



STAY WOKE: “DON’T SLEEP THROUGH THE REVOLUTION”

Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SPEECH SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

SPEECH PROMPT

In 1966, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., accepted the invitation to deliver the annual Ware Lecture in recognition of “three generations of the distinguished Ware family” involved in the founding of “the American Unitarian movement.” At the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly in Hollywood, Florida, Dr. King expressed his gratitude and privilege for being selected to give the lecture, since he had had such a close relationship with a number of Unitarian ministers who had participated in the Civil Rights movement.

In his introductory remarks, Dr. King commented on the importance of being awake “during a great revolution.” He referred to the well-known Washington Irving’s story, Rip Van Winkle, in which Rip, the character, had not only slept for 20 years but had also slept through the American Revolution. Commenting on a travesty of history, Dr. King pointed out that too many of us find ourselves “in a great period of change and yet fail to achieve the new attitudes and outlooks that the new situation demands. There is nothing more tragic,” Dr. King noted, “than to sleep through a revolution.” Reflecting on moral, social, economic, and political changes occurring in America and the world at that time, he observed that a social revolution was occurring. He stated, “The great question is, what do we do when we find ourselves in such a period?”

Moreno Valley College invites students enrolled in Moreno Valley College, to submit a thoughtful, original and well-written speech. The speech should reveal that the student has critically read Dr. King’s lecture, *Don’t Sleep through the Revolution*, to respond to the following statement:

Many of the moral, social, economic, and political issues that Dr. King addressed in his 1966 Ware Lecture still exist today. In a 1,000 to 1,500-word speech, briefly identify a social issue that Dr. King addressed as part of the revolution then and examine how that issue still exists today. What are you doing or planning to do in this period of change to ensure that you stay woke during the current revolution that you identified?



Save the date!

Speech winners will be recognized at the
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast
Friday, January 12, 2018, at 7:30 am
at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center
14075 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

ELIGIBILITY

Open to enrolled Moreno Valley College students

Length of Speech: 5 minutes

Typed Speech Due: Friday, December 1, by 3 pm

Format: Please write the speech as you plan to present it orally.

Submit your typed speech in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Include a cover page with your speech title, name, phone number (include area code), e-mail, and a 150 to 250-word personal biography.

Submit typed speeches and cover page to: specialevents@mvc.edu.

Finalists will compete before a panel of judges

Prize: \$500 scholarship

For assistance contact specialevents@mvc.edu or call (951) 571-6274

RULES

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Contestants may wish to focus their discussion on one or more specific issues addressed by Dr. King in the sermon.

2. Criteria for submission:

Eligibility: Currently enrolled Moreno Valley College students

Speech Length: Five minutes

Prize: \$500 awarded to the winner

Deadline: **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, AT 3 PM**

3. All entries require a completed registration form, 150- to 250-word biography (in third person), and a completed and signed photo/video release form.
4. THE NAME OF THE STUDENT SHOULD NOT APPEAR ANYWHERE ON THE SPEECH.
5. Include your student identification number and place the page number on the top right-hand corner of each page.
6. If you use primary or secondary sources in the speech, then the written speech should reveal your familiarity with research documentation methods, such as those identified by the Modern Language Association (MLA) or by the American Psychological Association (APA). You will also need to verbally cite the research within their oral presentation of the speech.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SPEECH FOR CONSIDERATION

Speeches and supporting documents must be submitted by Friday, December 1, at 3 pm

By mail: (postmarks will not be accepted)

Attention: Student Services/MLK Committee, Dean Eugenia Vincent, Moreno Valley College, 16130 Lasselle Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92551

In-person:

Moreno Valley College, Admissions & Records Office, Second floor, Student Services Building, 16130 Lasselle Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92551

By Email:

specialevents@mvc.edu (BE SURE TO INCLUDE MLK SPEECH SUBMISSION AND YOUR STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IN THE SUBJECT LINE)

Photo/Video Release Form

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Signature of Participant _____

Parent/Guardian Signature for minor _____