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SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2009: NIU REMEMBERS – A DAY OF REFLECTION

DeKalb – A series of public events on Saturday, February 14, 2009 will commemorate the anniversary of last year's tragic shooting on the NIU campus.

Two primary events will begin and end the day:

- At 10:30 a.m., the university-wide commemoration event "NIU Remembers: A Legacy of Character" will be held at the Convocation Center. The ceremony will honor those who lost their lives, lift up those whose struggles continue, and celebrate all who have assisted in the process of recovery. Doors will open at 9 a.m. for this event.
- At 6 p.m., President John Peters will lead the campus and community in a candlelight vigil in the Martin Luther King Memorial Commons, followed by a reception in the Duke Ellington Ballroom. Participants are encouraged to begin gathering at 5:30 p.m.

Additional events and opportunities for private reflection will be available throughout the day. All events (unless noted) will be held in the Holmes Student Center (HSC), and will include:

11:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

- Today, We Are All Huskies art exhibit (HSC Art Gallery & Lounge)
- NIU Remembers video montage (HSC Capitol Room North)
- Peace Room (open 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Feb. 13 & 14, HSC Douglas Room)

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- Huskies Healing Huskies counseling opportunities (HSC University Suite and Neptune Hall Fireside Lounge)
- Break Zone (HSC Huskie Den – refreshments provided)

12:30 – 2:45 p.m.

- Images of Hope photo/image display (HSC Capitol Room South)
- Huskies' Acts of Kindness student postcard display (HSC Promenade Lounge)
- Reflections and Expressions time capsule creation (HSC Lincoln Room)

1:00 – 2 p.m.

- Multi-Faith Reflection (HSC Carl Sandburg Auditorium)

3 p.m.

- Presentation of Memorial Wreaths (President John Peters will lead participants toward Cole Hall to place wreaths at the site where a permanent memorial will be constructed this spring.)

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.

- Memorial Mosaic project participation (HSC Regency Room)
- Reflections and Expressions time capsule creation (HSC Lincoln Room)
- Memorial Concert (HSC Carl Sandburg Auditorium – concludes at 4:30 p.m.)

In addition to events open to the public, NIU will hold a private luncheon for the families of the slain students, where the university will introduce five current students chosen to receive the inaugural “Forward, Together Forward” / February 14 Memorial Student Scholarships. A second private event will honor emergency responders who assisted at the scene on February 14, 2008.

For more information, visit www.niu.edu/forward, or contact Public Affairs at (815) 753-1681.

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