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MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH

\$1,000 Second Prize

\$2,000 First Prize

\$500 Third Prize

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Guided by Dr. King’s work for nonviolent social change, MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH is an opportunity for Delaware high school students to creatively speak “about things that matter.”

New Challenge for 2020

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience, but Dr. King was passionate about many causes. Throughout his life he gave more than 2,500 speeches, wrote five books, and delivered up to 450 speeches annually; yet he is most defined by one speech and one letter. In 2020, the fifth year of MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH, contestants are asked to focus and reference Dr. King’s lesser-known speeches, which in addition to civil rights addressed, education, economic justice, and an end to global conflict.

Why Participate

- Your voice will be heard!
- 1st Place: \$2,000 | 2nd Place: \$1,000 | 3rd Place: \$500
- Past winners have also received additional speaking opportunities & scholarships!
- Cultivate skills that will serve you academically & professionally in future pursuits
- Tap into your favorite creative means of expression whether it’s poetry, rap, or speech to deliver your message with creative freedom
- Share your ideas and connect with community leaders, educators, and government officials
- Attend a writing and/or presentation workshop with area experts who offer guidance in preparing and delivering your message
- Record your presentation and share your creative work for college applications
- Service hours available upon request

Sponsors Quintin E. Primo Jr. Fund for Racial Justice, WSFS Bank, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Omega Chapter, Gamma Theta Lambda Education Foundation, The Rotary Club of Wilmington, The Grand Opera House, Inc.

Special thanks go out to Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Christ Church Dover, and The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew & Matthew, for use of their facilities.

Resources

For rules and to register online visit www.ywcade.org. Registration is limited to the first 75 contestants. Register by November 30th to attend a writing workshop with Tracey Quillen Carney & Richard Raw at no charge.

Visit these websites for more contest information



Christ Church



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You Tube

Judges 2020

FINALS – Sunday, January 19, 2020, 2 pm @ The Baby Grand, Wilmington

Rev. Dr. Lawrence Livingston, *Sr. Pastor, Mother African Union Church & Assist. Prof. Africana Studies, University of DE*
Senator Elizabeth “Tizzy” Lockman, *3rd District*
Dr. Wilma Mishoe, *President, Delaware State University*
Tamarra Morris, *Director of Economic Development, New Castle County*
Maurice Pritchett, *Chief Executive Officer, Pritchett Associates*
Tyrek Traylor, *2017 Winner MLK Communication Contest*
The Hon. E. Norman Veasey, *Special Counsel, Gordon, Fournaris & Mammarella, P.A. & Former Chief Justice of Delaware*

SEMIFINAL – DOVER – Friday, January 10, 2020 @ Christ Church Dover

Saturday, January 11, 2020 @ The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew & Matthew, Wilmington

Rev. David Andrews, *The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew & Matthew*
Nana Ohemaa Asante, *2nd Place Winner 2017 MLK Communication Contest*
Dr. JoAnn Balingit, *16th Poet Laureate for the State of Delaware*
Deneice Berry, *Academic Counselor, Delaware Technical Community College*
Dr. Donna Blakey, *Delaware State Arts Council & Delaware State University*
Rev. Canon Lloyd Casson, *The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew & Matthew*
Bebe Coker, *Black Heritage Educational Theater Group*
Kaamilah Diabaté, *2016 Winner MLK Communication Contest*
Lester Fair, *2nd Place Winner 2018 MLK Communication Contest*
Rebecca Fay, *Head Delaware History Museum Programs, State Coordinator National History Day Delaware*
Michele Fidance, *Executive Director, Delaware, Multiplying Good*
Dha’zhea Freeman, *3rd Place Winner 2019 MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH*
Dr. Guillermina Gonzalez, *Professor of Business Administration Program, Wilmington University*
Andréa Ridgeway, *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Omega Chapter*
Jesse Johnson, *Chair, Social Sciences, Delaware Technical Community College*
Dr. Sheridan Q. Kingsberry, *Quintin E. Primo, Jr. Fund for Racial Justice*
David P. Kozinski, *2018 Delaware Division of the Arts Poetry Fellow, Expressive Path Mentor of the Year*
Dr. Stephanie M. Lampkin, *Director, Mitchell Center for African American Heritage*
Shyanne Miller, *Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow*
Rev. Dr. John G. Moore, *United Way of Delaware*
Deborah Olatunji, *2019 Winner MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH*
Dr. Lynnette Overby, *University of Delaware*
Dr. Keith Pettiford, *Gamma Theta Lambda Education Foundation, Inc.*
Hanifa Shabazz, *President, Wilmington City Council*
David Teague, *Associate Director, University of Delaware Associate in Arts Program*

MLK WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS

Saturday, December 14, 2019 @ Christ Church Christiana Hundred

Tracey Quillen Carney, *Delaware’s First Lady*
Kaamilah Diabaté, *2016 MLK Winner*
Deborah Olatunji, *2019 MLK Winner*
Richard Raw, *Hip Hop Artist & Educator*
Jayne Thompson, *Assistant Teaching Professor of English, Director, Chester Writers House, Widener University*

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