

Diversity

# NEWSLETTER



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Creating safe spaces for ALL as we welcome, celebrate and value our differences. We strive to listen, understand and learn from one another to grow personally and enhance our community.

## UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

- 1/3: Mahayana New Year
- 1/13: Korean American Day
- 1/18: World Religion Day
- 1/19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- FEB: Black History Month
- 2/1: National Freedom Day
- 2/17: Lunar New Year
- 2/17: Ramadan Begins
- 2/18: Ash Wednesday

**“What makes  
YOU unique,  
makes US  
strong!”**



## WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

### World of Winter 2026: January 9 - March 1

Downtown Grand Rapids transforms into a winter wonderland starting January 9 for the 9th annual World of Winter Festival! There will be various FREE winter-themed programming and events, including art installations, live performances, family-friendly games, guided walking tours and more throughout downtown Grand Rapids. All World of Winter events are FREE or low-cost and can be enjoyed by both families and adults.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week

Grand Valley State University is hosting a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week, the week of January 19, 2026. GVSU is inviting Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP, to kick off the week of events commemorating the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There will also be a silent march on the Valley Campus, at 4 p.m on Wednesday, January 21. Events are free and open to the public.

