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# TV ONE'S NEWSONE NOW HOST ROLAND S. MARTIN TO BROADCAST LIVE FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7, 7-8 A.M. ET/6-7 A.M. CT

Martin Joins Award-Winning Actor Hill Harper, Grammy-Nominated Singer
V. Bozeman and Texas A&M University President Michael Young
As Featured Speakers at Tonight's "Aggies United" Event

SILVER SPRING, MD. – DEC. 6, 2016 – Texas A&M Class of '91 Alumnus Roland S. Martin will host his TV One daily news program, *NewsOne Now*, live from campus on Wednesday, Dec. 7 (7-8 a.m. ET/6-7 a.m. CT). Martin, who is also a featured speaker at the university's "Aggies United" event tonight, will conduct his regular news program and provide an overview and recap of the community gathering. Dubbed by the university as "an opportunity to stand together in unwavering conviction that Aggies are strongest when united," "Aggies United" is scheduled opposite white nationalist and "alt-right" leader Richard Spencer's speaking engagement, which is also being held on campus.

"As a black journalist and a proud **Texas A&M** alumnus, it is important we stand together and call the 'alt-right' movement what it is: white supremacy," said **Martin.** "I am proud to be broadcasting live from my alma mater to help bring attention to and reject hate. I am committed to using my voice to reaffirm we are strongest as a unified community."

**Martin** recently confronted **Spencer** – who is also the leader of the National Policy Institute – in an exclusive interview about his views on America, race, white supremacy, and the election of **President-Elect Donald Trump**. The interview, which is <u>available online</u>, has already generated more than 5 million views on **Martin's** Facebook page.

"Aggies United," which will highlight Martin as a featured speaker, will be held tonight, Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. CT at Texas A&M's Kyle Field, and is co-hosted by award-winning actor and best-selling author Hill Harper, and Texas A&M Student Body President Hannah Wimberly. The gathering, which is open to students, faculty and staff, as well as the entire Bryan-College Station community, will also feature special performances by singer-songwriter Ben Rector; Grammy-nominated singer, actress and model V. Bozeman; and Max Glauben, a Holocaust survivor who has captivated audiences with his recount of his World War II experiences.

A veteran journalist known for his political savvy, provocative interviews, and no-nonsense approach, **Martin** will also be available to provide insight, as well as reaction from the African American community and his nearly 1 million social media followers. He has been an influential figure reporting on the movement since its evolution and continues to keep the topic in the cultural forefront. The **NewsOne Now** host and managing editor has held enlightening discussions on topics such as criminal justice reform, job opportunities for minorities, veteran affairs and public education--to name a few.



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**Martin** is available as political analyst and commentator to discuss issues affecting the black community, including the aftermath of the 2016 Presidential Race and the rise of the "alt-right" movement. To schedule an interview or appearance, please contact <u>Brandii Toby-Leon</u> and <u>Courtney Reed</u> of **TV One's** publicity department

For more information about *NewsOne Now* and Roland S. Martin, visit <a href="www.tvone.tv">www.tvone.tv</a> and <a href="www.newsone.com">www.newsone.com</a>, and check out TV One's <a href="YouTube Channel">YouTube Channel</a>. Viewers can also join the conversation by connecting via social media on <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a> and <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a> and <a href="Periscope">Periscope</a> (@rolandsmartin).

#### ABOUT NEWS ONE NOW:

Emanating from the heart of Washington D.C. in a state-of-the-art studio that offers a stunning view of the Capitol building, *NewsOne Now* airs Monday through Friday on TV One from 7-8 a.m. ET. *NewsOne Now* is hosted by Roland S. Martin, the 2013 National Association of Black Journalists' Journalist of the Year and former host of TV One's long-running, award-winning weekly news program, *Washington Watch with Roland Martin*. Each morning, Martin – who also serves as the program's managing editor – sifts through the headlines of the day to spotlight matters that greatly impact the African American community. In addition to television, *NewsOne Now* reaches audiences 24/7 with exclusive program content and extended editorial on NewsOne.com and the NewsOne mobile app. *News One Now* is an evolution of Interactive One's award-winning digital brand NewsOne.com that launched in 2008 and reaches millions of African Americans each month. Susan Henry is executive producer of *NewsOne Now*. D'Angela Proctor is TV One's head of original programming and production.

### **ABOUT TV ONE:**

Launched in January 2004, TV One serves more than 60 million households, offering a broad range of real-life and entertainment-focused original programming, classic series, movies and music designed to entertain and inform a diverse audience of adult black viewers. The network represents the best in black culture and entertainment with fan favorite shows *Unsung, Rickey Smiley For Real, Fatal Attraction, Hollywood Divas* and *The NAACP Image Awards*. In addition, TV One is the cable home of blockbuster drama *Empire*, and *NewsOne Now*, the only live daily news program dedicated to black viewers. In December 2008, the company launched TV One High Def, which now serves 14 million households. TV One is solely owned by Radio One [NASDAQ: ROIA and ROIAK, <a href="www.radio-one.com">www.radio-one.com</a>], the largest radio company that primarily targets Black and urban listeners.

### ROLAND S. MARTIN IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS UPON REQUEST

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