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Award Recipients Announced for 2023 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration

The MLK Countywide Committee and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Advocacy for Justice Committee are pleased to announce the names of those being honored at the 22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration on January 15, 2023.

Three community members will be honored with a prestigious award in recognition of their work to uphold the principles and ideals of Dr. King, including:

- Dawn Mosley Blackman - James R. Burgess, Jr./Susan Freiburg Humanitarian Award
- Anthony B. Sullers Jr., Ph.D - Doris Hoskins Prestigious Community Service Award
- Rev. Terrance L. Thomas - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Achievement Award–

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration will take place at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts (500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana) on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and the event starts at 5:00 p.m. This year's featured keynote speaker is Rev. Joel King - a cousin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The MLK Countywide Committee and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Advocacy for Justice Committee looks forward to continuing to recognize the commitment of community members, while also honoring the significant contributions to civil and human rights practiced by Dr. King.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration is sponsored by the City of Champaign, City of Urbana, Champaign County, Parkland College, University of Illinois, and the Village of Rantoul. For more information please visit mlkcelebration.org.

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