



**MULTICULTURAL
ACADEMIC
STUDENT SERVICES**

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Multicultural Academic Student Services

Presents:

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Oratorical Contest

Central Michigan University 2021-2022

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest

The Multicultural Academic Student Services office at Central Michigan University is proud to present the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest. The purpose of the oratorical contest is to recognize and give students the opportunity to reflect on the words of Dr. King while connecting his messages to issues facing our nation in the 21st century. Additionally, participants are provided an opportunity to enhance their own writing and communication skills through oration.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. CommUNITY Peace Brunch will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022. Students, faculty, staff and community members will join together and reflect on the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. During the brunch, finalists of the oratorical contest will present their speeches.

ELIGIBILITY: Participants must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at Central Michigan University.

HOW TO ENTER: Students must complete the attached entry form and submit one copy of their completed speech, including the title. This information should be postmarked or delivered to Multicultural Academic Student Services (MASS), 112 Bovee University Center, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, 48859 by 5 pm on Monday, December 6, 2021.

All speech content must comply with the following contest rules before submission:

- Each speech must reflect the contestant's own ideas, research, writing and original thinking
- Each contestant may submit only one (1) speech
- Each written speech must be typed and double-spaced in - 12 pt. Times New Roman font

OR: YouTube

- video submission
- Speeches may not exceed ten (10) minutes
- Each speech, written or video submission must include a title page with the following information:

- Speech title
- Author's name
- Address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Total number of pages/video minutes

For written speeches, the titles of the speech, but not the author's name, must appear on the top of the first page of your text. References should be included and clearly identified. Speeches will not be returned to the author; they become the property of the Multicultural Academic Student Services office at Central Michigan University. Multicultural Academic Student Services may reprint the speeches in educational publications and use them online and/or for promotional materials. Appropriate citations and credit will be given to authors.

Contest Theme

“Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ASSIGNED TOPIC:

This year the King Center, presented their national theme as *Be Love*. With this in mind, what are the limitations that we as a society face in embracing love while addressing the demands of justice? And what would it take to overcome these limitations?

Each participant is encouraged to use the aforementioned quote as inspiration. For more background on the *Be Love* campaign, go to: <https://www.thekingcenter.org>.

The purpose of the assigned topic is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of his/her/their research, and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message. All contestants are required to speak on the same assigned topic and will be evaluated on both the content of their speeches and the delivery.

**ENTRIES ARE TO BE EMAILED, MAILED OR DELIVERED BY
5 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 TO:**

Multicultural Academic Student Services
112 Bovee University Center
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859
Phone: (989) 774-3945
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Entry Form

Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Campus/Local Address:

Major: _____ Minor: _____ Classification: _____

Campus Involvements:

Future plans:

I understand my participation in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest will require my participation in all qualifying rounds until elimination. I understand that the semi-finalist round will occur in December and that the final competition will take place on Monday, January 17, 2022. If I am selected as one of the three (3) finalists, I understand that I MUST be available to present my speech on Monday, January 17, 2022 at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. CommUNITY Peace Brunch from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to be recognized and awarded appropriately.

Student's Signature

Date

All finalists will receive a symbolic memento. First, second and third place winners shall receive a plaque and stipend in the following amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250, respectively.