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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Appleton, Wisconsin, October 11, 2017 --- Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities invites young people in grades 2nd through 12th to enter the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

Winners will be invited to read their essays at the 27th Anniversary of the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 15th, 2018 at the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel in Appleton. Keynote speaker for the event is Mr. Ally Wane. Aly is an undocumented organizer originally from Senegal. He has worked with numerous human rights groups, including the American Friends Service Committee, the Syracuse Peace Council, and the Black Alliance for Just Immigration. His work is at the intersection of migrants' rights and racial justice issues. He considers himself a global citizen and believes that it is important to develop an ethic of responsibility to the earth, regardless of national origin.

The theme of the 27th Anniversary Celebration is **“Those who have been left out.” Martin Luther King stated that he wanted to be with “those who have been left out.”** Writers should relate their essays to the following question: **What can I do personally and how can we work together to build a world where all feel included?** Submissions may be in essay or poetry form, but should not exceed one page.

The deadline to submit essays is 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 17th, 2017. A sheet of paper separate from the essay should contain the writer's name, email, address, telephone number, school, and grade. Contestants should not write names on essays and should not use staples to attach name and essay sheets.

Entries can be sent to 2018 King Essay Contest, c/o United Way Fox Cities, 1455 Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952. Winners will be notified by phone or email. Questions about the contest can be directed to Tony Gonzalez at (920) 954-7211.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is sponsored by Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities, African Heritage, Inc. and the Lawrence University Diversity Center. The event is free, and the public is invited to attend.

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