A reception will immediately follow the program
in the
Terry M. Fischer Theatre Lobby

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3 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011
Terry M. Fischer Theatre
St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley
3400 Pershall Road in Ferguson

Master of Ceremonies - Steve Bai, Communications Instructor,
St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley

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Dr. Zelema Harris - Keynote Speaker

As the Chancellor of St. Louis Community College, Dr. Zelema Harris serves as the Chief Executive Officer of a multi-campus college system consisting of four campuses offering over 130 career and transfer academic programs which serve over 100,000 students annually with an annual budget of $200 million.

With over 30 years of experience, Dr. Harris has served as President of Parkland College in Champaign, Ill., and President of Metropolitan Community College - Penn Valley in Kansas City, Mo.

Locally, Dr. Harris serves on the boards of directors for the United Way of Greater St. Louis, the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, the St. Louis Science Center, The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

She is a member of the Missouri Women’s Forum, The Links, Inc.- Gateway Chapter, The United Way's Charmaine Chapman Society, the Women's Leadership Giving Initiative and the Alexis De Tocqueville.

Her career can be chronicled by examples of visionary advocacy, a tireless pursuit of social justice and a strong passion for civic engagement and leadership.

During her tenure at St. Louis Community College, the district received the 100 Black Men Outstanding Leadership Award and the St. Louis American Corporate Diversity Award and was named Top 50 by the Regional Commerce and Growth Association.

Personally, Dr. Harris was named a YWCA of St. Louis Leaders of Distinction and the St. Louis Business Journal's Most Influential Women in Business, Most Influential St. Louisans & Most Influential Minorities in Business & St. Louis Empowerment Initiative’s Woman of Distinction Award, Better Family Life, Inc. Lifetime Achievement Award, NAACP St. Louis County Youth Council's Dr. Benjamin Hooks Educator Award, Logos School Women of Distinction Award, MOKAN Lifetime Achievement Award, the St. Louis American Foundation's Lifetime Achiever in Education Award, and the Athena Award for Excellence in Education.

Dr. Harris earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Prairie View A&M University and her Master of Science and doctorate of education degrees from the University of Kansas.

A Texas native, Dr. Harris enjoys reading, the arts, traveling abroad and spending time with her three grown children and, granddaughter.

Program Schedule of Events

Opening Remarks .......................................................... Steve Bai
“I Have a Dream” speech recreation ................................. Ben Golley
Welcome ................................................................. Dr. Marcia Pfeiffer
President
St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley

Oratorical Remarks ...................................................... Dr. Rance Thomas
Chairman
North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice

Oratorical Contest Presentation – Youth Division
Grades 1-5
Nyah Brummer, Lawson School

Grades 6-8
Karen Sutherland, Hazelwood Southeast Middle School
Olivia Thompson, Atonement Lutheran School

Grades 9-12
Precious Taylor, Central and Visual Performing Arts School

Musical Selections ...................................................... Third Presbyterian Church Choir

Oratorical Contest Presentation – Adult Division

Valerie Jefferson

Musical Selections ...................................................... St. Mark’s UMC Sunrise Singers

Keynote ................................................................. Dr. Zelema Harris
Chancellor
St. Louis Community College

Musical Selection ...................................................... Florissant Valley College Chorus

Closing Remarks and Acknowledgements .......................... Steve Bai
“We Shall Overcome”.................................................. Florissant Valley College Chorus