SEVENTH ANNUAL

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST AND SPEECH COMPETITION

Friday, January 17 at 7:30 am
Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center
14075 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

PROMPT

Sands of Time: The Need for a "Maladjusted" America

The topic of the American dream was a centerpiece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s concern for America. On three different occasions, at least, Dr. King spoke about his dream for America — June 6, 1961, commencement address, at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania; August 28, 1963, March on Washington demonstration; and February 5, 1964, lecture series, at Drew University, in Madison, New Jersey. He reiterated the idea that America was "essentially a dream, a dream yet unfulfilled." Emphasizing the importance for "all men of all races . . . [to] live together as brothers," Dr. King presented paradoxes of political and social inequity, pointing out that America had been schizophrenic, "tragically divided against itself." Among the recurring themes in Dr. King's American dream speeches, one was that "America, as a first class nation, could no longer have second class citizens."

Over 50 years later, America's issues of political and social inequity still impede the dream from being realized. The upcoming 2020 election is the center stage of discussion, where this range of political and social issues is being addressed to improve the political and social inequities in America. The plight of the homeless, and health care disparities here in California and throughout the nation, increased visibility of police brutality, immigration and the border wall, and the petitions before the Supreme Court requesting it to address and resolve broad matters of discrimination related to the rights of the LGTBQ community are a few of these issues. These issues and other political and social inequities remain as calls for individuals to act, despite having varied opinions on political or social positions about the best ways to fulfill the American dream.

In a five minute speech, briefly identify any one paradox of political or social inequity that Dr. King addressed in one of his speeches on the American dream and then analyze how that type of issue still exists today.

In this climate of paradoxes of political and social inequity, what are you doing or planning to do to contribute to the discussion to reduce political and social inequity in America? What examples can you point to during your educational and work experiences that move America toward fulfilling the American dream, toward being, as Dr. King noted, a part of "a maladjusted" America?

Each of the following three hyperlinks will direct you to any one of the three speeches mentioned above:

https://www.lincoln.edu/news-and-events/news/celebrating-life-and-legacy-martin-luther-king-jr
https://depts.drew.edu/lib/archives/online_exhibits/King/speech/TheAmericanDream.pdf
https://www.archives.gov/files/press/exhibits/dream-speech.pdf

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ELIGIBILITY

Open to enrolled Moreno Valley College students

Length of Speech: 5 minutes

Typed Speech Due: Monday, November 25 by 3 pm

Award: $1,000 scholarship

Acceptance: Scholarship recipients must attend the Seventh Annual MLK Scholarship Breakfast on Friday, January 17 to accept the scholarship award. Recipients will orally present their speech.

Format: Write the speech as you plan to present it orally.

If submitted electronically, your typed speech must be in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Submit typed speeches, cover page, registration form, and photo/video release form to specialevents@mvc.edu.

The winner will have the opportunity to work with a Communication Studies faculty member to prepare for the presentation at the breakfast.

For assistance, contact specialevents@mvc.edu.

RULES

1. **The speech should reveal that the student has critically read one or more of Dr. King's speeches on the American dream and should respond to the following:**

   Briefly identify any one paradox of political or social inequity that Dr. King addressed in one of his speeches on the American dream and then analyze how that type of issue still exists today.

   In this climate of paradoxes of political and social inequity, what are you doing or planning to do to contribute to the discussion to reduce political and social inequity in America? What examples can you point to during your educational career and work experiences that move America toward fulfilling the American dream, toward being, as Dr. King noted, a part of "a maladjusted" America?

2. All speech entries require a completed registration form, 150- to 250-word biography (in third person), a completed and signed photo/video release form.

3. THE NAME OF THE STUDENT SHOULD NOT APPEAR ANYWHERE ON THE SPEECH DOCUMENT, with the exception of the cover page.

4. Cover page should include the your name, student ID, phone number, with area code, and se-mail address. Each submission must have a cover page with the requested information listed. This is only page that may have your name shown

5. Include your student identification number and page number in the top right-hand corner of each page. Failure to do so may result in your speech not being reviewed.

5. If you use primary or secondary sources in the speech, then the speech should reflect your familiarity with research documentation methods, such as those identified by the Modern Language Association (MLA) or by the American Psychological Association (APA). You will also need to verbally cite research within your oral presentation of the speech. For your reference: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/.

7. **Finalists may be contacted to deliver the speech before a panel of judges prior to the end of the fall semester.**

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SPEECH FOR CONSIDERATION

Speeches and supporting documents must be submitted by Monday, November 25, no later than 3 pm.

Email:
specialevents@mvc.edu
Subject: Include "MLK Speech Submission" and your student identification number

In-person:
Moreno Valley College Admissions & Records
Student Services Building, second floor

By mail (postmarks will not be accepted):
ATTN: Student Services/MLK Committee
Dean Eugenia Vincent
Moreno Valley College
16130 Lasselle Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

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Entries must be accompanied by a completed registration form.
Type or print in blue or black ink.

Are you a currently enrolled MVC student? _____ Yes _____ No

Name:_____
Last Name First Name MI

Student ID:_____

Address:_____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address:_____

Phone: (_____)_____ Alt. Number: (_____)_____

Parent/Guardian's Name (if minor): _____

Parent/Guardian's Number (if minor): (_____)_____ E-mail:_____

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Please include a 150- to 250-word biographical statement.

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