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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Appleton, Wisconsin --- The Fox Cities Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee invites young people in grades 2nd through 12th to enter the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

Winners will be invited to read their essays at the 28th Anniversary of the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 21st, 2019 at the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel in Appleton. Keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr. Dr. Moore has pursued and achieved success in the world of academia, business, diversity and community service. In 1996, he started America & MOORE, LLC to provide comprehensive diversity and cultural competency trainings and workshops for K-12 schools, community organizations, businesses, colleges and universities all across the world. Dr. Moore is recognized as one of the nation's top motivational speakers and educators, especially for his work with students K-16.

The theme of the 28th Anniversary Celebration is **“Why Keep Dreaming? A Time For Action”**. Writers should relate their essays to the following questions: **Keeping Dr. King's words in mind, how can we ensure that we stand up and use our voices when we see racial injustice in our school? In our neighborhood? In our world?** 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 30th, 2018. 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 planned each year by the Fox Cities Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. community committee with African Heritage, Inc. serving as fiscal agent and Lawrence University as host with a number of area faith organizations, businesses, social service agencies and individuals.

The event is free, and the public is invited to attend.

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