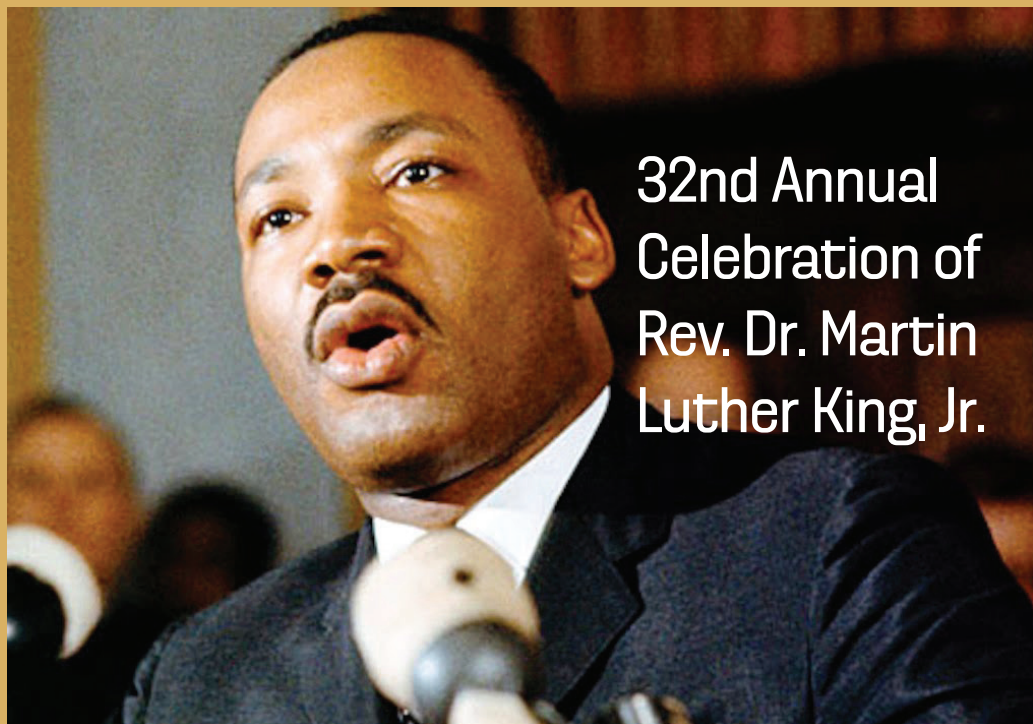


The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Westside Coalition Presents



32nd Annual
Celebration of
Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr.

2017 Theme:

"Stand Against Injustice"

SGI-USA World Peace Auditorium
Santa Monica, Calif.
Monday, January 16, 2017

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2017 MLK EDUCATION AWARDS

Nathaniel Trives
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Bahai's of Santa Monica
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for Peace and Freedom

IN-KIND DONATIONS

City of Santa Monica – Seascape
CityTV – Santa Monica - PSA and
Event Videotaping
SGI-USA – Event Venue, Printing
Flyers, Logistical
Planning
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– Photography, Publicity
Santa Monica College Associates
– Pre-event Reception
Santa Monica College Community
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– Publicity
Santa Monica College Foundation
– Endowments
Sue Schuerman
– Secretarial supplies

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chris Sanborn - DragonflyInk
Howard Harrison & Fisotec
Security
International Printing &
Typesetting
Mary Pat Cooney, Stage Manager
SGI Stage Crew and Volunteers -
Tony Gregg, Technical
Director John Bolle,
Sound Engineer
The Flavor Table -
Marilyn Wallace and
Quintella Smith

HISTORY

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside

Coalition was founded in 1986, as a community partnership with the City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica College, Westside Interfaith Council, NAACP Santa Monica Venice Branch, Neighborhood Resource Development Corporation, Temple Beth Shir Shalom, NCCJ (which became the Human Relations Council of Santa Monica Bay Area) and others. Today the coalition is a nonprofit organization comprised of a diverse group of volunteers including individual community members, churches, institutions, community organizations, and businesses.

MISSION STATEMENT

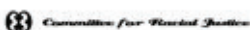
To educate adults and youth,
To inspire community participation, and
To promote the ideals of
Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
for understanding, knowledge and healing.

VISION

To remind the community of
Dr. King's challenge to bring
peace, hope, love and dignity
to all peoples of the earth, and

Dr. King's vision of a worldwide community
that respects and values all people,
presses for social and economic justice,
and counters racism, sexism and intolerance
through nonviolent action.

The COMMITTEE for RACIAL JUSTICE



The Committee for Racial Justice formed during the Summer of 2011 in the wake of a racial incident at Santa Monica High School. This Santa Monica-based grassroots group engages the community on local African-American educational, economic, environmental, civil and criminal justice issues.

The Committee's monthly community workshops feature presentations that challenge conventional thinking on educational inequities, community policing, mass incarceration, white privilege, environmental racism and the connections among them.

In addition, the Committee for Racial Justice collaborates with local and regional organizations to hold community Days of Dialogue, vigils, candidate forums and film screenings that inspire participants to "Stand Against Injustice."



- 1986** Norma Gonzales, The Gas Co.
We Have A Dream
- 1987** Nathaniel Trives, Former Mayor, City of Santa Monica
Celebrate The Dream
- 1988** Rev. Clarence Jefferson Davis, Jr., Calvary Baptist Church
***Living The Dream
Let Freedom Ring***
- 1989** Pastor Lydia Waters, Compton Methodist Church
***Living The Dream
Let Freedom Ring***
- 1990** Dr. Richard Moore, Superintendent/President, Santa Monica College
We Still Have A Dream
- 1991** Rev. Bernice King, CEO, The King Center
***Sharing Our Dreams:
On the Road
to the Mountaintop***
- 1992** John E. Jacob, President/CEO, National Urban League
***Education:
The Road to Freedom***
- 1993** Rev. Dr. James M. Lawson, Holman United Methodist Church
***Fulfill The Dream Now:
Education, Equality and
Justice for All***
- 1994** Dr. Paul Cummins, Crossroads School
Dr. Sylvia Roussea, SMMUSD and Cheryl Miller, USC Basketball and TNT Sportscaster
***From Dreams to Reality:
Undoing Racism***
- 1995** Hugh B. Price, President/CEO, National Urban League
***Commitment to The Dream:
Community & World Unity***
- 1996** Walter J. Leonard, President (Ret.), Fiske University
Sleeping through the Revolution
- 1997** John Bryant, President/CEO, Operation Hope
***Passing the Torch:
Are you Ready?***
- 1998** Joe R. Hicks, Executive Director, Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission
***His Dream, His Hope:
Our Challenge***
- 1999** Angela E. Oh, President Clinton's Initiative on Race
***Why We Won't Wait:
Education, Jobs, Justice, Peace,
Community Now!***
- 2000** Donzaleigh Abernathy, Actress/Activist
***Hate Against Hate Has Not Worked:
Give a Hug, Give Love***

Keynote Speaker Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery

PhD., Superintendent and President of Santa Monica College (SMC)



Kathryn E. Jeffery, PhD, was appointed to the position of Superintendent and President of Santa Monica College (SMC) in November 2015, and took office as CEO of California's leading transfer institution in February 2016. Dr. Jeffery comes to SMC after serving nearly eight years as president of Sacramento City College (SCC).

Dr. Jeffery brings over three decades of diverse higher education experience to SMC, as a former professor, counselor, and administrator. She is a passionate advocate for higher education, and one who takes pride in a student-centered approach to leadership and decision-making. Dr. Jeffery is also a talented classical musician having obtained a Bachelor of Music Education at Oklahoma State University with a major in piano and minor in voice.

- 2001** Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins,
National League of Women Voters
Unity and Diversity
- 2002** Father Michael D. Gutierrez, Pastor,
Saint Anne's Catholic Church
*A Man and His Impact
on Contemporary Society*
- 2003** Dr. Sylvia Rousseau, District 1 Area
Superintendent, LAUSD
Soul and Spirit of the Man
- 2004** The Honorable Judge Dorothy Nelson,
United States Court of Appeals, 9th
Circuit
*Marching Backwards:
Trampling Our Civil Rights*
- 2005** Paul Cummins, Founding
Headmaster, Crossroads School
*State of the Union:
A Time For Love Not Hate
For Understanding Not Anger
A Time for Peace Not War*
- 2006** Yolanda King, Founder, Higher
Ground Productions
*Remember, Celebrate, Act:
A Day On, Not A Day Off*
- 2007** Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr.,
Morehouse College
*"Peace is not absence of violence
It is the presence of justice"*
- 2008** Dr. Firuz Kazemzadeh, Yale University
Emeritus and Dr. Wilma M. Ellis, Chair,
Women on the Move
*"We have flown the air like birds
and swum the sea like fishes
but have yet to learn the simple act
of walking the earth
like brothers"*
- 2009** The Honorable Anwarul K. Chowdhury,
Former Under-Secretary-General And
High Representative of the United
Nations
*"Be the Change You Want
to See In the World"*
- 2010** Dr. Adena Williams Loston, President,
St. Phillip's College
*"For Hope to Become Reality:
We Must All Do Our Share"*
- 2011** Val Zavala, Vice President, SoCal
Connected KCET LA
*"Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport:
We Must Act Now!"*
- 2012** Congresswoman Janice Hahn, 36th
California District
Peace Begins with Me
- 2013** Nathaniel Trives, Former Mayor, City of
Santa Monica
Redeem The Dream
- 2014** Gerald C. Rivers, Entertainer
Unity in Community
- 2015** Gabriela Rosco, Clergy and Laity
United for Economic Justice—Los
Angeles
"The Fierce Urgency of Now"
- 2016** Sheila James Kuehl, Los Angeles
County Supervisor, 3rd District
"Peace Requires Justice"





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COMMUNITY LIGHT AWARD

Presented to

THE COMMITTEE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

For honoring the legacy of Dr. King
by addressing African-American educational,
economic, civil and criminal justice issues
through its monthly community workshops and
collaborative activities.

January 16, 2017

EDUCATION AWARDS

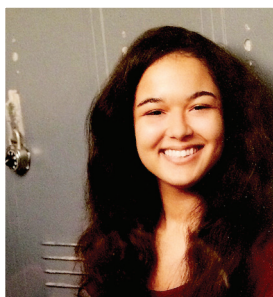
Mia Love designed a dance for her entry to signify her belief that through dance a powerful message like Dr. King's Six Principles can stay alive to bring change to the world through non violence. Ms. Love inspires others by becoming a role model for other youth as she transforms her world through the art form in dance and movement. Struggling to work and study as a full time student, Mia strives wholeheartedly to save her finances to pursue her studies with the goal of transferring from SMC to the university level while majoring in Psychology and Mental Illness.



Alessandro Chimienti is a student at Santa Monica College with the goal to transfer to a university with a major in Music.

With a passion for music and language, Alessandro shares his love for music by raising the awareness to support youth in countries where natural disasters took place. Visiting the children and helping inspire them with music thereby creating harmony, courage and love.

Isaiah Njoku is majoring in the Nursing program at Santa Monica College. Isaiah was part of the student government for three years, captain of his high school varsity basketball team for his junior and senior year, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. Isaiah has a passion for helping others, while being a student in the Scholars program and director of activities for the Black Collegians Club.



Georgina Tingle, a Culver City high school student wrote a poem titled 'Begin Again' while touching upon Dr. King's Principle of Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice not people and non violence chooses love instead of hate.

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PROGRAM OF THE DAY

CALL TO THE AUDITORIUM:	SGI-USA Ikeda Kings Orchestra
INVOCATION:	Rabbi Gabriel Botnick, Mishkon Tephilo Synagogue
WELCOME:	Darlene Evans, Chair, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition
PERFORMANCE:	William Bryant's Gospel Community Emeritus Choir, William Bryant, Director
PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION AWARDS	Michele Prince, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition
PERFORMANCE:	Pretenders Studio Dancers Ms. Lisa Gumenick, Director
COMMUNITY LIGHT AWARD PRESENTATION	Omid Toloui, (Bahai representative) introduction to Committee for Racial Justice, Joanne Berlin, Steering Committee Member
PERFORMANCE:	William Bryant's Gospel Community Emeritus Choir, William Bryant, Director
INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Kathryn Jeffery, Ph.D., Santa Monica College President by Terrance Ware Jr., President of the Associated Students, Santa Monica College
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:	Kathryn Jeffery, Ph.D., Santa Monica College President
PERFORMANCE:	Pretenders Studio Dancers Ms. Lisa Gumenick, Director
LITURGY:	Bishop Willis Tait Sr., Emmanuel Community Church (Ret.)
BENEDICTION:	Rev. Reuben W. Ford, First African Methodist Episcopal Church

**Please join hands as we sing "We Shall Overcome" led by the
William Bryant's Gospel Community Choir**

Please join us as at The Community Involvement Fair at St. Monica Church, one block east, and one block north, at 701 California Avenue. The Community Involvement Fair will be held there, in its Grand Pavilion. For those of you who walk with us, bear in mind that the SGI parking structure will remain open until 1:00 pm for you to pick up your cars. For those who wish to drive, there is a parking structure available at St. Monica's.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Martin Luther King, Jr

"Letter From a Birmingham Jail"