

# Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Seattle-Area MLK Celebrations, Days of Service

### Author Alexs Pate to Speak at Community Celebration

The public is invited to join King County and its employees to celebrate the life of civil rights pioneer Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The theme of this year's celebration is a reminder that one

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For more information, please contact Cindy Sandino-Chang, Seattle Parks and Recreation, at 206-551-7316 or cindy.sandino-chang@seattle.gov.

### Dr. Maxine B. Mimms to be Honored With 2017 Dr. Martin

### Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award

The City of Tacoma Events and Recognitions Committee will honor Dr. Maxine B. Mimms with the 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award during the 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Jan. 16. The event will be-

gin at 11 a.m. in the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center (1500 Broadway).

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award strives not only to recognize and encourage excellence in community service activities carried out by an individual, organization or group, but also seeks to encourage similar efforts by others who may want to serve in the

community. It is presented each year during the City's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration before an average crowd of approximately 2,000 attendees.

For more information about the 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, visit [cityoftacoma.org/mlk](http://cityoftacoma.org/mlk), email [MLK@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:MLK@cityoftacoma.org) or call (253) 573-2523.



of the goals of Dr. King's "Beloved Kingdom" was justice and that goal is always a "work in progress." The event will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 12 at 5th Avenue Theatre, 1308 5th Ave.

Seattle's historic 5th Avenue Theatre will be the backdrop for the celebration, now in its 30th year. This free event recognizes the achievements of America's foremost leader for Civil Rights and commemorates Dr. King's vision of an America offering opportunity for all.

Alexs Pate, author, professor, and founder of the Innocent Classroom program for K-12 educators, will present the celebration's keynote address. The Innocent Classroom program focuses on ending educational disparities by closing the relationship gap between educators and students of color.

Other speakers at the celebration will include King County Executive Dow Constantine.

The event will also feature musical performances by the Seattle Women's Steel Pan Project, a multi-generational, multi-ethnic women's Caribbean steel drum band dedicated to creating a space for women and girls in music through arts education.

County's namesake and King County's MLK Celebration at [www.king-county.gov/MLK](http://www.king-county.gov/MLK).

### Youth to Lead 12th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March on Jan. 14

Seattle Parks and Recreation invites the public to join a youth-organized march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, Jan. 14. Participants will gather at 11 a.m. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park, 2200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, 98144. Teens will lead the march to Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave. S, 98118.

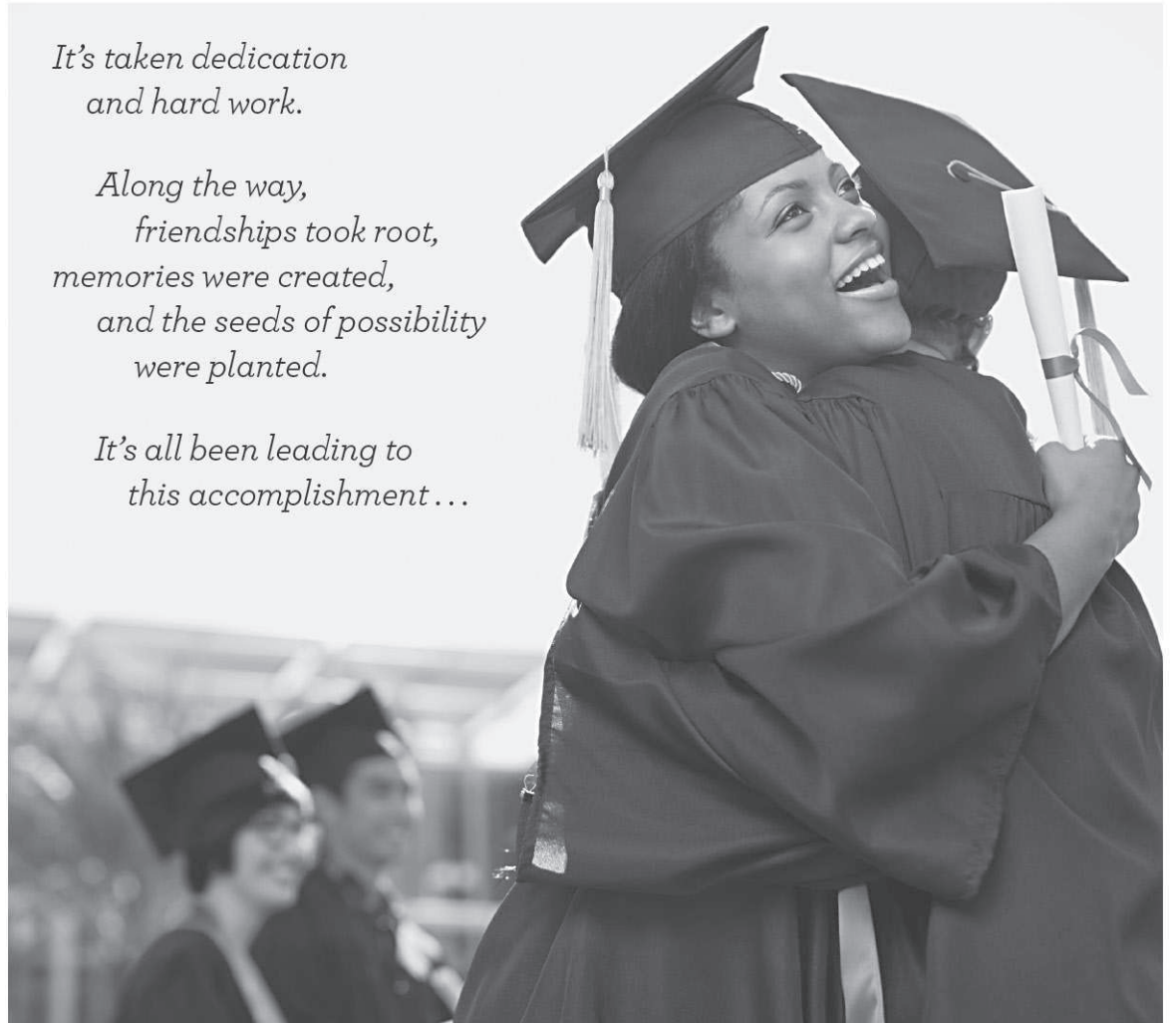
This is Seattle Parks and Recreation's Teen Program's 12th annual youth march. Teens from throughout the city will speak out against injustice via a peaceful demonstration. The goal for the march is to celebrate the contributions Seattle youth make in creating a better city and to honor the work that youth do to keep Dr. King's dream alive every day.

The event is free of cost to all teens and community participants and will include food, live music,

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