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Airports Authority Celebrates Black History Month

February 19 Event at Reagan National Airport
Features Civil Rights Leader Rev. Walter Fauntroy

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's annual Black History Month celebration will feature Washington, D.C.-area students presenting original speeches and poetry with a keynote address by civil rights leader the Honorable Rev. Walter Fauntroy.

The program titled "A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." begins at **9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 19** in the Historic Terminal A Lobby at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

The Ballou High School ROTC will present the colors to start the celebration. Rev. Fauntroy will discuss the civil rights movement, including his role helping to coordinate the 1963 March on Washington where Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

Following Rev. Fauntroy's remarks, students will present their original speeches and poetry reflecting on the theme "I Have a Dream." The program will conclude with a performance by the Ballou High School Marching Band. Students also created artwork to reflect the theme "I Have a Dream." The artwork will remain on display in Terminal A throughout the month of March.

The following schools are included in this event:

> From the District of Columbia:
> - Eliot-Hine Middle School, Washington, D.C.
> - Howard Road Academy
> - Coolidge Senior High School
> - Wilson Senior High School
> - Roosevelt Senior High School
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> From Alexandria, Virginia:
> - Sandburg Middle School
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> From Oxon Hill, Maryland:
> - Potomac High School

DIRECTIONS TO THIS EVENT: The Historic Terminal A Lobby at Reagan National Airport is located between Terminal A and Terminals B/C. Media interested in covering this event should park in Daily Garage A. Follow the moving walkways to the terminal building, then turn left as if going to Terminal B/C and continue walking until you reach the historic lobby area.

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