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Third Place, Intermediate Division,
2023 Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest.

The Dream Deferred?



Where Do We Go From Here?

Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

Dear Reader,

We are honored to present this 2024 calendar commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In the pages that follow, you will find historic references and a chronology of Dr. King's life and the Civil Rights Movement, as well as pages dedicated to the Ohio youth orators who placed in the Commission's Statewide MLK Youth Oratorical Contest last year. These exceptional young people delivered powerful speeches honoring Dr. King and his message of peace, tolerance, and social justice.

Our 2024 calendar theme centers on Dr. King's dream at a crossroads. His "I Have a Dream" speech is a well – recognized masterwork with a message that still resonates today. With Dr. King's dream as the landmark, the calendar's theme – The Dream Deferred?: Where Do We Go from Here? – alludes to the question posed by Langston Hughes, who in his famous poem asks, "What happens to a dream deferred?" The theme asserts that while progress has been made, the dream is not fully realized. And while fulfillment of that dream is the goal, how do we get there? We invite you to join us and your fellow Ohioans as we explore the answer to this question.

We are very grateful for your support of the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission and invite you to engage with us throughout the year. For our latest news and activities, and to learn how you can become involved, please follow our Facebook page at facebook.com/OhioMLKCommission and bookmark our website at DAS.Ohio.gov/MLK.

Respectfully,

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Dillon Tucker

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023

Primary Division, First Place

Berwick Alternative Pre K - 8

Elementary School

2nd Grade, Age 7

Cincinnati, Ohio

Career Aspiration:

Math Teacher

“There were many protests that Dr. King helped to lead. He led marches in Alabama that helped to get voting rights for Black people. His most famous protest was the March on Washington where he gave his ‘I Have A Dream!’ speech. These are reasons why Dr. King is important to the Civil Rights Movement.”

January 2024 Janvier - Enero

1983 Jan. 18 • Following the passage of Public Law 98-144, U.S. President Ronald Reagan signs a proclamation declaring the third Monday in January of each year a public holiday in honor of the birthday of Dr. King.

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	1 New Year's Day Seventh Day of Kwanzaa/Imani (Faith) National Mentoring Month begins	2	3	4 World Braille Day	5	6 Epiphany																																																																																								
7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9	10	11 You're invited to the 39th annual Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration. Visit DAS.Ohio.gov/MLK for details.	12	13 Dr. Robert C. Weaver becomes first Black nominated to serve on a U.S. Presidential Cabinet (Secretary of HUD) (1966)																																																																																								
14	15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. born in Atlanta, Ga. (1929)	16	17	18	19	20 Colin Powell becomes the first African American appointed U.S. Secretary of State (2001) Barack Obama sworn in as 44th President of the United States (2009) Kamala Harris sworn in as Vice President of the United States (2021)																																																																																								
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day																																																																																								
28	29	30 Mohandas Gandhi assassinated in New Delhi, India, at age 78 (1948) The Kings' third child, Dexter Scott, born in Atlanta, Ga. (1961) Coretta Scott King passes away at age 78 (2006)	31																																																																																											
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Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023

Primary Division, Second Place

Chase Elementary School

2nd Grade, Age 7

Cincinnati, Ohio

Career Aspiration:

Pediatrician

“I dare to dream like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ... I dare to dream that people should stop being mean. I dare to dream that people will not be judged by no part of their body. I wish that my dream will come true.”

February 2024

Février - Febrero

1962 Feb. 27 • Dr. King is tried and convicted for leading the December march in Albany, Ga.

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				1 Black History Month begins National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day First Civil Rights Act passes (1866)	3 National Wear Red Day 15th Amendment giving Black men the right to vote ratified (1870)																																																																																												
4 Civil rights activist, Rosa Parks born in Tuskegee, Ala. (1913)	5	6	7	8	9	10 Chinese New Year																																																																																												
11	12 Abraham Lincoln born in Hardin County, Ky. (1809) NAACP founded (1909)	13 Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras	14 Ash Wednesday Lent begins Valentine's Day	15	16	17																																																																																												
18	19 Presidents Day	20 World Day of Social Justice	21 Malcolm X, leader of the Organization of Afro-American Unity and former Black Muslim leader, assassinated in New York City at age 39 (1965)	22 George Washington born in Westmoreland County, Va. (1732)	23	24																																																																																												
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Kylie Elizabeth **Harmon**

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023

Primary Division, Third Place

Chase Elementary School

2nd Grade, Age 8

Cincinnati, Ohio

Career Aspiration:

Marine Biologist

“Dr. King and Harriet Tubman help to bridge the gap because they were not selfish. They reach back to pull someone forward. So when Dr. King marched the streets yelling ‘Freedom’ and when Harriet crossed the river singing ‘Wade in the Water’ they were helping one more of our ancestors discover what freedom really meant. You can’t bridge the gap if you don’t give back.”

March 2024 Mars - Marzo

1963 March 9 • Dr. King leads a symbolic march to the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala.

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					1 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month begins Women's History Month begins	2 Read Across America Day																																																																																			
3	4	5	6 U.S. Supreme Court rules against citizenship for Black people (1857)	7 "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Ala. (1965)	8 International Women's Day	9 Dr. King holds press conference launching Poor People's Campaign at Paschal's Restaurant, Atlanta, Ga. (1968)																																																																																			
10 First of Ramadan begins at sunset Daylight Saving Time begins Abolitionist and political activist Harriet Tubman passes away at age 90-91 (1913)	11 Antonin Scalia, first Italian American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, born in Trenton, N.J. (1936-2016)	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																			
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Eastern Orthodox Lent begins	19 Spring begins	20 Selma-to-Montgomery Freedom March, led by Dr. King, begins (1965)	21 World Down Syndrome Day	22	23 Purim begins at sunset																																																																																			
24 Purim ends at sunset Palm Sunday Easter César Chávez born in San Luis, Ariz. (1927)	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday Lent Ends The King's fourth child, Bernice Albertine, born in Atlanta, Ga. (1963)	29 Good Friday National Vietnam War Veterans Day	30																																																																																			
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Jasmine
Davis

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023
Intermediate Division, First Place

Columbus School for Girls
4th Grade, Age 10
Columbus, Ohio

Career Aspiration:

Doctor, Engineer, CEO

“Agitate. Agitate. Agitate. Change makers must agitate to make the change they seek in this world. ... When I get older, as a change maker, I will agitate for equal pay for women, so that they have power to speak up in the board room in front of men who are no longer making more money than they are, doing the same job. ... I will agitate for racial equality so that Black people are not feared or seen as bad because of the color of our skin.”

April 2024 Avril - Abril

1968 April 3 • Dr. King addresses a rally of striking sanitation workers and their supporters in Memphis. He also delivers his last speech, titled "I've Been to the Mountaintop," at the Memphis Masonic Temple.

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	1 Celebrate Diversity Month begins Autism Acceptance Month begins	2 World Autism Awareness Day	3	4 Dr. King delivers anti-Vietnam War speech, "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" (1967) Dr. King assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., at age 39 (1968)	5	6																																																																																												
7	8 Coretta Scott King leads Memorial March in Memphis, Tenn., with sanitation workers (1968)	9 Eid al-Fitr begins at sunset Ramadan ends	10 Eid al-Fitr ends at sunset	11	12	13																																																																																												
14	15 Tax Day Abraham Lincoln assassinated in Washington, D.C., at age 56 (1865)	16	17	18 Yom Ha'atzma'ut begins at sunset	19 Yom Ha'atzma'ut ends at sunset	20																																																																																												
21	22 Earth Day Passover begins at sunset	23 Civil rights activist César Chávez passes away at age 66 (1993)	24	25 Liberation Day (Italy) Dr. Frederick Douglass Patterson founds United Negro College Fund (1944)	26 Arbor Day	27 Coretta Scott born in Marion, Ala. (1927)																																																																																												
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Alexandria “Lexie” Edwards

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023

Intermediate Division, Second Place

Warrensville Heights Elementary

4th Grade, Age 9

South Euclid, Ohio

Career Aspiration:

Doctor

“With all the injustices in the U.S., can ‘one person’ really make a difference? Well, there are many Civil Rights Activists who made a difference – ‘one person’ at a time. ...I admire Harriet Tubman and MLK for taking a stand for equality for African Americans! MLK had a dream and so do I...So, can ‘one person’ really make a difference? Yes! I can make a difference and so can you!”

May 2024 Mai - Mayo

1957 May 17 • Dr. King delivers the speech, titled “Give Us The Ballot,” for the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom, celebrating the third anniversary of the Supreme Court’s desegregation decision at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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5 Cinco de Mayo Eastern Orthodox Easter	6 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	7	8	9	10	11																																																																																												
12 Mother’s Day	13	14	15 Yolanda Denise King, the King’s eldest daughter, passes away at age 51 (2007)	16	17 Brown vs. Board of Education ruling to end segregation in schools (1954) Dr. King delivers “Give Us the Ballot” speech at National Prayer Pilgrimage, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C. (1957)	18 Armed Forces Day																																																																																												
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Amir
Lamarr

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023
Intermediate Division, Third Place

Berwick Alternative Pre K - 8
Elementary School
5th Grade, Age 11
Columbus, Ohio


Career Aspiration:

National Hockey League
Player

“Martin Luther King said ‘It takes all of us to make the world a better place.’ That’s why I believe that the 21st century depends on all of us. ...Love can go a very long way. Yes, we all make mistakes and no one is perfect but if we support each other and be kind to others we are one step closer to being the change we want to see in the 21st century.”

June 2024 Jun - Junio

1999 June 7 • New Hampshire Governor Jean Shaheen signs the King Holiday legislation into law, completing enactment of the MLK holiday as a paid holiday in all 50 states.

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2	3	4 Yom Yerushalayim begins at sunset	5 Yom Yerushalayim ends at sunset Presidential candidate Sen. Robert Kennedy assassinated in Los Angeles, Calif., and dies the next day at age 42 (1968)	6 D-Day	7	8																																																																																					
9	10	11 Shavuot begins at sunset	12 President Harry Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Services Integration Act (1948) Civil Rights activist Medgar Evers assassinated in Jackson, Miss., at age 37 (1963)	13 Shavuot ends at sunset Thurgood Marshall appointed to U.S. Supreme Court (1967)	14 Flag Day U.S. Army Birthday Hajj begins at sunset	15 Hajj Dr. King launches Summer Community Organization and Political Education project (SCOPE) and trains 500 students to register voters in five southern states (1965)																																																																																					
16 Father's Day Hajj	17 Hajj Eid al-Adha begins at sunset	18 Hajj Eid al-Adha ends at sunset Martin Luther King, Jr. marries Coretta Scott (1953)	19 Hajj ends at sunset Juneteenth (African American Emancipation Day)	20 Summer begins	21	22																																																																																					
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Lauren Sutch

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023

Junior Division, First Place

Hilliard Heritage Middle School

7th Grade, Age 13

Hilliard, Ohio

Career Aspiration:

Environmental Lawyer

“Dr. King and my grandmother are glowing examples of dreamers, but with dreams comes hard work, perseverance, and fortitude. ...Race, religion, gender, and stereotypes can hold us back, deter us from our dreams but we must remember as Dr. King taught us, ‘If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run then walk. If you can’t walk, then crawl, but whatever you do keep moving forward.’”

July 2024 Juillet - Julio

1964 July 2 • Dr. King attends as U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at the White House.

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	1 National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month begins	2 Civil Rights Act signing (1964) Thurgood Marshall, civil rights activist and Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, born (1908-1993)	3	4 U.S. Independence Day	5	6																																																																																												
7 Islamic New Year begins at sunset First of Muharram begins at sunset	8 Islamic New Year ends at sunset	9 14th Amendment granting Black people citizenship ratified (1868)	10	11	12	13																																																																																												
14	15	16 Ashura begins at sunset	17 Ashura ends at sunset Civil rights activist and statesman Congressman John Robert Lewis passes away at age 80 (2020) Cordy Tindell Vivian, civil rights activist and 2013 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, passes away at age 95 (2020)	18 Birthday of Nelson Mandela, civil rights leader for South Africa and the country's first Black president (1918-2013)	19	20																																																																																												
21 Alfred Daniel King, Dr. King's younger brother, is found dead in his own pool, Atlanta, Ga., at age 38 (1969)	22	23	24	25	26 Federal Service (Executive Order 9980) and Armed Services (Executive Order 9981) Integration signed by President Harry S. Truman (1948) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed into law by President George H.W. Bush, prohibiting discrimination based on disability (1990)	27																																																																																												
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Jasmine Falconer

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023

Junior Division, Second Place

Miller South School for the Visual
and Performing Arts
8th Grade, Age 14
Akron, Ohio

Career Aspiration:

Actress, Work in
Veterinary Medicine

“Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was daring to fight for freedom, he was daring to dream of a new life, a new land, a new future and I am daring to do the same. I aspire to live in a world of peace and togetherness, a world of love and hope, and a world of complete equality — no matter who you are. Dr. King wanted this for his children. That’s the world I dare to dream of!”

August 2024

août - Agosto

2020 Aug. 6 • Lt. Gen. Michael E. Langley is first Black officer in the Marine Corps' 246-year history promoted to the rank of four-star general.

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				1 National Black Business Month begins	2	3																																																																																						
4 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday Barack Obama, first African American president of the United States, born in Honolulu, Hawaii (1961)	5 First of Muharram ends at sunset	6 President Lyndon B. Johnson signs Voting Rights Act of 1965	7	8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	10																																																																																						
11	12	13	14 Pakistan Independence Day (1947)	15 India Independence Day (1947)	16 Indonesian Independence Day (1945)	17																																																																																						
18	19 Dick Gregory, comedian and civil rights activist who broke racial barriers in the 1960s with his satire, passes away at 84 (2017)	20	21 Senior Citizens Day	22	23 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	24																																																																																						
25	26 Women's Equality (Suffrage) Day Geraldine Ferraro, first woman vice presidential candidate on a major party ticket, born in Newburgh, NY (1935)	27 King Center spearheads 20th Anniversary of the March on Washington (1983) MLK Federal Holiday Commission established (1984)	28 The March on Washington with Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" Speech (1963)	29	30 Thurgood Marshall confirmed as the first Black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court (1967)	31																																																																																						
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Aishwarya Ramanathan

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023

Junior Division, Third Place

Olentangy Orange Middle School

6th Grade, Age 11

Lewis Center, Ohio


Career Aspiration:

To address the many things
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did.

“To quote Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., ‘I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.’ He chose peace over chaos, love over hate, and good over bad. He made the right decisions and filled a dark canvas with color. For that, we should always honor him.”

September 2024 Septembre - Septiembre

2015 Sept. 24 • When speaking before a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress, Pope Francis references Dr. King’s dream, saying, “That dream continues to inspire us all.”

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1 National Deaf Awareness Month begins	2 Labor Day	3	4 Desegregation of Little Rock Central High School (1957)	5	6	7																																																																																					
8 International Literacy Day Grandparents Day	9	10	11 Patriot Day Willie Christine King Farris, Dr. King’s older sister, born in Atlanta, Ga. (1927)	12	13 Alberta Williams King, Dr. King’s mother, born in Atlanta, Ga. (1904)	14																																																																																					
15 Hispanic Heritage Month begins Mawlid an-Nabi begins at sunset	16 Mexico Independence Day Mawlid an-Nabi ends at sunset	17	18 U.S. Air Force Birthday	19	20	21 Milad un Nabi (Shia)																																																																																					
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Mackenzie Lewis

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023

Senior Division, First Place

Columbus Africentric Early College

High School

11th Grade, Age 16

Columbus, Ohio

Career Aspiration:

Social Justice Lawyer

“Black girl.....Black girl what will you do? I’ll speak up...I’ll advocate...and I’ll go ahead and be bold. I’ll continue standing on the shoulders of Black girls now women who sacrificed much so THIS Black girl could have more...more opportunities, more experiences, and more examples of greatness to follow. I will say Black girl... the glass ceiling of ‘you can’t’ has been shattered by Black women who did!”

October 2024 Octobre - Octobre

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Gabriella Falconer

Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest, 2023

Senior Division, Second Place

Archbishop Hoban High School

11th Grade, Age 16

Akron, Ohio


Career Aspiration:

Luxury Travel Agent

“Dr. King decided to educate ignorance, he choose to show love instead of hate, because ‘Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.’ So, how about we play a game of truth or dare? I dare you to ... keep dreaming, and dream as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once did, and dream until you can’t dream anymore! I dare you...to bridge the divide and make a difference in your community and help us all build unity.”

November 2024 Novembre - Noviembre

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Career Aspiration:

Attorney

“And in his final plea to America, King said, ‘All we say to America is be true to what you said on paper.’ And I must agree. How can we build a bridge when we have nowhere to stand? Why won’t you lend me a hand? We truly don’t understand. We aren’t on solid land, you perceive yourself as grand, and see us as grains of sand. We’ve tried to expand, this is my annual demand.”

December 2024

Décembre - Diciembre

1964 Dec. 10 • Dr. King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. At age 35, he is the youngest person in history to receive the honor and the second African American.

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1 World AIDS Day Rosa Parks Day (Alabama, Ohio, and Oregon observance) Rosa Parks arrested in Montgomery, Ala., for refusing to give up her seat on a segregated city bus (1955)	2	3	4	5 Montgomery bus boycott begins (1955) Anti-apartheid activist and former South African President Nelson Mandela passes away at age 95 (2013)	6 13th Amendment abolishes slavery (1865)	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	
8	9	10 Human Rights Day Dr. King receives Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway (1964)	11	12	13 U.S. National Guard Birthday	14 George Washington, first president of the United States, passes away at age 67 (1732-1799)	
15	16	17	18	19 Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. born in Stockbridge, Ga. (1899)	20 Montgomery bus boycott ends (1956)	21 Winter begins	
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Hanukkah begins at sunset	26 First Day of Kwanzaa/Umoja (Unity)	27 Second Day of Kwanzaa/Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)	28 Third Day of Kwanzaa/Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)	
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A Chronology of the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement

1929

Jan. 15 - Michael King, later known as Martin Luther King, Jr., is born to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. and Mrs. Alberta Christine Williams King in Atlanta, Ga.

1935 to 1944

King, Jr. attends David T. Howard Elementary School, Atlanta University Laboratory School, and Booker T. Washington High School.

1947

King, Jr. is licensed to preach with his father at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

1948

At age 19, King, Jr. graduates with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., where he enrolled at age 15.

September - King, Jr. enters Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa. After hearing Dr. A.J. Muste and Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson preach, he begins to study the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

1951

May 8 - King, Jr. graduates from Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania with a bachelor of divinity degree.

1953

June 18 - King, Jr. marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Ala.

1954

Oct. 31 - The Rev. King, Sr. installs King, Jr. as the 20th pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

1955

June 5 - King, Jr. is awarded his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University in Boston, Mass.

Nov. 17 - The Kings' first child, Yolanda Denise, is born in Montgomery, Ala.

Dec. 5 - Dr. King is unanimously elected president of the Montgomery

1958

June 23 - Dr. King, along with Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), A. Philip Randolph, and Lester Granger meet with U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Sept. 3 - Dr. King is arrested on a charge of loitering (later changed to "failure to obey an officer") in the vicinity of the Montgomery Recorder's Court. He is released on a \$100 bond.

Sept. 4 - After pleading not guilty, Dr. King is convicted on the charge of failure to obey an officer. Despite Dr. King's objections, the fine is paid almost immediately by Montgomery Police Commissioner Clyde C. Sellers.

Sept. 17 - Dr. King's book *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story* is published by Harper & Row.

Sept. 20 - Dr. King is stabbed in the chest by Izola Curry, who is subsequently alleged to be mentally deranged. The stabbing occurs in Harlem, N.Y., while Dr. King is autographing his recently published book. His condition was said to be serious but not critical.

1959

Jan. 30 - Dr. King meets with Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers Union, in Detroit, Mich.

Feb. 2 to March 10 - Dr. and Mrs. King spend a month in India studying Gandhi's techniques of nonviolence.

Nov. 22 - Dr. King delivers the sermon at Union Grove Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio, as part of the church's 71st anniversary celebration. Dr. King often visited Columbus, where he participated in worship and fellowship activities at the church. During his visits, he stayed at the home of Union Grove's pastor, the Rev. Phale D. Hale, and his wife, Cleo Hale.

1961

Jan. 30 - A third child, Dexter Scott, is born to Dr. and Mrs. King in Atlanta, Ga.

Dec. 15 - Dr. King arrives in Albany, Ga., in response to a call from Dr. W.G. Anderson, the leader of the Albany Movement, to desegregate public facilities.

Dec. 16 - Dr. King is arrested at an Albany, Ga., demonstration. He is charged with obstructing the sidewalk and parading without a permit.

1962

Feb. 27 - Dr. King is tried and convicted for leading the December march in Albany, Ga.

May 2 - Dr. King is invited to join the protests in Birmingham, Ala., about the city's segregation system.

July 27 - Dr. King is arrested in Albany, Ga., at a city hall prayer vigil and jailed on charges of failure to obey a police officer, obstructing the sidewalk, and disorderly conduct.

Sept. 23 - Dr. King dedicates Mount Hermon Baptist Church, the newly constructed church of his uncle, the Rev. Joel L. King, Sr., in Mansfield, Ohio.

Oct. 16 - Dr. King meets with U.S. President John F. Kennedy at the White House for a one-hour conference.

1963

March 28 - The King's fourth child, Bernice Albertine, is born.

March to April - Sit-in demonstrations are held in Birmingham, Ala., to protest segregation of eating facilities. Dr. King is arrested.

April 16 - Dr. King writes the "Letter From Birmingham Jail" while imprisoned for demonstrating against the segregation of eating facilities.

March 9 - Dr. King leads a symbolic march to the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala.

March 21 - The Selma-to-Montgomery March sets off again. Protected by federal troops and led by Dr. King, about 3,200 marchers set out from Selma. By the time they reach the capitol in Montgomery four days later they are 25,000-strong.

July - Dr. King visits Chicago, Ill. SCLC joins with the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations, led by Al Raby, in the Chicago Project.

Aug. 6 - President Lyndon Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Oct. 10 - Dr. King speaks at a celebration at Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio, honoring his uncle, the Rev. Joel L. King, Sr., for his fifth year of service at the church.

1966

Jan. 22 - Dr. King moves into a Chicago slum tenement to attract attention to the living conditions of the poor.

Feb. 23 - Dr. King meets with Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Black Muslims, in Chicago.

Spring - Dr. King tours Alabama to help elect Black candidates. The Alabama primary election is held, and for the first time since Reconstruction, Black people vote in significant numbers.

May 16 - Dr. King's anti-war statement is read at a large Washington, D.C., rally to protest the war in Vietnam. Dr. King agrees to serve as a co-chairman of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam.

July 10 - Dr. King launches a drive to make Chicago an open city regarding housing, which would enable Black people to live in any neighborhood.

April 9 - Hundreds of thousands of people attend funeral services for Dr. King in Atlanta, Ga.

1969

July 21 - Alfred Daniel King, Dr. King's younger brother, is found dead in his swimming pool in Atlanta, Ga.

1970

Jan. 14 - Dr. King's remains are re-interred at the current King Center site.

1974

June 30 - Alberta Williams King, mother of Dr. King, is assassinated while playing the organ at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

1975

Jan. 15 - The King Center dedicates Dr. King's birth home.

1976

Jan. 14 - The King Center dedicates the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

1977

Jan. 15 - The King Center dedicates the permanent entombment of Dr. King.

1980

October - The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Site is established in Atlanta. Site includes his birthplace, Ebenezer Church, and the King Center.

1983

Jan. 18 - Following passage of Public Law 98-144, U.S. President Ronald Reagan signs a proclamation declaring the third Monday in January of each year a public holiday in honor of the birthday of Dr. King.

1985

July - Coretta Scott King and three of her children are arrested protesting apartheid outside the South African embassy in Washington, D.C.

Improvement Association. The association organized the successful 381-day bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala., following Rosa Parks' arrest on Dec. 1, 1955, for her refusal to give up her bus seat in defiance of Jim Crow (segregation) laws.

1956

Jan. 26 - Dr. King is arrested on a charge of traveling 30 mph in a 25 mph-zone in Montgomery, Ala. He is released on his own recognizance.

Jan. 30 - A bomb is thrown onto the porch of Dr. King's Montgomery home. Mrs. King is in the house with baby Yolanda Denise. No one is injured. A crowd gathers and calls for violent retaliation. Dr. King urges nonviolence.

Feb. 21 - Dr. King is indicted with other figures in the Montgomery bus boycott on the charge of being party to a conspiracy to hinder and prevent the operation of business without "just or legal cause."

Aug. 10 - Dr. King is a speaker before the platform committee of the Democratic Party in Chicago, Ill.

1957

Jan. 27 - An unexploded bomb is discovered on the front porch of the Kings' house.

Feb. 14 - Dr. King establishes the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to fight for civil rights and against segregation. He is elected the group's first president.

Feb. 18 - Dr. King is featured on the cover of Time magazine.

May 17 - Dr. King delivers the speech, titled "Give Us The Ballot," for the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom, celebrating the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's desegregation decision at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

June 13 - Dr. King meets with U.S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Oct. 23 - A second child, Martin Luther III, is born to Dr. and Mrs. King.

Nov. 29 - Dr. King resigns as pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church to focus full time on the Civil Rights Movement.

1960

Jan. 24 - The King family moves to Atlanta, Ga., to allow Dr. King to devote more time to the SCLC. Dr. King becomes co-pastor, with his father, of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Feb. 17 - A warrant is issued for Dr. King's arrest on charges that he falsified his 1956 and 1958 Alabama state income tax returns.

April 15 - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee is founded to coordinate student protests at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., on a temporary basis. The committee becomes a permanent organization in October 1960. Dr. King and James Lawson are the keynote speakers at the Shaw University founding ceremony.

May 28 - Dr. King is acquitted by an all-white jury of the tax-evasion charge in Montgomery, Ala.

June 10 - Dr. King and A. Philip Randolph announce plans for picketing both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

June 24 - Dr. King meets with U.S. presidential candidate John F. Kennedy about issues pertaining to race.

Oct. 19 to 27 - Eight months after lunch counter sit-ins begin in Greensboro, N.C., Dr. King and 51 other demonstrators are arrested during a sit-in while waiting to be served at an Atlanta restaurant.

As other jailed demonstrators are released, Dr. King is held on a charge of violating a probated sentence in a traffic arrest case. He is transferred to the DeKalb County Jail in Decatur, Ga., and is then transferred to the Reidsville State Prison on a \$2,000 bond.

He is released after presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and his brother and campaign manager, Robert, intervene.

June - Dr. King's book *Strength To Love* is published by Harper & Row.

Aug. 28 - The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the first large, integrated protest march, is held in Washington, D.C. Dr. King delivers his "I Have A Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Afterward, he and other civil rights leaders meet with President Kennedy in the White House.

1964

May to June - Dr. King joins other SCLC workers in a demonstration for the integration of public accommodations in St. Augustine, Fla. He is arrested and jailed.

June - Dr. King's book *Why We Can't Wait* is published by Harper & Row.

Mid-June - Hundreds of volunteers, mostly white northern college students, arrive for what becomes known as Freedom Summer, a voter registration project in Mississippi. Out of approximately 17,000 Black residents who attempt to register to vote that summer, the applications of less than 10 percent are accepted, creating momentum for federal voting rights legislation.

July 2 - Dr. King attends as U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at the White House.

Sept. 14 - Dr. King and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy visit West Berlin, Germany, at the invitation of Mayor Willy Brandt.

Sept. 18 - Dr. King has an audience with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican.

Dec. 10 - Dr. King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. At age 35, he is the youngest person in history, and the first Black, to receive the honor.

1965

March 7 - Some 600 activists marching for voting rights in Alabama head east out of Selma to Montgomery. After six blocks they meet state and local law enforcement officials at the Edmund Pettus Bridge who attack them with billy clubs and tear gas, driving them back into Selma. The day becomes known as "Bloody Sunday."

Aug. 5 - Dr. King is hit by rocks in Chicago as he leads a march against discrimination.

Aug. 10 - Dr. King launches a campaign to end discrimination in housing, employment, and education in Chicago.

1967

January - Dr. King writes his book *Where Do We Go From Here?* while in Jamaica.

March 25 - Dr. King attacks the U.S. government's Vietnam policy in a speech at the Chicago Coliseum.

April 4 - Dr. King makes a speech about the war in Vietnam, "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence," at Riverside Church in New York City.

July 26 - Black leaders Dr. King, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, and Whitney Young appeal for an end to the riots, "which have proved ineffective and damaging to the civil rights cause and the entire nation."

Oct. 30 - The Supreme Court upholds the contempt-of-court convictions against Dr. King and seven other Black leaders who led the 1963 marches in Birmingham, Ala. Dr. King and his aides enter jail to serve four-day sentences.

Nov. 27 - Dr. King announces SCLC's formation of the Poor People's Campaign to focus on jobs and freedom for economically disadvantaged people of all races.

1968

March 28 - Dr. King leads 6,000 protesters on a march through downtown Memphis, Tenn., in support of striking sanitation workers.

April 3 - Dr. King addresses a rally of striking sanitation workers and their supporters in Memphis. He also delivers his last speech, titled "I've Been to the Mountaintop," at the Memphis Masonic Temple.

April 4 - Dr. King is assassinated by a single rifle shot to the head and neck. He was killed while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis. He had left his room to greet visitors who had assembled in the parking lot below.

1986

Jan. 20 - First national celebration of Dr. King's birthday as a holiday.

1999

June 7 - New Hampshire Governor Jean Shaheen signs the King Holiday legislation into law, completing enactment of the MLK holiday as a paid holiday in all 50 states.

December - A jury in Memphis finds that a conspiracy existed between a bar owner and others including governmental agencies in the assassination of Dr. King.

2001

Jan. 20 - Colin Powell is appointed U.S. Secretary of State by President George W. Bush. He is the first African American to serve in the post.

2006

Jan. 14 - Coretta Scott King makes the last speech of her life at the "Salute to Greatness" dinner.

Jan. 30 - Coretta Scott King passes away from respiratory failure due to complications after a stroke and cancer.

Feb. 7 - Coretta Scott King first interred at King Center.

Nov. 17 and 20 - Dr. and Mrs. King are re-interred together in separate private and public ceremonies.

2007

May 15 - Yolanda Denise King, the oldest child of Dr. and Mrs. King, passes away at age 51.

2008

May 25 - A daughter is born to Martin Luther King III and his wife, Arndrea. They name her Yolanda after his late sister.

2009

Jan. 20 - Barack Obama takes the oath of office as the 44th president of the United States. He is the first African American to serve in the post.

Oct. 29 - Bernice King, youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. King, is elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a post once held by her late father and her brother Martin Luther King III.

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2010

Feb. 1 - The International Civil Rights Center and Museum opens in Greensboro, N.C., to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the F.W. Woolworth sit-ins. The 43,000 square-foot museum is located on the historic site where four students from North Carolina A&T University protested at a whites-only lunch counter.

2011

Oct. 16 - The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is dedicated at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The official address of the monument, 1964 Independence Ave. SW, commemorates the year the Civil Rights Act of 1964 became law.

2012

Nov. 6 - Barack Obama is re-elected to a second term as president of the United States.

2013

June 24 - U.S. Supreme Court affirms the educational benefits of diversity on college and university campuses, allowing institutions to continue considering race and ethnicity as a factor in the admissions process as long as they prove that "available, workable race-neutral alternatives do not suffice" before considering race.

June 25 - U.S. Supreme Court rules that part of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is unconstitutional in its current form, freeing nine states, mostly in the South, to change their election laws without prior federal approval.

Aug. 28 - "Let Freedom Ring" Bell-Ringing Commemorations are held throughout the nation to remember the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, which culminated with Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Dec. 5 - Anti-apartheid activist and former South African President Nelson Mandela passes away at age 95.

July 17 - Cordy Tindell Vivian, 2013 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and civil rights icon, passes away at age 95.

2021

Jan. 20 - Kamala Harris takes the oath of office. She is the first woman, first African American, and first person of South Asian descent to be elected U.S. vice president. (2020).

June 17 - President Joseph R. Biden signs legislation recognizing Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

Oct. 18 - General Colin Powell, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the first African American to serve as U.S. Secretary of State, passes away at age 84.

2022

Jan. 6 - Sidney Poitier, the first Black actor to win the Academy Award for Best Actor, passes away at age 94.

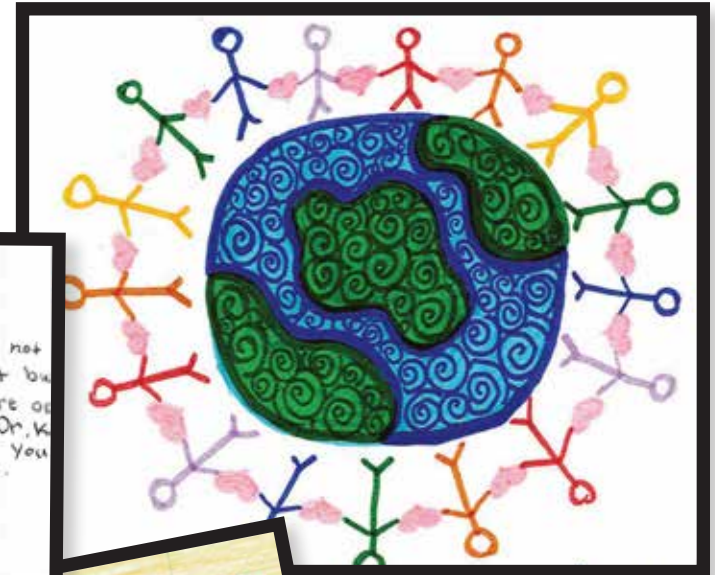
Jan. 16 - Tuskegee Airman Brigadier General Charles McGee, a Cleveland native, passes away at age 102.

March 22 - 50th anniversary of the passing of the Equal Rights Amendment. The amendment proposing inclusion of equal legal rights for all American citizens regardless of sex in the U.S. Constitution was then sent to the states for ratification.

June 30 - Ketanji Brown Jackson sworn in as the first African American woman on the U.S. Supreme Court.

July 30 - Nichelle Nichols, known for her groundbreaking role as Nyota Uhura in Star Trek, passes away at age 89. Understanding the importance of her character in opening doors for other Black actors on television, Dr. King persuaded Nichols to continue on Star Trek after the first season.

Jae'Tona Harrison



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2014

July 2 - The 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is commemorated.

2015

April 27 – Loretta E. Lynch is sworn in as the 83rd Attorney General of the United States. She is the first African American woman to serve in the post.

Aug. 6 – Americans commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Sept. 24 – When speaking before a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress, Pope Francis references Dr. King’s “dream,” saying, “That dream continues to inspire us all.”

2016

Sept. 24 - The National Museum of African American History and Culture opens near the Washington Monument as part of the Smithsonian Institution’s complex in Washington, D.C.

2017

Aug. 19 - Dick Gregory, comedian and civil rights activist who broke racial barriers in the 1960s with his satire, passes away at 84.

2018

April 4 - The Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission commemorates the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. King in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. The commission, together with The King Center in Atlanta and the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, asked for a moment of reflection that evening at 7:01 p.m. EST. During this moment of national reflection, churches were asked to toll bells 39 times to mark the time, as well as Dr. King’s age, when the assassination took place 50 years prior.

2019

July 28 - 50th anniversary event held in commemoration of death of Dr. King’s younger brother, Alfred Daniel King, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

2020

July 17 - Congressman John Robert Lewis, civil rights icon, passes away at age 80.

July 31 - Bill Russell, Civil Rights activist and National Basketball Association champion, passes away at age 88.

Aug. 6 - Lt. Gen. Michael E. Langley is first Black officer in the Marine Corps’ 246-year history promoted to the rank of four-star general.

2023

June 29 – Willie Christine King Farris, a teacher and civil rights activist, the eldest sibling of Martin Luther King Jr., passes away in Atlanta, Ga. (1927-2023)

June 29 – The U.S. Supreme Court rules in a 6-3 decision to outlaw the use of race and ethnicity as factors in college admissions.

August 26 – The King family participates in a march commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Aug. 28, 1963, March on Washington at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

September 16 – Alabama marks the 60th anniversary of the 1963 bombing that killed four little girls at the 16th Street Baptist Church. The bomb planted by Ku Klux Klan members killed 11-year-olds Denise McNair and Cynthia Wesley, and Carole Robertson and Addie Mae Collins, both 14.

September 26 – The 50th anniversary of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a groundbreaking civil rights law requiring equal opportunity for people with disabilities. This act that served as a foundation for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits disability discrimination in federal programs and requires accessibility of information and communication technology across federal agencies.

2025 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Awards

The awards honor Ohio individuals and organizations for their work to keep Dr. King’s dream alive and carry on his philosophy of nonviolent social and economic equity.

Submit your nomination by
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Winners will be recognized at the Commission’s Annual Commemorative Celebration in January 2025.



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