

Eastern to honor 2020 MLK Award recipients

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University will hold its 25th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony Wednesday.

The event is from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Paul E. Johnson Sr. Community Conference Room in the J. Eugene Smith Library.

The ceremony will recognize three honorees who have

demonstrated a commitment to King's values and beliefs.

Broken into three categories: the Faculty/Staff Award will be given to Access Ability Services Director Kristen Scavone; the Student Award will go to health sciences major Lacey Brown, an ECSU senior; and the Community Award will go to JoAnn Price, co-founder and managing partner of Fairview Capital Partners.

Established in 1996, Eastern's MLK Awards honor people who demonstrate a devotion to cultural diversity, inclusion and civic engagement. The annual ceremony serves to remember the altruistic efforts of King, whose spirit, philosophy and teachings continue to inspire countless individuals today.

Past recipients include LaToya Smith, a 2006 graduate, who is now an

award-winning multimedia journalist and chief executive officer of a New York-based marketing agency and Indra Petoskey, assistant dean of continuing education and enhanced learning at Eastern. Other past recipients include Alycia Bright-Holland, assistant professor of theater; Kemesha Wilmot, associate director of the Center for Community Engagement, and others.