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Scholarship Gala to showcase MLK Citizenship Award

Ms. Bajeyah Eaddy is named 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Citizenship Award Winner

Greenville, South Carolina - Gamma Gamma Lambda and Alpha Phi Alpha Greenville Foundation have announced their 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Citizenship Award winner, **Bajeyah Eaddy**. Ms. Eaddy will receive the award at the 37th Annual Martin Luther King Scholarship Gala on January 10th at 3 PM.

Both Gamma Gamma Lambda and Alpha Phi Alpha Greenville Foundation are continuing our partnership with Furman University since 2008, and together they are sponsoring several events on Furman's campus starting with the Scholarship Gala on January 10th and continuing to the Joseph Vaughan Oratorical Competition on February 20th. "it is great to celebrate 37 years of service to the community. ", says Travis Smith, Vice Chairman of Alpha Phi Alpha Greenville Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization formed in 2012. "Our partnership with Furman has also allow us to address some of the tremendous needs in the community. The mission of this year's award truly aligns with our foundation's efforts to reach the community."



As an abuse survivor and CEO/Founder of Standing Against Violence Everyday, Inc. (S.A.V.E) for more than two years, Ms. Bajeyah Eaddy has led the effort in the Upstate to address the challenging problem of abuse against women. S.A.V.E, a 501(c) tax exempt non-profit based in Mauldin, South Carolina, was founded as an organization dedicated to and focused on helping rebuild lives, families, and communities through education on dating abuse and domestic violence.

Nothing destroys the fabric of families more than witnessing or experiencing violence in action, word or deed. Many families find it hard to rebuild when violence has been introduced or children have been subjected to it from a very early age. S.A.V.E.'s focus is "Rebuilding hope in the heart, one person at a time!". Its vision is to rebuild lives, families, homes, communities, and neighborhoods by saving one person at a time from domestic violence and dating

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abuse, while simultaneously working to end violence of any and every kind.

S.A.V.E. mentors and supports at-risk women by sponsoring group sessions with women and teens dealing with dating abuse. It makes a positive impact by helping people to know the signs of abuse through summits, church seminars, youth seminars and other community involvement.

We are proud to count Ms. Bajeyah Eaddy among the many winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Citizenship Award. The Scholarship Gala serves as both a "kickoff event" to the Upstate Community's Martin Luther King Celebrations but also primarily as a Community Celebration of our shared goal to "Build the Beloved Community" in the Upstate. The Gala will continue to celebrate our past foundation youth winners with the upcoming events in January and February of 2016 (see [the complete list of events](#)).

"*The Beloved Community*" is a concept popularized from Dr. King's 1957 Nobel Peace prize speech as the aftermath of the nonviolent struggle. The Foundation solicits funds through the Gala to support several different programs in the Greenville area including the **Luke H. Chatman Scholarship**, which supports four local students at various universities across the state.

The following is a list of events sponsored by the Alpha Greenville Foundation and Furman University.

January 2016

- **[Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Gala](#)**
Sunday, January 10, 2016 | 3:00 PM |
Melvin and Dottie Younts Conference Center, Furman University
Tickets are \$50 per person include a Dinner, Live Band, & Presentation of 2016 MLK Citizenship Award winner.

General Admission Tickets are available by calling (864) 735-0880 or by GGL Chapter (864) 441-9067 After Dec. 26, 2015, at mlkgala2016.eventbrite.com
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**
Monday, January 18, 2016 | 8 AM to 11 AM | TD Convention Center
Presented by Upcountry History Museum- Furman University with Furman's Heller Service Corps
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Celebration**
Thursday, January 24, 2016 | 5 PM | Daniel Memorial Chapel, Furman University
Reverend Kimberly Jackson '06, chaplain at the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center in Atlanta, Georgia, serving students from Clark Atlanta, Morehouse, Morris Brown, and Spelman Colleges

February 2016

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Speaker:**
Juan Williams—CLP
Melvin and Dollie Younts Conference Center, Shaw Hall
Thursday, February 3, 2016 | 7 PM to 9 PM | Melvin and Dottie Younts Conference Center, Furman University
7 PM Lecture | 8 PM Book signing
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Program & Rudolph Gordon College Fair**
Saturday, February 6, 2016 | 9 AM to 1 PM | Trone Center, Furman University
Open to the public, MLK Youth Program winners honored,
College Students will speak to winners on their first of year of college; Financial Aid Seminar for Parents.

- **Joseph Vaughn Oratorical Competition**

Saturday, February 20, 2016 | 10 AM to 2 PM | Trone Center, Furman University

Open to the public, MLK Youth Orators will speech on "*Is there a Correlation between the Civil Rights Movement of our Past and the Civil Disobedience of our Present?*"

Alpha Phi Alpha Greenville Foundation, established in 2012 as a public 501c3 non-profit, tax-exempted organization, our mission is to aid the poor and disadvantage and help them toward a life of self-sufficiency. Sometimes referred to as the *Alpha Greenville Foundation*, our programs address teenage pregnancy prevention, college preparation & awareness, educational scholarships, youth leadership development and other similar programs. We serve the Upstate area of South Carolina, and are affiliated with the Gamma Gamma Lambda Chapter of AΦA in Greenville, South Carolina.

Gamma Gamma Lambda Chapter is the Greenville, SC Chapter established in 1941. The Chapter was chartered as the third Alumni chapter in the District of South Carolina under the Fraternal administration of Brother Ray W. Logan, 16th General President and Brother Jos. H.B. Evans, General Secretary. For more than **seventy years**, and under the Umbrella of the National Organization, *Gamma Gamma Lambda Chapter has set as its objective to carry out the mandates of "Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for All Mankind"*.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., (AΦA) the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on December 4, 1906. The Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice – educationally and socially – at Cornell. The founders and early leaders of the Fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity.

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