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**CITY NAMES ASU WEST FACULTY MEMBER,
VETERAN PERFORMER AS WINNER OF ‘PROMOTING
INCLUSIVENESS AWARD’**

GLENDALE, Ariz. -- Charles St. Clair is accustomed to accepting awards, but it's usually an Emmy or acting accolade. On January 14, the theatrical powerhouse, who is on faculty at ASU West, will be recognized by the city of Glendale for a different reason – his contribution to the causes of diversity and inclusiveness.

The “Promoting Inclusiveness Award” will be presented at the city’s annual Unity Day Luncheon held to celebrate the life and ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr. The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

St. Clair joins a growing list of awardees who have gone above and beyond their jobs to continue Dr. King’s work of promoting a society that is “just, peaceful and understanding.”

“Charles’s contributions to this cause are impressive,” said Joe Hernandez, who chaired the selection committee. “He has touched thousands of lives and continues to do so.”

St. Clair is an Emmy Award-winning actor and director with more than 300 productions to his name, but most notable to the award committee is his re-enactment each year of Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream,” speech. He re-creates this moment in America’s civil rights movement for the “March on West” event at

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ASU West. As many as 800 middle school children take part in the annual celebration by gathering at Paley Gate at ASU West to re-enact the 1963 March on Washington.

St. Clair has been active in planning the event and served as the event chairperson since its inception in 1991. His commitment to diversity and inclusiveness also includes serving on the Campus Cultural Committee and Black History Month Committee at ASU West. He is also the faculty advisor for the Black Student Union, co-founder of the Fairmount Theater of the Deaf and a board member for the Arizona Jewish Theatre. He has been a faculty member at ASU West since 1990 and serves as the technical director for the Division of Humanities Arts and Cultural Studies.

Presentation of his award will highlight the Unity Day Luncheon that features keynote speaker Dr. Warren Stewart, Jr., who is himself a past recipient for his contributions in making Martin Luther King Day an official holiday in Arizona.

Tickets to the 11th annual Unity Day Luncheon, considered one of the state's premier celebrations of King's life and ideals, are still available. Individual seats for the 2011 luncheon are \$40 per person. Tables can be reserved at a cost of \$400. Individual and table reservations can be made at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, or by calling Lorraine Pino at 623-930-2955.

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