

# THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW

36 YEARS OF HONORING  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
AT COLUMBUS STATE



WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4, 2026

## Musical Performance

Anthony Saxson

## Welcome

Vincent Hill

Assistant Director, Student Engagement and Belonging

## Opening Remarks

Dr. David Harrison

President, Columbus State Community College

## George Floyd Memorial Scholarship Award Presentation

Marja Davis

Assistant Professor, Applied Sciences and Human Services

## Musical Performance

Anthony Saxson

## The Barbara Smith-Allen Visionary Dreamer Award Presentation

Maryam Khan, Student Ambassador

## The Darius Torrence Visionary Dreamer Award Presentation

Kelly Edmondson

## Napoleon Bell Sr. Award & Scholarship Presentations

The Bell family

## Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Emmanuel Chenge, Student Ambassador

## Keynote Address

Pastor Michael Young

## Special Presentation to Keynote Speaker

David Muiru, Student Ambassador

## Musical Performance

Tracy Thornton

Specialist, Purchasing and Accounts Payable

## Call to Action

Reuel Barksdale

Retired Professor, Business and Paralegal Program

**COLUMBUS STATE**

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **MICHAEL YOUNG, LEAD PASTOR, CITY OF GRACE CHURCH**

Michael Young serves as the Lead Pastor of City of Grace Church in Columbus, Ohio, where he is recognized for his charismatic leadership, visionary outlook, and entrepreneurial approach to ministry.

Committed to demonstrating the gospel through action, Young extends his influence beyond the pulpit into extensive community service and empowerment initiatives. His involvement includes mentoring inner-city youth and holding board positions with the Columbus Division of Police Chief's Advisory Panel and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective Board of Trustees. A key figure in central Ohio's social justice movement, he actively works on race reconciliation efforts and advocates for policy changes to promote equity.



### **MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: ANTHONY SAXSON**

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Anthony was always surrounded by music. His first calling to music was through his family church. Today, Anthony channels his music through these spiritual roots. His aim is to achieve his calling through musical expression, touching the world, one person at a time.

### **BARBARA SMITH-ALLEN AND THE DARIUS TORRENCE VISIONARY DREAMER AWARDS**

Every year, in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the college honors one staff member and one student for their leadership and commitment to creating a diverse campus culture.

### **2026 NAPOLEON BELL SR. AWARD**

This award is presented annually to one Columbus State employee and one Columbus State student who demonstrates ambition, persistence, integrity, service, and support of Columbus State values — qualities embodied by the award's namesake.



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