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## Nelson Mandela's grandsons to speak at Brandeis tonight

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Two grandsons of the late Nelson Mandela are scheduled to visit Brandeis University tonight to deliver the keynote address of the school's third annual social justice festival, 'DEIS Impact.

Brandeis officials said that while the campus was closed Wednesday due to a snowstorm, the speech and other festival activities were still scheduled to happen from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Levin Ballroom of the Usdan Student Center

Mandela's grandsons, Kweku Mandela-Amuah and Ndaba Mandela, plan to discuss the formation of their foundation, Africa Rising, and their efforts to promote a positive image of Africa and to instill a sense of pride and purpose in young Africans across the globe, campus officials said.

The keynote speech, "Africa Rising: The Mandela legacy and the next generation of African leadership," was organized in collaboration with the Ruth First Lecture Series sponsored by the African and Afro-American Studies Department, officials said.

Last year's keynote speakers at the festival, actress Eliza Dushku and her mother, Judy, also plan to attend today's talk, officials said.

Judy Dushku is the founder of THRIVE-Gulu, an organization that addresses post-conflict concerns in Uganda, including child soldiers, sex slavery, officials said.

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