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Dear Hill Community,

On *Monday, January 18*, the nation will recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day. One could only imagine what perspective he would have in regard to our nation today. While contemporary America cannot deny that we are living in a semblance of Martin Luther King's visionary ideals, it is logical to conclude that he would be dissatisfied with where we find ourselves currently. The events of the past week and even in the past year have shown us that we have a ways to go. In honor of Martin Luther King Day, I would like to invite you all to attend one (or more) of the events below on Monday January 18:

**2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast - sponsored by
UNCF
9AM**

<https://www.mlkbreakfast.com/>

Speaking at the event will be Dr. Bernice A. King, daughter of Martin Luther King and a global thought leader, orator, peace advocate, and Chief Executive Officer of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. Andrew J. Young, who worked closely with Dr. King will also speak. Young is a former member of Congress, former Mayor of Atlanta and a pioneer in and champion of civil and human rights. Performing will be Billy Steele and the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Choir

The virtual event is \$25. You must register to attend. To register, please visit the link and click "Buy tickets at UNCF." The event does not allow bulk purchases, so any purchases you make will be limited to 4 people. Once registered, a confirmation will be sent to you and will notify you when they will send you an access code and link to get into the event. If you are a student who is interested in attending and would like to be reimbursed, I can sponsor a limited number of students through reimbursement (mainly because I cannot register in bulk). If you are interested, then **please email me back** to let me know and I will walk you through further instructions.

**unfortunately, this event will not allow us to stream it on any other platform to watch and chat together, but I am looking for ways we can communicate together during the event*

2021 MLK Weekend Celebration at AAMP
Theme: What can we do for others?

<https://www.aampmuseum.org/mlk-monday.html>

The African American History Museum in Philadelphia has an entire weekend of events planned beginning January 16. Please visit their website for more details. On January 18th. I would like to invite you all to attend the following:

10:00 - 10:20AM: Opening Message & Dramatic Reading of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream Speech" by Carlo Campbell

<https://50068.blackbaudhosting.com/50068/MLK-Day-of-Service-AAMP>

12:30PM: A Virtual Screening of the documentary, John Lewis: Good Trouble

<https://50068.blackbaudhosting.com/50068/John-Lewis-Good-Trouble>

ALL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE AA MUSEUM EVENTS ARE FREE, HOWEVER YOU MUST REGISTER. Again, they will not allow for bulk registration of more than 4 people, so please plan to register individually.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Observed each year on the third Monday in January as “a day on, not a day off,” MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. AmeriCorps has been charged to lead this effort. Please click the link below to find volunteer opportunities in your area. (Limitations are expected due to Covid-19)

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve-your-community/mlk-day-service>

LOOKING AHEAD

Springside Chestnut Hill (SCH) Academy welcomes high school and mature eighth grade students from across the country to virtually attend our sixth annual SCHout Diversity Conference. Students will hear a keynote by A'Dorian Murray-Thomas, participate in a story exchange designed to cultivate radical empathy, and engage in meaningful dialogue throughout the day in a series of social action workshops. Learn about this year's offered virtual workshops below and [register to attend](#) today! TICKETS ARE \$10. If any Hill students would be interested in attending, please email me back expressing your interest.

<https://www.sch.org/schout-conference-2021>

READ & REFLECT

For the Winter Term of 2020, students of the Religious Radicals class studied the life, work and speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr. Their final assignment was to write a paper that focused on the background, context and ethical teaching of one speech given by Martin Luther King, Jr. All of the papers submitted were excellent and I would like to invite you to read just three examples written on different aspects of Dr. King's philosophy. Please visit the following link to view the paper: <https://www.thehill.org/hill-community/mlk-day>

Give Us the Ballot given May 17, 1957 -

The Power of the Soul, the Dignity of the Vote by Wesley Connelly '22

I Have a Dream given August 28, 1963 -

Dr. Martin Luther King's Impact on 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests by Mia Keane '22

Beyond Vietnam given April 4, 1967 -

"Beyond Vietnam" & Beyond King's Known Work by Carolyn McNay '23

Please let me know if you have any further questions. Wishing you all a time of reflection and inspiration as we move forward as a nation.

***"...we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values." -
Martin Luther King Jr.***

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