

2016 HUMANITARIAN OF THE
YEAR TERRI PORTER

2016 STUDENT HUMANITARIAN
OF THE YEAR DAVIS BULLOCK

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2011 - Laura Johnson

2010 - Della Randolph

2009 - Larry Lewis

2008 - Charles D. Tinsley, Dr.

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1993 - Bessanderson McNeil

1992 - Lucy Donly

1991 - January Fredenburg

1990 - Yoshiye Togasaki, M.D.

1989 - Lonnie R. Bristow, M.D.

1988 - Reverend Malcolm & Jo Lee

1987 - John "JJ" Johnson

1986 - Charles Spears

Past Recipients of the Student Humanitarian of the Year Award

2015 - Tyler Page

2014 - Anand Kannappan

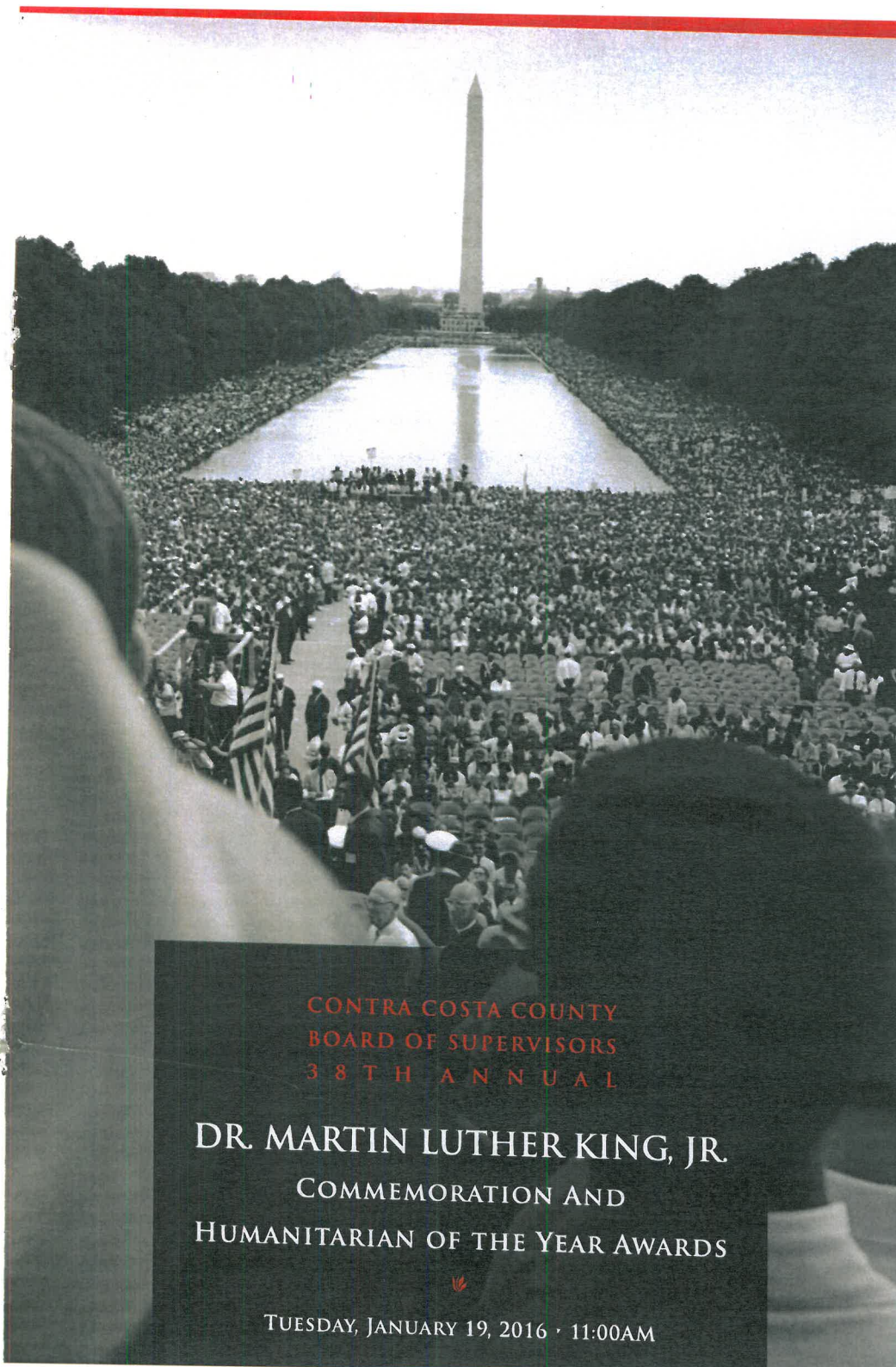
2013 - Casey Leonard

2012 - Andrew Gonzales

2011 - Mario Alvarado

2010 - Shae Hughes

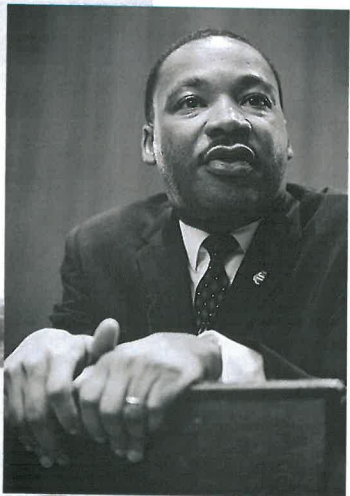
2009 - Brittany Watson



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38TH ANNUAL

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMEMORATION AND
HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 • 11:00AM



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the son and grandson of ministers, whose schoolteacher mother taught him to read before he attended school. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College when he was only 15 years old, and went on to have a seismic impact on race relations in this country.

As a Baptist minister and social activist, Dr. King traveled more than six million miles and spoke

more than twenty-five hundred times during the too-brief span of his leadership of the modern American Civil Rights Movement. In 1955, he was recruited to be the spokesperson for the Montgomery Bus Boycott in Alabama. This helped set the course for a remarkable path that would solidify his identity as the pre-eminent advocate of non-violence in our history.

In 1957, Dr. King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide leadership for the expanding civil rights movement. Inspired by both his Christian faith and the peaceful teachings of Gandhi, Dr. King used the power of words and acts of nonviolent resistance as his tools of persuasion, relying upon civil disobedience, protests and grassroots coalition building. He was arrested twenty times and assaulted at least four times. During that same time period, he was awarded five honorary degrees, and the Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Nobel Peace Prize lecture, and "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" are among the most cherished speeches and writings of our time, and his words and deeds are now taught to children of all races in our country and beyond.

Dr. King's life was tragically cut short, but his legacy lives on in the principles that all people, regardless of their gender, color, religion or economic status, are equal members of the human family.

and Justice for All

MY DREAM IS...

When the MLK Memorial opened in Washington DC, thousands of visitors covered a huge wall with post-it notes featuring a word or a phrase that captured their thoughts of what Dr. King had inspired them to dream. This was followed by the creation a virtual dream wall on the King Center website.

Contra Costa County invites you to share your dream on our lobby display today.

After today's event, please visit the County's homepage at www.ContraCosta.CA.gov, use the link to the King Center dream project and add your own virtual posting. When you share your dream online, you'll also see the thousands of other hopes and dreams posted by people from around our nation.

Whether your dream is a big one impacting the world, or one that has a more personal meaning to you, the online dream gallery will inspire you, and serve as a new tribute to the legacy of Dr. King.

*Let's make Contra Costa a hub of activity in
2016 sharing our dreams in the spirit of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



DAVIS BULLOCK

Student Humanitarian of the Year

As a 17-year-old Senior at California High School in San Ramon, Davis Bullock's resume sounds like many other student leaders in our County: overachiever in academics and athletics, Senior Class President, and captain of the soccer team. He has just returned from a dream trip to the Liverpool Football Club in England to attend a soccer match.

What you might not see by looking at him is the depth of his giving back to his community and beyond. As a volunteer with Kids Against Hunger, he has packed meals to send to people in more than 60 countries. He's built houses in Mexico with his youth group. He's a Student Ambassador for the "Wounded Warriors Project." And he volunteers at City Impact in San Francisco, where he and other students deliver meals and gifts to people in the Tenderloin district.

Davis may be most proud of leading a bone marrow matching event at a fund raiser in his hometown. He solicited contributions in his effort to generate financial support for an organization called Delete Blood Cancer, which underwrites the costs of registering people who are willing to donate bone marrow to help others get a new lease on life. And he was able to encourage and assist 50 people to register as potential donors at the event.

The new-found energy to support this cause comes exactly one year after Davis learned just how great the need is for bone marrow donors. In January of 2015, he was delivered a staggering diagnosis of Stage 4 Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. His prognosis was dire, and he went through four months of daily, intense chemotherapy. As of April 2015, he has been officially in remission, and quickly worked to regain his strength and a spot on the soccer team.

The trip to England? It was Davis's Make-a-Wish dream, one that he's anticipated for months. He's ready to continue his path to double-down on the kindness and humanity shown to him during his cancer fight, and is looking forward to adding to his humanitarian activities in our County and beyond.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 38TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION AND HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Welcome and Introductions

Philip Kader, MLK Committee Chair

Opening Remarks

Supervisor Candace Andersen, Board Chair

National Anthem and Musical Performance

Abram Wilson

Joe Warner Trio, featuring Faye Carol

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Philip Arnold

Musical Performance

Joe Warner Trio, featuring Faye Carol

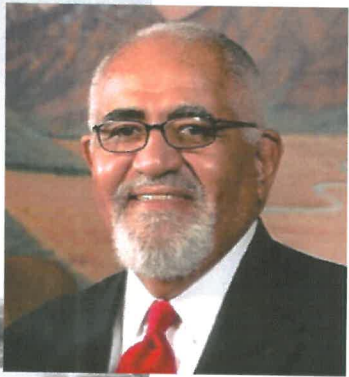
PRESENTATION OF HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

2016 Student Humanitarian - Davis Bullock

2016 Humanitarian - Terri Porter



Please join us for a lunch reception in the lobby.



PHIL ARNOLD

Keynote Speaker

Our keynote speaker is well known to many in our county, having been a resident and community activist for more than 25 years. Mr. Arnold is a retired software industry business executive, but most important to him is that he is a husband of 44 years, a father to three adult children, a grandfather to 6 and a man who believes that community involvement is one of the benchmarks of a fulfilled life.

He is proud to say that he is a Viet Nam era veteran. He served in the Middle East as a Russian interpreter in the United States Air Force Security Service which was an electronic eavesdropping arm that reported directly to the National Security Agency. His position required a Top Secret Cryptographic clearance.

Mr. Arnold is a past recipient of the City of Concord's Human Relations Commission "Humanitarian of the Year Award," as well as a past recipient of the Contra Costa County Association of California School Administrators "Outstanding Friend of Education Award." He is also a past president of The Black Families Association of Central Contra Costa County. Currently his volunteer service includes board membership on the Sheriff's Inmate Welfare Fund and he also serves as the Chairperson of the Contra Costa County Board of Parole.

Mr. Arnold's mantra is "You can pretend to care, but you can't pretend to show up!"

TERRI PORTER

Humanitarian of the Year

Our 2016 Humanitarian of the Year has long been known for her tenacity. Even as a child, she volunteered at school, served at church, and helped raise younger cousins and family members. Her path from Baton Rouge to Contra Costa County has included an impressive track record of working with school districts and governments at every level. And her grassroots work with students and families has made a significant difference in the lives of hundreds of Central County teens over the years.

Above and beyond her role as the administrator for the Mt. Diablo CARES after-school program, Ms. Porter pursued and established a partnership with the Epsilon Beta Boule, part of the Sigma Pi Phi fraternity. She spearheaded the "Visions for Success" program with the Boule and the University of San Francisco, with the goal of opening the eyes of young under-served teens from Contra Costa County to opportunities beyond our borders. Many of the kids have never set foot on a college campus, let alone envisioned that they might attend.

"Visions for Success" takes them to tech giant Yahoo each year, where they are exposed to workshops, speakers, and hands-on learning about what their futures might look like with a little encouragement. That encouragement comes on the spot from successful men of color, some of whom grew up with the same challenges the kids are facing. The teens see first hand that they can make positive contributions to their communities as well.

Ms. Porter's dedication to the children in her care has allowed them to see their lives as full of possibilities rather than limited by circumstances. She lives by Dr. King's words that "...intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." Not only do the children in her program dare to dream, she is making it possible for them to meet men and women are truly living Dr. King's dream.

