

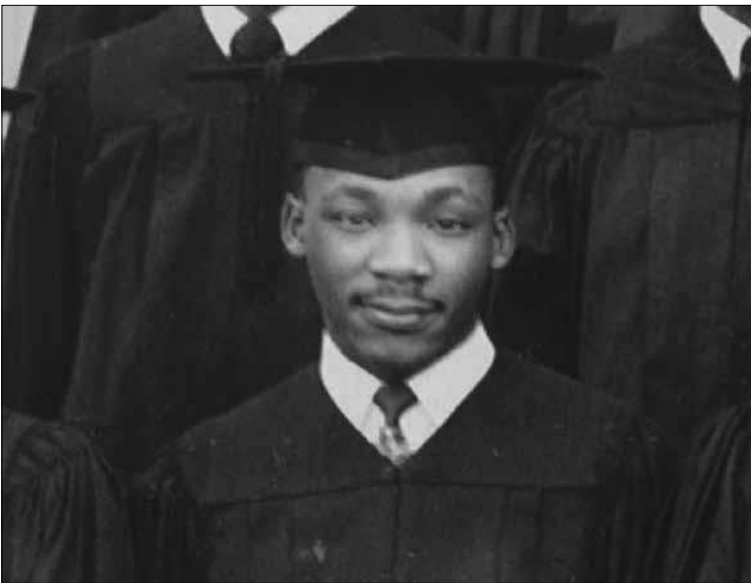
Martin Luther King Jr. 1929 – 1968

A timeline of accomplishments



Born in Georgia

Jan. 15, 1929 -- Martin Luther King was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Ga., to Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. and Alberta Williams. He and his father were actually both born as Michael King, but his father changed both of their names in 1934 to Martin Luther after a trip to Germany, in honor of the great German religious reformer Martin Luther.



College Graduation

1948 -- The summer before his last year at Morehouse, in 1947, an 18-year-old King made the choice to enter the ministry after he concluded the church offered the most assuring way to answer "an inner urge to serve humanity." King's "inner urge" had begun developing and he made peace with the Baptist Church, as he believed he would be a "rational" minister with sermons that were "a respectful force for ideas, even social protest."



Marriage and Family

1953 -- King married Coretta Scott, on June 18, 1953 on the lawn of her parents' house in her hometown of Heiberger, Ala. They became the parents of four children: Yolanda King (b. 1955), Martin Luther King III (b. 1957), Dexter Scott King (b. 1961), and Bernice King (b. 1963).

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Montgomery Bus Boycott

1955 -- Martin Luther King Jr. organized the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955, which began a chain reaction of similar boycotts throughout the South. The boycott came to national prominence when a black seamstress named Rosa Parks refused to move from her seat on a bus.

