



Mark your calendars!

City Of Columbia's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Honors Life, Accomplishments and Service

On Monday, January 20, 2014, the City Of Columbia will hold the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at 4 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Park Community Center, located at 2300 Greene St., to celebrate the achievements and legacy of Dr. King.

To kick-off the day of celebration, the brothers of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will hold a wreath laying ceremony at 3:06 p.m. at the historic marker at the corner of Harden and Greene Streets. Harden Street has been honorably designated Martin Luther King Blvd. in the city of Columbia. Kiss FM will be live broadcasting from 2-4 p.m.

Beginning at 4 p.m. in the MLK Park Community Center, there will be performances by the Richland Cadet Squadron, WG Sanders Middle School, MER-SS-802 Color Guard, Shelby Rae Shealy, Columbia High School, Lower Richland High School and the Columbia City Ballet.

Pastor Darrell Jackson, Sr., of Bibleway Church of Atlas Road, will be delivering the invocation and benediction.

South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean H. Toal will be this year's keynote speaker. Justice Toal represented Richland County in the South Carolina House of Representatives for 13 years, and then became the first woman elected to the South Carolina Supreme Court in 1988.

Winners of the 2014 Dream Keeper Scholarships will be announced during the ceremony. The Dream Keeper scholarships were established in 1990 to encourage youth to commit themselves to community involvement, social responsibility and service.

Also, winners and results from the Honor the Dream food drive will be announced during the ceremony. The food drive was held in the Richland One school district and throughout the City of Columbia at various parks and city facilities. This collaborative effort began in early December 2013.

Overflow parking will be available at the Probation, Pardon and Parole lower level parking lot, located at 2221 Devine St. (corner of Lee and Santee Streets). Parks and Recreation will provide transportation to the park from the garage starting at 2 p.m.

For more information on the celebration, please contact City Of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

Rev. Dr. Jamey O. Graham to Speak at Benedict College's MLK Commemoration

Rev. Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Regional Vice-President for the Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, will be the keynote speaker at the Benedict College 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration. The event will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2014, in the Antidel Chapel on the main campus.

The free program, which is open to the public, will be a time to remember the fight for freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and people. On this day, the College will pay tribute to the universal love, forgiveness and non-violence that embodied the peaceful spirit of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The celebration is sponsored by the Religious Services Department and Student Affairs.

A native of Andrews, South Carolina, Rev. Dr. Graham earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a teaching certification in Social Studies from Morris College. He earned the Master of Divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS), and earned a Doctorate of Ministry degree at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. In addition to his studies at CRCDS and McCormick Theological Seminary, Rev. Dr. Graham studied abroad at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, which afforded him the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the Holy Land.

He has received many honors and awards including a listing in Who's Who among outstanding students in Colleges and Universities, Presidential Scholar, O.R. Reuben Scholar, Dean's List, recipient of the UNCF/Andrew Mellon Fellowship, and a recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. honor scholarship at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Rev. Dr. Graham is currently pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Columbia, SC. He has served as pastor of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Darlington S.C. He serves also as Secretary of the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Association and is currently serving as a Regional Vice-President for The Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina. Rev. Dr. Graham has served on University of South Carolina Project Impact, and has also served on the Advisory Board of Project F.A.I.T.H (Fostering AIDS Initiatives That Heal). This is a state-wide demonstration project of the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council (SCHAC) designed to empower and build the capacity of churches and other faith-based entities to create local solutions to local problems. The initiative included the provision of funding for thirty-four

churches within the state of South Carolina. He has previously served on the Advisory Board of South Carolina Community Bank.

Rev. Dr. Graham is married to the former Ms. Yvette Dukes, and they have three children, Jamey O'Neal Graham, Jr., Jayda Orin Graham, and Jasmyn Olivia Graham.

SC NAACP King Day at the Dome Events

Jan 17, 2014 Memorial Wreath Ceremony 11:45 AM

Join us for this special opening tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MLK Park, Stone of Hope, 230 Green Street, Columbia, SC

Jan 20, 2014 Annual Prayer Service 8:30 AM

A service and vigil dedicated to the work of many volunteers who fueled a civil rights transformation across America and gave us hope for continued advancement in our society. Inspirational music by the Rehoboth Baptist Church Choir (Columbia). Zion Baptist Church, 801 Washington Street, Columbia, SC

Pre-Rally Performances 9:15 AM

Featuring various artists and recorded speeches by Dr. King - SC State House, Main Street and Gervais, Columbia, SC.

King Day Rally at the State House 10:15 AM

The largest commemorative event in the nation taking place on the national holiday honoring Dr. King. Begins as the procession from Zion Baptist Church arrives at the State House steps. The program features speakers of national, regional and state prominence, and guest performers.

The Edgewood Foundation and Partners to Honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy with Day of Service

As the nation prepares to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King on January 20, organizations such as the Edgewood Foundation, United Way of the Midlands, AmeriCorps, City Year, and Concern Black Men Cares are joining together for a day of service and reflection to celebrate one of the most iconic figures in American history, civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity."

In this spirit, instead of taking the day off; these agencies will engage in service projects.

Additionally, these organizations have created a speaking event on January 20 at the Edgewood Foundation in Columbia to celebrate King's life, legacy and his lasting impact on the Midlands. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon and is open to the general public.

The event at the Edgewood Foundation will also serve as a drive for canned foods and winter clothing. Attendees are asked to bring any canned foods as well as new socks, hats and gloves. The canned foods collected will be donated to Harvest Hope Food Bank, and the clothing items will be distributed during the 2014 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count to benefit individuals and families currently experiencing a state of homelessness in the Midlands. The PIT Count is an assessment of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population. The data is used to identify gaps in services and allocate funds to improve the lives of those in need.

The Edgewood Foundation is located at 2500 Elmwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29204 across from Carver Lyon's Elementary School.

For more information on this event, please contact Gwendolyn Singletary, Edgewood Foundation, Executive Director, at 803-252-7544 or gsingletary@edgewood-foundation.org.

SCETV Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Join ETV in celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with special programs that commemorate his great legacy.

The March is the story of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, told by the people who organized and participated in it. [Learn more](#) . **January 19 at 7 p.m. on ETV.**

Then, on MLK Day, learn about the remarkable quest to build a national monument in Dr. King's honor in **Building the Dream**. [Learn more](#) . **January 20 at 7 p.m. on ETV.**

CMA Jazz on Main presented by Family Medicine Centers of South Carolina

Friday, January 17, 2014

The Columbia Museum of Art proudly presents a new concert series for 2014. CMA Jazz on Main is a wonderful new series featuring Artistic Director Noel Freidline as she brings about the best in the business to fill Main Street with jazz. The first installation of this concert series is Great Voices of Jazz feat. the Noel Freidline Quintet. This concert, celebrating jazz vocalists, is the first in a series that will showcase the best jazz musicians in the country. Come out and be transported back into the days of big band and jazz, thanks to Family Medicine Centers of South Carolina. More information is available on [Columbia Museum of Art's website](#) .

Columbia Winter Jazz Fest

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Jazz Diva Entertainment presents a “cool” counterpart to our Summer Music Festivals in Uptown Charlotte and the Lowcountry in Charleston. Columbia, it’s your turn! We’ve got smooth jazz, we’ve got the funk, and we’ve got a legend! [Info here](#) .

Free Legislation Tracking Class

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

This is a one-hour class, conducted by Elaine Sandberg, will teach attendees how to use the resources such as scstatehouse.gov and Congress.gov to be able to contact legislators and representatives, search for legislation that concerns them, and keep up with developments on existing bills and regulations. Registration required for this free class. [Info here](#) !