

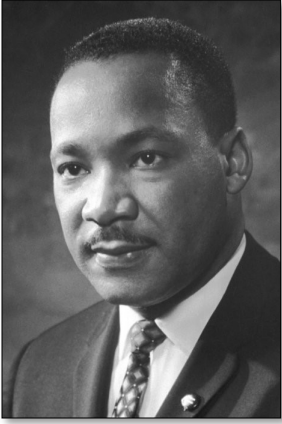
**HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE CALVIN BALL,
THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUITY
AND THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
HOLIDAY COMMISSION**

PRESENT

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**



Sunday, January 17, 2021



“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends .”

Born January 15, 1929, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. played a pivotal historical role as an activist, leader and monumental figure in the civil rights movement. An exceptionally brilliant student, King's skills in writing and public speaking, combined with continuous exposure to the harsh realities of racism, especially at a young age, shaped the dynamic path of his short life.

Following in his grandfather and father's footsteps, Dr. King received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Morehouse College, at the tender age of nineteen. After graduation from Morehouse, Dr. King attended Boston University, where he earned a Ph.D. in Systemic Theology. While in Boston, he met Coretta Scott. They wed in 1953 and together, had four children: Yolanda Denise King, Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King and Bernice Albertine King.

In 1954, the King family moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where Dr. King resided as the pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. During this time, he became a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, secretary of the local chapter of the NAACP, refused to surrender her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery bus and was arrested. Activists coordinated a bus boycott that lasted 381 days. Dr. King was chosen to serve as the official spokesperson and leader of the protest. During the boycott, Dr. King was arrested, abused and his home was fire-bombed. In November 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately ruled that segregated seating on public buses was unconstitutional. This victory solidified Dr. King's place in history as an international, inspirational proponent of organized, nonviolent resistance.

During his fight for civil rights, Dr. King traveled more than six million miles, authored five books and spoke more than 2,500 times. He appeared wherever there was an injustice, protest or action. Dr. King led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the world, providing a "coalition of conscience" and inspired his, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." Dr. King also coordinated voter registration drives for African Americans in Alabama and orchestrated the 1963 March on Washington, D.C., during which he delivered his arguably most famous oratory achievement, the "I Have a Dream" speech before 250,000 people.

In his lifetime, Dr. King was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times. He was also awarded five honorary degrees, named "Man of the Year" by Time magazine in 1963 and became not only the symbolic leader of African Americans, but a global touchstone of human rights. At just 35 years old, Dr. King was the youngest man to ever receive the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to further the civil rights movement.

Sadly, on April 4, 1968, while preparing to lead a protest march for striking garbage workers in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King was assassinated. A few days after this crushing blow to the civil rights movement, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Known as the Fair Housing Act, it prohibited discrimination in housing and housing-related transactions based on race, religion, or national origin. This legislation is a tribute to Dr. King's legacy.

Beginning in 1971, cities and states established annual holidays to honor Dr. King,. Following President George H. W. Bush's 1992 proclamation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed yearly on the third Monday of January, near the time of Dr. King's birthday. In fact, January 17, 2000, was the first time the holiday was officially observed in all 50 states.

(Sources: The King Center, Wikipedia and IMBD Database)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission



The Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission was established to encourage and coordinate appropriate ceremonies and activities honoring Dr. King. The Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month to plan the annual commemoration of Dr. King's birthday.

County residents interested in serving on the Commission may contact the Office of Human Rights & Equity at (410) 313-6430 or MLK@howardcountymd.gov.

Commissioners

Tracey L. Williams: Chair

Bert Hash: Vice-Chair

Tina Horn: Secretary

Hunter Craig

Clarita Dawson

Maurice Frazier (Pending)

Teresa Garcia

Caroline Harper, Ph.D.

Chalise Latimer (Pending)

Abbie Diane Martin, Ph.D.

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Yetta Roggeron

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Kurt W. Wall

Shoshanah Hornum: Student Commissioner (Pending)

Lawrence Lewis, III: Student Commissioner



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2021 Celebration Award & Contest Winners

Living the Dream Award *

Organizational Award:

The National Pan Hellenic Council
of Howard County

Individual Award:

Ani Begay Auld

Elementary School Poster Contest

1st Place - Neil Deepak

Ilchester Elementary School

2nd Place - Dalia Kintisch

Thunder Hill Elementary School

3rd Place - Nika Guth

Bollman Bridge Elementary School

Middle School Oratory Contest

1st Place - Ajala Khanal

Oakland Mills Middle School

2nd Place - Jaidyn Augustine

Mount View Middle School

High School Oratory Contest

1st Place - Brian Ihejurobi

Wilde Lake High School

2nd - Samya Miles

Wilde Lake High School

Middle School Essay Awards

1st Place - Jordyn A. Bennett

Lake Elkhorn Middle School

2nd Place - Sarah KC

Harper's Choice Middle School

3rd Place (Tie) - Tresa Cherian

Bonnie Branch Middle School

Briana Eggleston

Harper's Choice Middle School

High School Essay Awards

1st Place - Rebecca Donovan

Centennial High School

2nd Place - Mira Shah

Howard High School

3rd Place - Corina Tarhon

Reservoir High School

** This annual award recognizes both an individual and organization (community, civic, or religious) for promoting the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through community involvement.*

PROGRAM

Lift Every Voice and Sing	The 105 Voices of History National HBCU Concert Choir
Welcome & Occasion	Tracey L. Williams, Chair Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
Master of Ceremonies	Aliah Evans Baltimore School for the Arts
National Anthem	Jeremy Howard Oakland Mills High School
Invocation	Rev. Ricky Harvey, Youth Pastor St. John Baptist Church
Piano performance Ribbon in the Sky by Stevie Wonder	Jasmine Sierra Hanes Glenelg Country School
Introduction of the County Executive	Alex Horn Wilde Lake High School
Remarks	Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive
Dance Performance "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou	Jordan Dumas Oakland Mills High School
Presentation of Essay Awards	Dr. Diane A. Martin Essay Committee Chair
The Power of Love-Rap	Marcus Nicks, Black Student Achievement Program Howard County Public School System
Presentation of Oratory Awards	Daniel Nairn, Oratory Contest Chair

PROGRAM

Violin Performance- Thais by J. Massenet	Korliss Britt Howard High School Graduate
Day of Service Invitation	Bert Hash, Chair Kurt Wall, Logistics Chair Bonnie Sorak, Commissioner
High School Food Drive Award	Hunter Craig, High School Food Drive Chair
Presentation Elementary School Poster Contest	Brett Vess, Commissioner
Soloist	Kyra Britt Howard High School Graduate
Poem-Peaceful Fighter	Tiffany Smith Homewood School
Presentation of The Living the Dream Award	Yetta Roggerson Chairman, Living the Dream Award
Congressman John Sarbanes' Award to The Living the Dream Award Recipients	Congressman John P. Sarbanes
Indian Cultural Dance	Indian Cultural Association
Remarks	Yolanda Sonnier, Administrator The Howard County Office of Human Rights and Equity
Spoken Word	Aliah Evans
We Shall Overcome	Maia Hanes Folly Quarter Middle School
Closing	Aliah Evans

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission extends its heartfelt appreciation to the organizations and individuals who contributed to the success of our annual celebration and “Day of Service Across Howard County” project. We could not have achieved our vision without your commitment to keeping Dr. King’s dream alive through dedication and service.

Bessie Bordenave

Ben Fordham

Thelma Matthews

Sheila Proano

Rachel Sanborn

Rachel Ventura

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated-Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter

Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership

Board of Directors for the Harriet Tubman Foundation of Howard County

Harriet Tubman Foundation of Howard County

Howard County Conservancy

Howard County Food Bank

Indian Cultural Association

Jewish Federation of Howard County

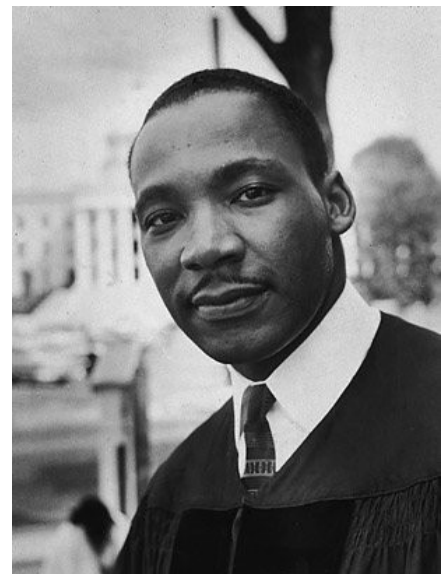
Maryland Food Bank

Morgan State University Alumni Association of Howard County

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Tau Pi Chapter

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated- Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter

Ridgely Run Community Center





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DISCRIMINATION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- EMPLOYMENT •HOUSING •PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION
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BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PROTECTED CATEGORIES:

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- SEX •POLITICAL OPINION •SOURCE OF INCOME
- COLOR •NATIONAL ORIGIN •FAMILIAL STATUS
- PERSONAL APPEARANCE •RELIGION •SEXUAL ORIENTATION
- PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY •GENDER IDENTITY

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