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Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) to receive 2017 Dr. John Hope Franklin Award

FAIRFAX, Va. — [U.S. Representative John Lewis](#) will receive the 2017 Dr. John Hope Franklin Award during an awards reception Monday, March 13, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Often called "one of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement ever produced," John Lewis has dedicated his life to protecting human rights, securing civil liberties, and building what he calls "The Beloved Community" in America. His dedication to the highest ethical standards and moral principles has won him the admiration of many of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the United States Congress.

Featured on the [February 13, 2014](#) cover of *Diverse*, his award-winning book "*March: Book One* was the first in a trilogy of best-selling graphic novels depicting the civil rights movement in an easy-to-read-medium.

"*March: Book Three*," recently won four prizes from The American Library Association and last November it received the National Book Award. The "March" series, a collaboration among Lewis, and co-authors Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell, also received the Coretta Scott King award for best children's book by an African-American and the Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in children's literature.

About this Award:

The *Dr. John Hope Franklin Award* was created in 2004 to pay tribute to the late Dr. Franklin, a historian, writer, educator, and humanitarian who made significant contributions to shaping the perspective of American history in the 20th century.

Diverse created the award to institutionalize and celebrate on an ongoing basis his scholarly contributions to the nation. The individuals and organizations chosen are those whose contributions to higher education are consistent with the highest standards of excellence.

This year's award will be presented during a reception on Monday, **March 13, 2017 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** during the 99th annual meeting of the American Council on Education (ACE) in Washington, D.C.

Pioneering HBCU advocates Drs. Samuel L. Myers and Wilma J. Roscoe are also recipients of the 2017 Award.

The March 9, 2017 edition of ***Diverse*** will include a tribute to each of this year's award recipients.

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