

# **CALLING ALL STUDENTS!!!**

## **SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ESSAY AND VISUAL ARTS CONTESTS AND WIN PRIZES!!**

### **2022's Contest Theme Is:**

*At a Crossroad - Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?* Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for equity, better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, the right to vote, quality education, civil liberties, and equal rights for all. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, Dr. King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind-for the first time-has the resources and technology to eradicate poverty.

In the wake of the 2008 financial crisis, the COVID 19 pandemic, the increased racial tension, climate change denials, the threats to our democracy and the effects of the current pandemic, there has been a renewed attempt to rediscover Dr. King's legacy, with attention to Dr. King's view of economic justice, faith-based vision of America as well as his globalism. His legacy goes beyond the passage of specific legislation and encompasses his vision for humanity. Dr. King, inspired by his faith, points toward a new, different kind of America. Although Dr. King lived in the past, his vision still compellingly speaks for the present and future of humanity.

### **At a Crossroads--Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?**

Your submittal should represent your reflection on what action(s) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would take and what action(s) you might take to realize his dreams for us all to live harmoniously in an equitable and diverse global society.

All in Grades 4th through 12th may Enter

All submissions are due to the MLK by: December 6, 2021

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**The event will take place  
Monday, January 17, 2022  
Location and time TBD**



# MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY COALITION

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 15, 2021

**To:** The Teachers of the Pasadena Unified School District, Private Schools & Community

**From:** The MLK Community Coalition; Christopher Walker, Vice President

**Re:** Essay and Visual Arts Contests on the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Martin Luther King Community Coalition has been sponsoring the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay and Art/Poster Contests for the past 34 years here in the Pasadena/Altadena/Sierra Madre/La Canada communities. The Pasadena Unified School District, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, the City of Pasadena, along with some private schools, have been very supportive of our efforts. This year, we will have one theme for all grade levels, elementary, middle and high school:

*At a Crossroad - Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?*

We believe your commitment to the great legacy that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left us is the reason we get the support we do every year. As volunteers, we want to do what we can to bring his dreams to reality.

The student's effort year after year in the essay and arts demonstrate what they can do to keep Dr. King's dreams alive. This experience not only increases students' knowledge about Dr. King, but will enhance their language skills, creative skills, self-esteem, and character. "Blessed be the hand that prepares a pleasure for a child, for there is no saying when and where it may bloom forth," says Douglas Jerrold, and we agree.

**Entry Form Directions are included (Necessary for essay to be read):**

1. Write first and last names legibly.
2. Send finished essays only. (checked for spelling & grammar)
3. Fill entry form in as much as possible, but especially the following:
  - a) The student's first and last names (very important).
  - b) The names of the teacher, principal and parents.
  - c) The name and address of the school.

**Please visit our website for contest resources & more information**  
**[www.pasadenamlk.org](http://www.pasadenamlk.org)**