION The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Assistant Dean of Duke University Chapel

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT Ms. Darien Herndon
President, Native Student Alliance

GREETINGS Dr. Vincent E. Price
President, Duke University

Mr. Steve Schewel
Mayor, Durham, N.C.

SPECIAL MUSIC Amandla Chorus

GREETINGS Dr. Eugene Washington
President, Duke University Health System

Ms. De’Ja Wood
Vice-President of Black Student Alliance, Trinity ’21

SPOKEN VERB Resilience Williamson
Duke Spoken Verb
Trinity ’21

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER Ms. Adrianna Williams
Duke Editor-in-Chief, The Bridge

KEYNOTE ADDRESS Mr. Andrew Gillum
Former Mayor of Tallahassee
2018 Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate in Florida

SPECIAL MUSIC Amandla Chorus

BENEDICTION Chaplain Joshua Salaam
Chaplain for the Center for Muslim Life

RECESSIONAL The Collage Dance Company

POSTLUDE John Brown Quartet

USHERS Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Mr. Tobi Akinyelu, Mr. Angelo Bonomi,
Mr. Delmar Kaiser, Mr. Cameron King,
Mr. Chidi Okonya, and Mr. Pelham Van Cooten

**If you are hearing impaired, a signer will be at the front of the sanctuary.
Ushers can direct you to reserved seats where you will be able to see the signer.*

*For a full schedule of upcoming events and additional information
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MR. ANDREW GILLUM



A champion for everyday people, Andrew Gillum inspired millions across Florida and the nation in 2018. He surged past four better-funded primary candidates to a history-making victory as the Florida Democratic Party’s first African-American nominee for governor.

A lifelong public servant, Andrew Gillum is recognized across Florida and the nation as a bold and inspirational leader. The former Mayor of Tallahassee and 2018 Florida Democratic gubernatorial nominee, Gillum brought Floridians together in pursuit of fundamental human rights — the right to a well-paying job; the right to a good education; the right to quality health care; the right not to live in fear of gun violence in our schools or our streets. The only Democratic candidate for governor in Florida this century who wasn’t a millionaire, he won the hearts and minds of millions. Above all, Andrew Gillum shows us what fearless leadership looks like.

Gillum’s passion to fight for everyday people comes from his own life’s journey. The son of a school bus driver and a construction worker, Andrew Gillum knows what it’s like for a family to struggle, financially, and to have to choose between paying the water bill or the heating bill. The first in his family to graduate from high school and college, he knows first-hand how strong values, schools and community can set an individual on a different course. More than two million new midterm voters turned out in Florida in 2018 — shattering all records. The movement Mayor Gillum inspired is, without a doubt, responsible.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’” Andrew Gillum hears that call every day. And every day he works to answer it, dedicating his time, his talent and his limitless passion into lifting up his fellow Americans.