



MAKING
LIVES
MATTER

*"Our lives begin to end the day we
become silent about things that matter."*

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Annual Celebration**

**January 14, 2016
4 p.m. EDT**

Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History
100 West Broadway, Frankfort

2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Celebration

Welcome	Commissioner Lawrence Winburn Sr.
Posting of the Colors*	Frankfort Fire Dept. Honor Guard
National Anthem*	
Lift Every Voice*	
Invocation	Commissioner Kirby Bennett
Speaker Introduction	Commissioner Shannon Ramsey
Remarks	Colmon Elridge III
Award Presentations	Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther King Jr. Citizenship Award • King Award Student Contest Awards
Musician Introduction	Commissioner Wanda Washington
Musical Presentation	Dr. Caroline Gibson
Benediction*	Commissioner Soreyda Begley
Closing	Commissioner Shannon Ramsey

**Please Stand*

2016 MLK Citizenship Award Winner

Mr. Samuel VanCleave Wickliffe (1927-2015)

Accepted by Samuel Wickliffe Jr.

Samuel Wickliffe Sr., of Campbellsville, was a beloved leader in the African American community. He was a lifelong advocate and activist for justice and equity for the African American community, as well as for all people, regardless of race. Mr. Wickliffe was a leader in establishing annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. events in his community, and he left a legacy in keeping with that of Dr. King.

Mr. Wickliffe was a schoolteacher with the Campbellsville Independent School System, a United States Air Force veteran, a board member at Fannie Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, a former assistant football coach at Campbellsville University and Campbellsville High School, and a member of Masonic Lodge in Bardstown. He was inducted into the Campbellsville University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003 and was named an American Football Coaches Association NAJA Assistant Coach of the Year in 1998. Learn more about Samuel Wickliffe on the MLK Commission's website at www.ome.ky.gov.

2016 MLK State Essay Contest Winners

Elementary

- 1st: **Khiland Moss**, 5th grade, Clark Elementary, McCracken County
 2nd: **Aneeza Ali**, 5th grade, Clark Elementary, McCracken County
 3rd: **Anais Garcia**, 5th grade, Clark Elementary, McCracken County

Middle

- 1st: **Jesslyne Mann**, 8th grade, Taylor County Middle School, Taylor County
 2nd: **Tre Lohre**, 7th grade, St. Pius X School, Kenton County, Diocese of Covington
 3rd: **Brayden Jessie**, 8th grade, Taylor County Middle School, Taylor County

High

- 1st: **Kadiatou Cherif**, 11th grade, Seneca High School, Jefferson County
 2nd: **Briana Faye Little**, 10th grade, South Floyd High School, Floyd County
 3rd: **Natalie Copeland**, 9th grade, J. Graham Brown School, Jefferson County

2016 MLK State Poetry Contest Winners

Elementary

- 1st: **Kezion Greer**, 5th grade, Minors Lane Elementary, Jefferson County

Middle

- 1st: **Jenna Danneman**, 7th grade, St. Pius X, Kenton County, Diocese of Covington
 2nd: **Emma Pohlman**, 7th grade, St. Pius X, Kenton County, Diocese of Covington
 3rd: **J.J. Kampinga**, 7th grade, St. Pius X, Kenton County, Diocese of Covington

High

- 1st: **Zoe Sermersheim**, 9th grade, J. Graham Brown School, Jefferson County
 2nd: **Samuel Aboud**, 9th grade, J. Graham Brown School, Jefferson County
 3rd: **Zac Lichtsteiner**, 9th grade, J. Graham Brown School, Jefferson County

2016 MLK State Art Contest Winners

Elementary

- 1st: **Porter Peal**, Kindergarten, Hearn Elementary, Franklin County
 2nd: **Melanie Cazan**, 5th grade, Minors Lane Elementary, Jefferson County
 3rd: **Shianti Martin**, 5th grade, Minors Lane Elementary, Jefferson County

High

- 1st: **Brittney Newman**, 10th grade, South Floyd High School, Floyd County

Musical Presentation

Caroline G. Gibson, Soprano, is an active performer, and has a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Iowa School of Music in Iowa City as a distinguished fellowship recipient; Master of Music and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the Catholic University of America Benjamin T. Rome School of Music in Washington, D.C. and the University of Maryland, respectively. Dr. Gibson is the Executive Director for “The Singers’ Project,” a nonprofit arts organization. Dr. Gibson is the Assistant Professor of Voice in the Department of Fine Arts and Vocal Artist in Residence at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. Learn more about Dr. Gibson at www.carolinegibson.org.

Sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. State Commission

Commission Members:

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Lawrence Winburn	Tiffany Yeast

Martin Luther King Jr. Contest Selection Committees

Essay and Arts Contests Committee

Anitra Williams, Janet Stallard and Debbie McCoy

Poetry Contest Committee

Savannah Sipple and Lance Newman

Citizenship Award Committee

Anita C. Collins, Joette Fields and Brian Kiser

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Photos from the celebration will be posted on the MLK Commission’s Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/115153238@N08/.

Program Designed by Shannon Ramsey