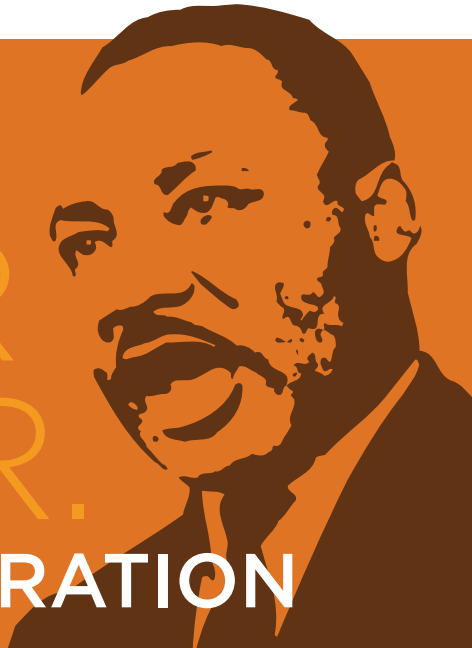


MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

Grand River Center 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, Iowa

7:00 a.m. Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Celebration

Welcome

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View the full video stories from the past two years
(also featured on the screens before the program).

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Tim Bees, Master of Ceremonies

SPOKEN WORD

Aaliyah Herrion

"Where Stories Intertwine"

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

University of Dubuque Alumni Gospel Choir

lead by Bridgett Boone

SPOKEN WORD

Ricar Mends

"Children Under the Sun"

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Jeffrey Bullock, Ph.D.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Antonio Mouzon, MAC

CLOSING REMARKS

Rev. Tim Bees

faces&voices Committee Members

Claudette Bees, Dubuque Community School District (retired)

Rev. Tim Bees, First Baptist Church (retired)

Mary Ann Conzett, John Deere Dubuque Works (retired)

Donna Loewen, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

David Olson, Dubuque Community School District (retired)

Marlene Woller, Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C. (retired)

Deep Change: Rediscovering Connection



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Antonio Mouzon, MAC

Mouzon teaches personal empowerment at the University of Dubuque, and is also a speaker and trainer.

Antonio Mouzon moved to Dubuque, Iowa from Baumholder, Germany in 2006. He is a first-generation college graduate who pursued higher education on a leap of faith through the influences of educators and other role models. Antonio reformed the generational expectations within his family and was the first to receive a high school diploma, bachelor's degree and master's degree in communications with a focus on emotional intelligence. Antonio is now pursuing his Ph.D. in higher education, with a focus on social justice and equity, positive psychology, and leadership development.

Antonio is an instructor of personal empowerment at the University of Dubuque and has made it his mission to helping people explore self-awareness and understanding the power of their beliefs. Through this practice, he strives to empower people to break through mental and emotional barriers that can interfere with building meaningful relationships.

In addition to his teaching role, he is vice president of the Black Doctoral Student Association at Azusa Pacific University and created the Blackademics affinity group for University of Dubuque, Clarke University and Loras College undergraduate students. This group promotes intellectual and emotional growth for Black students, faculty and staff while serving as a safe space for members to critically explore topics related to social identity, equity, inclusion, and leadership.

Beyond UD, Antonio is a national speaker and trainer on these topics. His past work includes trainings with the Dubuque Police Department, Dubuque Community School District and various organizations locally and nationally. Use of inclusive practices and emotional intelligence, Antonio strives to inspire others to create meaningful and effective relationships that strengthen connections across race, gender, ethnicity or culture.

Antonio's energy and dynamic approach help formulate his unique ability to help create transformation within his institution, community and in the lives of those around him. He is very passionate about helping people reach their full potential and strives every day to be the change he wishes to see in the world.

MOVING MONOLOGUES

While the COVID-19 pandemic kept us physically apart for the past two Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebrations, we were still able to virtually recognize the importance of this day and share the stories of those who continue to further Dr. King's dream in our community.

The quotes on this and the next page represent a small snapshot of the powerful messages shared in video stories by the speakers over the past two years.



We also invite you to view each presenter's full story!

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2022 CELEBRATION

Catalysts for Change. Moving Toward Action.

REFLECTIONS ON DR. KING'S WORDS

"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

REFLECTION: Caprice Jones

"I believe that the community of Dubuque is blessed, and for me, coming to Dubuque, I was already aware that this was gonna be my promised land. I see beneath the ignorance that was a stain on Dubuque, and I see the hope of the future for my children's children. I'm a first-time homeowner here. Dubuque allows an opportunity for every individual to make their way."

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

REFLECTION: Steven "Louie" Meier

"We're really missing out on a great opportunity, I think, and that great opportunity is the hope that Dr. King really inspired in people, and that is that someday, maybe we can get to a point where we use all of our vast resources to spread goodwill."

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

REFLECTION: Brian Hallstoos

"Recognizing that hate is not deeply rooted in people, it doesn't represent their entirety, and that even people who've done hateful things are redeemable and they have humanity. And so this message of love and loving your neighbor and loving the people that have done wrong to you, I think, is really powerful."

REFLECTIONS FROM PAST RUBY SUTTON AWARD RECIPIENTS

REFLECTIONS ON DR. KING'S WORDS

"People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

REFLECTION: Kelly Larson

"One of my friends, he defines communication as shared understanding. I love that definition because I think it helps to remind us that if we get to that point where we're really not understanding each other, then we're really not communicating."

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

REFLECTION: Anthony Allen

"Black males were basically an endangered species. The Civil War hasn't ended for some people, and in reality when you look at it, you have to kind of agree. The Civil War never ended because the so-called loser still had monuments and still had representation of what they identified with in the Civil War."

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education."

REFLECTION: Kate Zanger

"There's a lot that defines character by looking at the traits of somebody with good character. So that might be empathy, integrity, being trustworthy, respecting others — those are a few of the traits that I think are important."

"Philanthropy is commendable but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary."

REFLECTION: Ernest Jackson

"When I give my time, my energy, and my money, I should do it in a way that I can have an impact on changes and measurable changes in our community. And those changes need to be targeted to social systems, economic systems and political systems."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

REFLECTION: Donna Loewen

"If I respond to hate by reciprocating hate, all that we've done is further exacerbate the divide. But agape, being neither sentimental nor affectionate, means rather understanding and redeeming goodwill for all persons. It's an overflowing kind of love that demands nothing in return."

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

REFLECTION: Ernestine Moss

"We've got to stop being fools. We can't perish. If we love our country, if we love our brotherhood, if we believe in faith, if we believe in religion, we've got to come together so that we won't perish as fools but we grow together as brothers and sisters."

2023 Black History and Reading Challenge

A New Origin Story: The 1619 Project

Created by Waterloo, Iowa's own Nikole Hannah-Jones

Investigative Reporter for The New York Times and Winner of the Pulitzer Prize

Book discussions will take place at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library on the dates indicated from 3-4 p.m.

For more information, visit www.dbqschools.org/facesandvoices or www.dubuque.lib.ia.us

FEBRUARY 26

Chapter 1: **"Democracy"** by Nikole Hannah-Jones
Chapter 2: **"Race"** by Dorothy Roberts

MARCH 26

Chapter 3: **"Sugar"** by Khalil Gibran Muhammad
Chapter 4: **"Fear"** by Leslie Alexander and Michelle Alexander

APRIL 30

Chapter 5: **"Dispossession"** by Tiya Miles
Chapter 6: **"Capitalism"** by Matthew Desmond

MAY 28

Chapter 7: **"Politics"** by Jamelle Boui
Chapter 8: **"Citizenship"** by Martha S. Jones

JUNE 25

Chapter 9: **"Self-Defense"** by Carol Anderson
Chapter 10: **"Punishment"** by Bryan Stevenson

JULY 30

Chapter 11: **"Inheritance"** by Trymaine Lee
Chapter 12: **"Medicine"** by Linda Villarosa

AUGUST 27

Chapter 13: **"Church"** by Anthea Butler
Chapter 14: **"Music"** by Wesley Morris

SEPTEMBER 24

Chapter 15: **"Healthcare"** by Jeneen Interlandi
Chapter 16: **"Traffic"** by Kevin Kruse

OCTOBER 29

Chapter 17: **"Progress"** by Ibram X. Kendi
Chapter 18: **"Justice"** by Nikole Hannah-Jones

ALSO IN 2023: The 1619 Project Reading Group

A reading group series sponsored by the Dubuque Branch NAACP will be held in May and June 2023.

- May reading groups of seven (7) will meet on Monday evenings for three sessions.
- June reading groups of seven (7) will meet on Thursday evenings for three sessions.

Each group will read Chapter One for the first session. The second session will focus on a common interest topic such as politics, inheritance, music, healthcare. The third session will be a sharing of individual chapters chosen by the readers.

A television documentary series produced by Hulu is available and begins on January 26 on Hulu.

To register or for questions, contact Tom LoGuidice by email at: loguidice@fastmail.fm

2022/2023 Tribute Honorees

GRADE 1

Ben Leach, *Bryant*

GRADE 2

Leah Seay, *Prescott*

Honorable Mention:

Shai Jones, *Prescott*

Henry Parks-Schmidt, *Prescott*

GRADE 3

Evie Davis, *Bryant*

Clara Fry, *Bryant*

Honorable Mention:

Carter Collins, *Bryant*

Zoey Leach, *Bryant*

GRADE 4

Amira Williams, *Prescott*

GRADE 5

Johanna McCready, *Prescott*

Honorable Mention:

Conner Stoll, *Irving*

Elise Swartz and Ada Milligan, *Irving*

GRADE 6

Charlee Parr, *Roosevelt*

Sawyer Bartlett, *Roosevelt*

Honorable Mention:

Alex Calonder, *Roosevelt*

GRADE 7

Braiden Butler, *Washington*

Rowan Fry, *Washington*

Blake Meyer, *Washington*

Ayden Sainci, *Washington*

Jack Davidshofer, Jeremiah Murriel

and Blake Pergande, *Washington*

Stella Walsh and Emma Daley, *Washington*

Honorable Mention:

Madeline Galliger and Nora Urban, *Washington*

Lilly Boettner, *Washington*

Adriana Smith, *Washington*

Foster Del Toro, Lucas Smith

and Tristan Hiatt, *Washington*

GRADE 10

Saanvi Ram, *Hempstead*

GRADE 11

Jaelyn Koenig, *Alta Vista Campus*

Honorable Mention:

Abby Herout, *Dubuque Online School*

GRADE 12

Morgan Simon, *Alta Vista Campus*

Honorable Mention:

Clara Gerhard, *Alta Vista Campus*

Aunna Ryan, *Alta Vista Campus*

LYRICS: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of
Liberty;
let our rejoicing rise,
high as the list'ning skies, let it
resound loud as the rolling sea
sing a song full of faith that the
dark past has taught us,
sing a song full of the hope that
the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new
day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the day that hope unborn
had died;

yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet,
come to the place on which our
fathers sighed?
we have come over a way that
with tears has been watered,
we have come, treading our
path through the blood of the
slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now
we stand at last
where the white gleam of our star
is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who has brought us thus far
on the way;
thou who has by thy might,

led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we
pray
lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met thee,
least our hearts, drunk with the
wine of the world, we forget thee,
shadowed beneath the hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God,
True to our native land.

Songwriters: J. Rosamond Johnson /
Weldon Johnson James

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Press Inc.

Youth Mentoring Groups

MENTOR DUBUQUE | Hillcrest Family Services

Mentor Dubuque is a youth mentoring program that matches children between 5 and 15 with an adult, 18 or older. Mentors and youth meet every other week for a couple of hours to take walks, shoot hoops, bake, share pizza or other fun activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: hillcrest-fs.org/services/youth-mentoring

STUDENT MENTORING | Dubuque Community Schools

Mentors in the Dubuque Community School District provide consistent support, guidance, and concrete help to a student who is in need of a positive role model. Visits are usually done during the lunch period at the school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.dbqschools.org/district/programs/student-mentoring

DUBUQUE BLACK MEN COALITION

Members of the Dubuque Black Men Coalition offer role models and advice to teen boys in the Tri-States. The program aims to teach teens how to create a sense of empowerment, self-esteem, and combat ignorance while providing motivation to change behavior in a healthy way.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.facebook.com/Dubuque-Black-Men-Coalition-193679937487504

DUBUQUE DREAM CENTER

Student mentoring is provided at the Dubuque Dream Center for students in grades 3-8. Mentoring is offered after school during the school year, and also during normal operating hours over the summer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.dubuquedreamcenter.com or 563/845-7591

MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

The Multicultural Family Center (MFC) provides several youth empowerment programs including weekly Teen Nights, a bi-monthly Sisters United Empowerment Coalition (SUEC) Mentoring Program for Girls, a monthly LGBTQ+ Youth Group, weekly Little Luxuries Girls Club, and Math & Science Tutoring Program for students in grades 8-12.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.mfcdqbq.org or 563/582-3681

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