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Martin University Receives \$1.15 Million Federal Grant for Predominately Black Institution

Indianapolis IN. - October 3, 2008. Martin University received a \$598,699 grant award from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will be continued a second year for an additional \$553,695.

For the last 30 years, Martin University, the only Predominately Black Institution (PBI) in the State of Indiana, has changed destinies of over 1500 low-income, minorities and persons of color, by making education available to all who can benefit.

“I will continue to support effective federal programs which advance access to and the affordability of higher education. It is important that federal funds be used as efficiently as possible to ensure that students of all economic backgrounds are able to pursue post-secondary study,” said Richard Lugar, U.S. Senator for Indiana.

Funding for this project will be used on Martin University’s infrastructure, student academic success programs, and the development of persistence rates. Martin University plans to create a Virtual Learning Community as well as creating an Interdisciplinary Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Learning Environment, including a dedicated STEM lab and student lounge.

Dr. Algeania Freeman, President of Martin University, expressed her deepest appreciation to Senator Lugar for his commitment to education and continued support of Martin University along with gratefulness to Senator Evan Bayh and Congressman Andre' Carson their dedication to academic excellence.

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