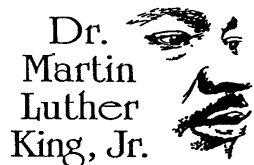




Mission

Toward Community: Unity in Diversity builds connections and community among groups and individuals in the Fox Valley through celebration, education, and advocacy for the broad spectrum of human diversity.



2009 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

*"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."
– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Young people who are inspired by Dr. King's vision of a society free of racial prejudice are invited to enter the 2009 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

Essay contest winners will be invited to read their essays at the 18th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration to be held on Monday, January 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel on College Avenue in Appleton. Winners in four brackets will be awarded \$25 from Toward Community: Unity in Diversity and \$25 from IndUS of the Fox Valley.

Contest categories by grade are: 2nd and 3rd, 4th through 6th, 7th through 9th, and 10th through 12th. Submissions may be in essay or poetry form and should not exceed one page. Writers should relate their essays to the theme of this year's community celebration, "**Beyond Dr. King's Dream: Next Steps.**" Dr. King's dream for our world was that all people would learn to live together in harmony. Student entries should attempt to describe the responsibility young people have in advancing Dr. King's message of equality and harmony among people of all races and all backgrounds. A panel of judges will critique the essays. Originality will be a critical factor in the judging process.

The deadline to enter the contest is **4:30 p.m. Friday, December 5, 2008**. A sheet separate from the essay should contain the writer's name, address, telephone number, school, and grade. Do not write names on essays. Please do not use staples to attach name and essay sheets. Send entries to: Toward Community: Unity in Diversity, 128 N. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911. Call Gayle Hardt at (920) 954-7211 with questions or if you need to arrange for drop off of an essay before 4:30 p.m. on December 5th. Winners will be notified by phone.

The keynote speaker for the 2009 celebration is Dr. Bola Delano-Oriaran, Assistant Professor of Education, at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI. In addition, the Kaukauna High School Choir will perform.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is an interfaith, multicultural event sponsored by Toward Community: Unity in Diversity, Lawrence University, and a number of area churches, religious organizations, businesses, and social service agencies. The King Celebration has been a unifying tradition in the Fox Valley since 1992. It is free and open to the public.

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