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Social Justice Summit scheduled April 27 at Carthage

KENOSHA, Wis. – The Office of Equity and Inclusion at Carthage College will host its first Social Justice Summit on Saturday, April 27.

This free event is open to community members who would like to learn about various social justice issues that affect the world around us. The summit will take place from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the A. W. Clausen Center for World Business at the north end of the Carthage campus, 2001 Alford Park Drive.

Reinforcing the summit's theme, "Turning Intention Into Impact," presenters from throughout southeastern Wisconsin will provide solutions that attendees can implement to advance social justice in their communities.

Award-winning historian, educator, journalist, and podcaster Reggie Jackson will give the keynote presentation, "A Pathway to Ending Mass Incarceration in Wisconsin." The state's Black residents are incarcerated at the highest rate in the country, primarily due to minor probation and parole violations — rather than new crimes — prompting a campaign for reforms to relieve the burden on Wisconsin's correctional system and taxpayers.

Jackson is a senior researcher for The Redress Movement, a national organization working to mitigate the damage caused by discriminatory policies and practices. He devoted 20 years to the Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee as head griot — a traditional West African term for a public historian — and is now writing a book on the history of segregation in the city.

The summit's breakout sessions will cover topics such as:

- Building a Mustard Seed Movement for Climate Justice
- How to Advocate for Equity and Inclusion in Behavioral Health
- Racial Trauma: How to Improve Identification and Support of Those Impacted
- Bridging: Toward a Society Built on Belonging
- Leveraging Local Politics
- Social Identity and Social Justice: What Do You Bring to the Fight?

Carthage seniors Julia Peters and Gloria Castro-Jimenez of Kenosha organized the event. It's dedicated to the late Rev. Kara Baylor, a longtime campus pastor at the college who cared deeply about social justice.

Lunch will be provided to attendees at no cost. Go to www.carthage.edu/sj-summit for more information and an online registration form.



About Carthage

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