

Students honor Martin Luther King Jr. with annual awards contest entries

During the past week, we at Cabell County Schools paused for one special day to honor a man who was crucial to ensuring equal rights and opportunities for all people, no matter the color of their skin.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who fought for the dignity of all, and inspired a generation to change. Although his time on earth was sadly cut short, his words still compel us today to treat others with respect and remind us the American Dream is here for all to attain.

As part of the day each year set aside to remember this leader and what he stood for, the Marshall University Multicultural Affairs Department, in cooperation with Cabell County Schools and many other supportive sponsors, conducts a Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Competition.

This year, we are pleased to announce winners in the following categories:

ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Christopher Jenkins, Highlawn Elementary: Christopher received first place in this division for his PowerPoint presentation honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

Three Huntington High students, all from Mrs. Jennifer Day's class, were selected by the evaluation committee for first prize, second prize, and honorable mention in the high school division essay contest. They are: Eric Durst, 1st Prize (\$300.00) for his poem entitled "I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.," Megan Mellert, 2nd Prize (\$150.00) for her poem entitled "Dear God:" and Alex Durand, Honorable Mention (Certificate of Honor) for his poem entitled "The Battle and the Truth."

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As a result of their achievements, the students and their teachers were invited to be part of Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium.