

## **AU Will Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Talk by Garry Mendez Jr.**

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Alfred, N.Y.--Alfred University will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Tuesday, Jan. 20, with a talk by Garry Mendez Jr., director and founder of the National Trust for the Development of African-American Men. The talk, scheduled the same day as the opening of spring semester classes, begins at noon in the Nevins Theatre of the Powell Campus Center. It is free and open to the public. The National Trust for the Development of African-American Men was founded in 1989 and is located in Washington, D.C. The organization uses history, culture and values to address the health and crime-related problems of African-American individuals, families and communities. Formerly, Mendez served as director of the National Urban League, Administration of Justice in New York City. He was responsible for assisting Urban League affiliates with justice-related program development and outreach. From 1986-88, he served as a visiting fellow at the National Institute of Justice in Washington, D.C. He currently serves as a consultant for the Office of Substance and Alcohol Abuse (Washington, D.C.), Kellogg Foundation (Battle Creek, Mich.) and the National Institute of Corrections (Washington, D.C.). Mendez earned a B.A. degree in sociology from Hobart College, a M.S. in education from Bank Street College of Education and a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Michigan. His talk is sponsored by the Provost's Office, Student Activities Office and the Office of ALANA (African, Latino, Asian and Native American) Affairs.