

Dr. Edwards receives Compass Award at MLK event



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The Compass Award is given to a person or organization who “encompasses equity as a north star.” A long-time educator with over 35 years of experience in higher education administration, Dr. Edwards found her niche in community colleges where she has witnessed the transformational power that education has in the lives of students and in the communities they serve.

Dr. Edwards said, “I am humbled to be recognized with a Compass Award at this event, and I look forward to continuing Dr. King’s vision through the college’s work. I hope everyone will find opportunities to contribute toward cultivating a more equal and just society to bring us closer to Dr. King’s vision of a beloved community.”



Clark College Foundation and Clark trustees and staff attended the event in support for Dr. Edwards and her equity work at the college.

The annual event celebrating Dr. King's legacy featured:

- Compass Award presentation to Dr. Karin Edwards
- Keynote speaker Keyonda McQuarters, inspirational leader and wellness advocate
- Welcome by Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle
- Messages from spiritual leaders Pastor Joyce Smith and Pastor Matthew J. Hennessee
- Performance by *Kings Return*, Grammy-nominated a cappella group

iUrban Teen posted this message on its Facebook page: Join **IUrban Teen** as we honor Dr. King's legacy with an inspiring morning of inspirational speakers, unity, reflection, and community, featuring Grammy-nominated, a cappella sensation Kings Return. Together, we rise to create a brighter future!