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**ECSU Seeks Nominations for
Martin Luther King Jr. Award**

Willimantic, Conn. -- Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) is accepting nominations for its Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award. Nominees may be a part of the university community or from the greater Windham community. Nominations will be accepted through January 21, 2003.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Distinguished Service Award recognizes members of the campus and local community whose actions demonstrate distinguished service in promoting the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to further the goals of diversity and social equality.

Three awards will be given—one to a member of the ECSU community, one to a member of the ECSU faculty/staff, and one to a member of the ECSU student body.

The awards recognize distinguished service in one or more of the three categories: activities that represent a commitment to the goals of an integrated society, including activities beyond one's work obligations; leadership in a program serving the needs of a

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diverse community, with efforts reflecting an attempt to unify groups and or to increase sensitivity; and planning and implementation of programs to broaden representation of under-represented groups as students and employees.

The award will be presented at a ceremony honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on January 29, 2003 in the Paul Johnson Community Room of the Library.

To request a nomination form, please contact Averl R. Otis, coordinator of multicultural student activities by calling 860-465-5749, or email her at otisa@easternct.edu or write to the Arthur L. Johnson Unity Center at 182 High Street.

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