

2016

MLK JR.

CELEBRATION

*Developing New Relationships:
Building a Community for Everyone*



A Message from the Chancellor

Once again this year, our campus will join the nation in celebrating the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. From lectures to art displays to musical performances to a community celebration – there are many events that allow us to honor his legacy and to renew our commitment to move forward on the path he showed us.

I invite you to join this campus and community celebration of the life of one of our national heroes, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Best wishes,

Barb Wilson
Interim Chancellor

Friday, January 15

Sunday, January 17

**15TH ANNUAL COUNTYWIDE
DR. MLK, JR. CELEBRATION**

4:00 to 6:00 PM

Parkland College "U" Building
2400 W. Bradley Ave, Champaign

This annual Countywide celebration commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's legacy. It brings together community members from Champaign County to celebrate the mission, teachings, and legacy of Dr. King. This year, Kathryn Harris, retired Director of Library Services at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois will be the keynote presenter.

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**31ST ANNUAL DR. MLK, JR.
ADVOCACY FOR JUSTICE**

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Foellinger Great Hall Krannert
Center for the Performing Arts
500 South Goodwin, Urbana

Since 1988, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Advocacy for Justice Committee has awarded over 200 scholarships to students attending the University of Illinois, as well as a number of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This year we honor the memory of Dr. King with State Representative, Carol Ammons as the keynote speaker.

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Monday, January 18

31ST ANNUAL UNITY BREAKFAST

8:30AM to 10:30 AM

The Vineyard Church

1500 North Lincoln, Urbana

The 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Advocacy for Justice Committee is proud to host the 31st annual Unity Breakfast, held at The Vineyard Church. The MLK, Jr. Advocacy for Justice Committee, along with the Vineyard Church, welcomes community members to join in celebrating the birthday of America's preeminent advocate of nonviolence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in world history.

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MLK DAY OF SERVICE

12:30 to 4:00 PM

Illini Union Ballroom

1401 West Green Street, Urbana

For University Students: Kick off the new semester with a rare opportunity to work with Illinois students of all different backgrounds to do good in the community we all share. Work on a project with Goodwill, Illini Fighting Hunger at Wesley Pantry, Salt & Light Ministries, Be Kind, American Red Cross, or help us make gifts to be donated to various community agencies.

Pre-register at <http://go.illinois.edu/mlkday> Walk-ins welcome.

Contact: Office of Volunteer Programs (ovp@illinois.edu)

MLK YOUTH COMMEMORATION AND AFTERNOON OF SERVICE

10:30AM to 3:00 PM

Urbana Civic Center

108 E. Water Street, Urbana

Join high-school youth for a celebration of the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event includes performances, keynote speech, guided discussion, and afternoon on-site volunteer activities.

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Wednesday, January 20

Thursday, January 21

REALIZING THE DREAM

7:00 to 9:00 PM

2025 Student Dining and Residential
Programs Building (SDRP)
301 East Gregory Drive, Champaign

Our campus community, faculty, staff, and students, will convey how the civil rights movement of the 1960's has shaped the present day #blacklivesmatter movement and activism on this campus and colleges around the nation. Participants will examine their own role in Realizing the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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KRANNERT "UNCORKED"

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Krannert Center for the
Performing Arts
500 South Goodwin, Urbana

Music has served as a global language used to connect people. A performance by Chambana will offer a trio setting to encourage us in developing new relationships and building a community where everyone can celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Friday, January 22

POVERTY SIMULATION

1:00 to 3:00 PM

School of Social Work, Room 2015
1010 West Nevada Street, Urbana

Of all Dr. King's messages, one of his most prominent was the issue of poverty. The School of Social Work at U of I will be hosting a poverty simulation to help local community members and students to better understand the issues, hurdles, and roadblocks faced by those living in poverty. The simulation will allow participants an opportunity to debrief their experiences and think about how they can begin to tackle the challenge of poverty in Champaign County.

To Register: <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/9937424>
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For more information visit:

www.diversity.illinois.edu/MLK/calendar.html

Saturday, January 23

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

10:00AM to 12:00 PM

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
500 South Goodwin, Urbana

This event marks the culmination of the week of events surrounding Dr. King's legacy. Provost Edward Feser will provide opening remarks. The program will include a presentation by Soul Premier & the Independent Media Center, a performance by Garden Hills Choir and Guitar Strummers, a step show by Alpha Phi Alpha. The winners and honorable mention recipients of the MLK Creative Expressions Contest will also be presented. The event will have entertainment for those of all ages and is free of charge.

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