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ALICE WALKER TO SPEAK AT CSUSB ON FIGHTING RACISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and activist to deliver keynote lecture March 27

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – Alice Walker, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Color Purple" and a lifelong civil and women's rights activist, will speak at California State University, San Bernardino on March 27 at 6 p.m. in the Santos Manuel Student Union South Events Center.

Walker will present "Fighting Racism in the 21st Century" as part of an event hosted by the CSUSB President's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Board. The lecture will address ongoing racial justice efforts, systemic inequality and the role individuals play in creating a more just society.

Walker, best known for her 1982 novel "The Color Purple", was the first Black woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. The novel, which also won the National Book Award, was later adapted into a critically acclaimed film and a Tony Award-winning Broadway musical. She has written numerous novels, essays and poetry collections exploring race, gender and social justice.

Beyond her literary achievements, Walker was active in the civil rights movement, working alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She has since become an advocate for global human rights, environmental justice and gender equality.

"This is more than just a lecture — it's an opportunity for meaningful dialogue about the challenges we still face and how we move forward," said Ashley Schwartz, student at CSUSB. "Alice Walker's voice remains as powerful and relevant as ever."

The event is free and open to the public. A valid CSUSB parking permit is required, or visitors may purchase a \$10 daily parking pass.

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