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# MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

*In honor of the contributions of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the Civil Rights Movement,  
the Office of Diversity & Outreach presents:*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Rhodes on the Pawtuxet**

**60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, Rhode Island**

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast**

Hosted by the Ministers Alliance of Rhode Island and featuring  
keynote speaker, pastor, professor and author, Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones.

Seats are limited. Please email Deborah Johnson at [djohnson@rwu.edu](mailto:djohnson@rwu.edu) if you are interested in attending.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Room 285 – Reception to follow**

**Keynote Address by Professor Jenny Rivera**

*Director of Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality,  
City University of New York School of Law*

**Jenny Rivera** is a Professor of Law at the City University of New York School of Law in New York and the Founder and Director of the Law School's Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality (CLORE). CLORE promotes law reform scholarship, public education, and litigation in support of expanded civil rights, and focuses on issues impacting the Latino community in the United States. Prior to teaching, Professor Rivera was an Administrative Law Judge of the New York State Division of Human Rights, a member of the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and served as the Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights for then New York State Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo. As Special Deputy Attorney General she assisted in the development and implementation of the Attorney General's civil rights agenda, supervised the Civil Rights Bureau and organized and held statewide outreach sessions on civil rights issues. In 1993 Professor Rivera clerked for then District Judge Sonia Sotomayor. She also clerked in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals *Pro Se* Law Clerk's office. She was a lawyer for the Legal Aid Society's Homeless Family Rights Project, and served as an Associate Counsel for the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, where she worked on education and employment discrimination, equity and testing issues, gender equality and language rights discrimination. On December 1, 2012, the State of New York Commission on Judicial Nomination named Professor Rivera as one of seven nominees to fill a seat on the State's highest court, the New York Court of Appeals.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2013**

**12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

**Room 283**

**“A CLASS APART”**

*Movie and discussion*

Join us for this lunchtime event, co-sponsored by the Latino Law Students Association, the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association, the Asian Pacific Law Students Association, the Black Law Students Association and the Association for Public Interest Law, which will feature a screening of the film “A Class Apart.” Lunch will be provided and a discussion, facilitated by Assistant Dean Raquel Ortiz, will follow the movie.

This film brings to life the heroic post-World War II struggles of Mexican Americans against the Jim Crow-style discrimination targeted against them. It highlights the landmark 1954 civil rights case *Hernandez v. Texas* in which a group of Latino lawyers sought to ensure that Mexican Americans were recognized by the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment by bringing their case to the United States Supreme Court – and winning.

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