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Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration: “50 Years – A Dream Deferred?”

(Janesville, WI)—Rock County community groups will host the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at Blackhawk Technical College from 3 to 5 p.m. This year’s theme refers to the fact that 2018 will mark the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. King’s. The program will reflect on how far have we come in fifty years and what do we need to do to make Dr. King’s dream come true.

The event honors Dr. King and features student performances based on the Langston Hughes poem, “A Dream Deferred.” Artwork by area students will be featured at the event, and ethnic food samples, awards and cultural sharing will also be part of the day’s activities. The commemoration will be 3 to 5:00 p.m. followed by ethnic food tasting and socializing.

Nominations for the YWCA Racial Justice Award ([nomination form](#)) are being accepted through Dec. 20 at the YWCA, [1735 S. Washington St., Janesville, WI 53546](#). Local individuals demonstrating leadership to eliminate racism, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people are eligible for the award.

The UAW Diversity Award (nomination form follows this release) is open to youths and adults who work to improve race relations; participate in community, school and church activities; demonstrate knowledge of community resources; and focus on multicultural or diversity activities. Nominations will be taken until Jan. 2, 2018, at UAW Local 95, [1795 Lafayette St., Janesville, WI 53546](#); by fax, 608-752-2531; or by email, jojolatino@aol.com.

The “50 Years – A Dream Deferred” celebration will feature a short video created by Janesville High School students. The video highlights area activists who have first-hand knowledge of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. Following the video, there will be a panel of Beloit and Janesville high school students who will share their thoughts on reaching the dream. Emcee Anthony Bonds, Assistant Superintendent at the School District of Beloit, will moderate the discussion. There will also be student presentations and performances focused on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s dream.

This event is a partnership among the Diversity Action Team of Rock County, YWCA of Rock County, United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 95, School District of Beloit, School District of Janesville, Hedberg Public Library (Janesville), Beloit Public Library, and the American Association of University Women. This annual event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

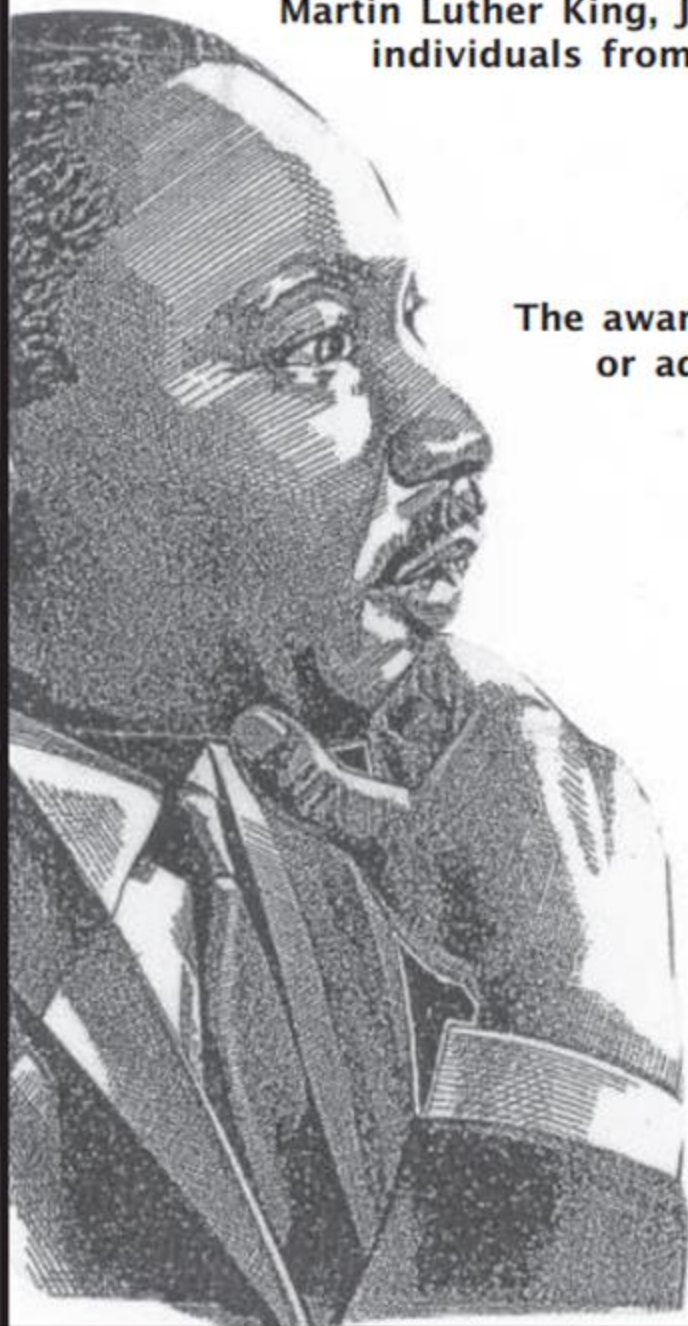
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For more information or to donate to the event, contact Leslie Brunsell, MLK Commemoration Chairperson at Lrbunsell@aol.com or 608-752-2100.

2018 NOMINATION FORM

27th Annual
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATION
Saturday, January 13, 2018 ... Blackhawk Technical College

Once each year we gather to celebrate the spirit and ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr. During the ceremony we honor individuals from the area who exemplify daily the principles of Dr. King.



The award is open to any individual, youth, or adult meeting the following criteria:

- *Active in community activities to enhance race relations
- *Participant in community, school and church activities
- *Demonstrates knowledge of community resources
- *Emphasis on multi-cultural or diversity activities

Nomination Form

Personal Data:

Name – Nominee

Telephone – Nominee

Address – Nominee

City, State & Zip – Nominee

Employment Data:

Employer & Position

Telephone – Employer

Address – Employer

City, State & Zip – Employer

Please attach a statement describing the important contributions this individual has made to enhance race relations and exemplify the ideals of Dr. King.

Name – Nominator

Telephone – Nominator

Address – Nominator

City, State & Zip – Nominator

Please return your completed nomination form by January 5, 2018 to:

**Martin Luther King Jr. Selection Committee
1795 Lafayette Street
Janesville WI 53546
Or Fax to (608) 752-2531**