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**LeMoyne-Owen College Activities in Observance of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

MEMPHIS, TN (January 14, 2011) – LeMoyne-Owen College will honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with a series of community and campus activities beginning on Saturday, January 15, 2011. **The series of activities include:**

- ✓ A public forum titled, **“Surrender or Not Surrender: An Issue of Justice (Memphis City Schools Charter) will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 beginning at 9:30 a.m.**, in the GOH Building – Room 111 on the LeMoyne-Owen College campus. The event is hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Memphis Chapter. The moderator will be Bernal Smith, President/Publisher, The Tri-State Defender Newspaper. Panelists will include: Dr. Fred Johnson, former Superintendent of Shelby County Schools; Mr. Martavius Jones, Memphis City School Board Member; Rev. Dwight Montgomery, Baptist Ministerial Alliance, SCLC President, Mr. David Pickler, Shelby County Board Chairman. **For more information, please contact Clarence Christian (901) 736-3091.**
- ✓ **The 53rd Annual International Tea**, to benefit LeMoyne-Owen College, will be held on **Sunday, January 16, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, in the Alma C. Hanson Student Center at LeMoyne-Owen College. The Annual Tea is sponsored by the Memphis Baptist Ministerial Alliance as the kick-off event for the annual season of giving campaign from the faith community. The event was founded over 50 years ago by the late Rev. Benjamin Lawson Hooks to raise money to support scholarships and other activities at the College. The event Chairman is Dr. James L. Netters, senior pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church-Westwood. For more information, please contact **Jacqueline Ward, Development Coordinator (901) 435-1535.**

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- ✓ **SunTrust Bank will present a check in the amount of \$10,000 to LeMoyne-Owen College** at the upcoming Annual MLK Grizzlies versus Chicago Bulls Basketball Game. The game will be played at FedEx Forum on MLK Day on **Monday, January 17, 2011 at 12:00 Noon**. SunTrust makes the annual contribution to LeMoyne-Owen College to benefit its General Scholarship Fund. The check will be received by LeMoyne-Owen College President Johnnie B. Watson. “We are sincerely appreciative of the generosity that SunTrust Bank continues to show LeMoyne-Owen College and its students,” President Watson said. Tickets are available at FedEx Forum. **For more information, please contact Roger Brown, Interim Executive Director, Institutional Advancement (901) 435-1527.**

- ✓ **The 21st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast**, sponsored by the LeMoyne-Owen College Alumni Association, will take place at **8:00AM, on Monday, January 17, 2011** at the Holiday Inn Select, 2240 Democrat Road, Memphis. The guest emcee will be **Today Show Kid Reporter Deidra Shores**. The keynote speaker will be **The Reverend Dr. Gina M. Stewart**, Christ Missionary Baptist Church. For more information, please contact: **Jesse Chatman, Director of Administrative Services at (901) 435-1478 or jesse_chatman@loc.edu**. Tickets are \$40.

- ✓ **LeMoyne-Owen College Community Clean-Up** honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will take place on **Monday, January 17th**. The LeMoyne-Owen College community-wide clean-up is co-sponsored by *Clean Memphis, Volunteer Mid-South* and the *LeMoyne-Owen College Community Partnership*. Approximately, 400 participants, including corporate leaders from area companies, will participate in the clean up including: *Cargill, FedEx, Coca-Cola, Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Nobleman Society, Lovely Ladies of Elegance* and many other groups. The volunteers will spread out to cover the South Memphis neighborhoods surrounding the college campus. Other corporate and community sponsors include: *ABL Management, Inc., Memphis City Beautiful, the Shelby County Mayor’s Office, the Shelby County Sherriff’s Department, Memphis Police Department, Memphis Area Transit Authority, and City of Memphis Code Enforcement.*

Volunteers will mobilize in the Alma C. Hanson Student Center on campus on **Monday, January 17th at 10:00 a.m.** The Clean-Up will continue until 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will be joined by college students, many of whom have been regular participants in clean up events in the past. Contact: **Dr. Cheryl Golden, Chairperson of Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences (901) 435.1429** or see the contact above.

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