



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

January 4, 2019

Office on Status of African-Americans

This is a compilation of information and announcements that impact the Black community. It is intended to disseminate information to service providers and other stakeholders that serve and work with Black Iowans.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Events

Des Moines

Join the State of Iowa in celebrating the
30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

"I Have a Dream"

Gospel Musical performed by TheatreSouth

www.theatresouth.net

Saturday, January 19, 2019

5:00 PM

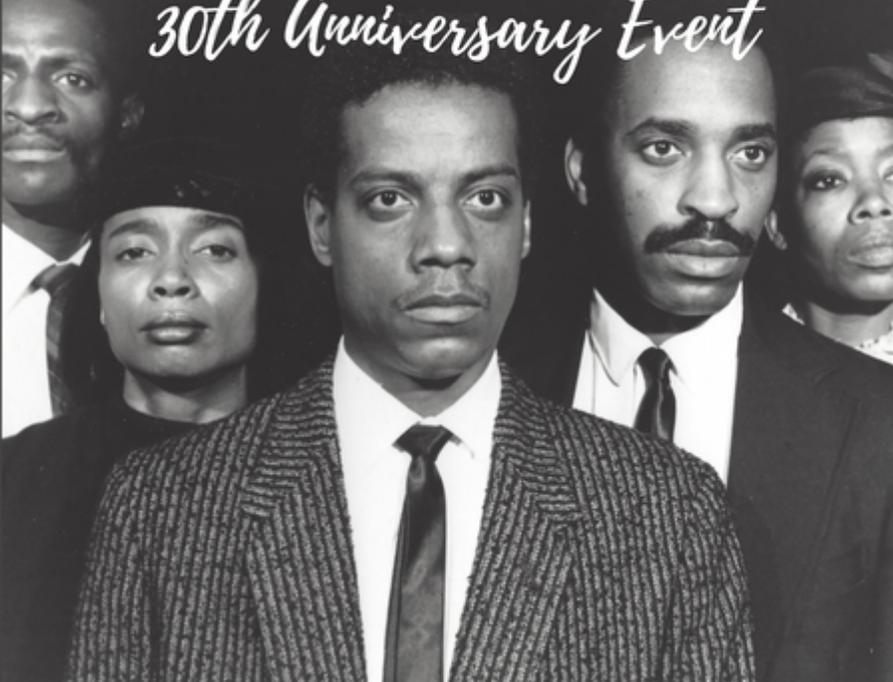
State of Iowa Historical Building

600 East Locust Street

Des Moines

For sponsorship opportunities,
please call the Office on the Status of African-Americans
515-281-3274 or email at kim.cheeks@iowa.gov

The State of Iowa
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
30th Anniversary Event



The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I HAVE A DREAM
A gospel musical about the life of
Dr. King and the Civil Rights
Movement from 1955-1968

JANUARY 19, 2019
State of Iowa Historical Building
600 East Locust, Des Moines
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

Sponsored by the Iowa Commission on the Status of African Americans and the Department of Human Rights
more info at <http://www.theatresouth.net> or <https://humanrights.iowa.gov>

[Learn more](#)

John R. Grubb YMCA

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast
Jan. 21, 2019, 7:30-9 a.m. Doors open at 7am
Knapp Center at Drake University

This community event celebrates Dr. King's legacy and promotes his message for peace and justice. Proceeds benefit the John R. Grubb Community YMCA's Annual Campaign, giving local families access to the Y through financial assistance and supports enrichment programs like Starfish Academy, a summer literacy camp. This sixth annual event will feature:

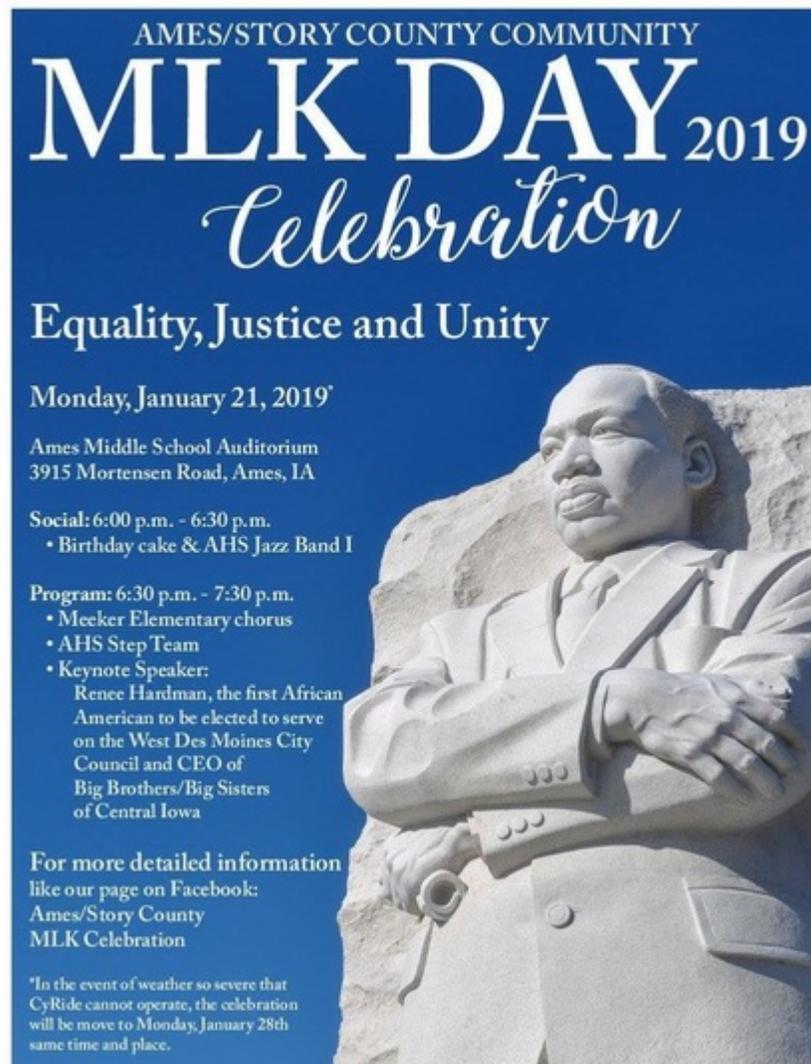
The Bridges2Harmony Gospel Choir from Roosevelt High School
Make-a-Difference Awards (Legacy, Adult & Youth)
Keynote Speaker:

Brian Brown, Associate Athletic Director at Missouri University, (former Drake Relays Director)

To be a sponsor, contact Charles Mercer at 515-868-0522 or
Charles.mercer@dmymca.org

[Read more](#)

Ames



AMES/STORY COUNTY COMMUNITY
MLK DAY 2019
Celebration
Equality, Justice and Unity

Monday, January 21, 2019*

Ames Middle School Auditorium
3915 Mortensen Road, Ames, IA

Social: 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Birthday cake & AHS Jazz Band I

Program: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
• Meeker Elementary chorus
• AHS Step Team
• Keynote Speaker:
Renee Hardman, the first African American to be elected to serve on the West Des Moines City Council and CEO of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Iowa

For more detailed information like our page on Facebook:
Ames/Story County
MLK Celebration

*In the event of weather so severe that CyRide cannot operate, the celebration will be move to Monday, January 28th same time and place.

Iowa City

MLK DAY

Celebrate, Remember, Serve!

Monday, Jan. 21, 2019
 Unity March at 9 a.m.
 Celebration 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Family-friendly volunteer projects, children's activities, performances, and more!

Mercer Park Aquatic Center
 2701 Bradford Drive

Supported by: Iowa City Parks & Recreation Green Iowa Americorps
 Iowa City Human Rights Commission United Action for Youth The Dream Center
 Iowa City Police Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County Black Voices Project

University of Iowa - MLK Week

**MAKE IT A DAY ON
 NOT A DAY OFF:**

VOLUNTEER FOR MLK DAY OF SERVICE!

MONDAY, JAN 21 9AM-1:30PM
 FREE LUNCH INCLUDED

REGISTER NOW:
MLK.UIOWA.EDU

**Join other UI students, faculty & staff, and Iowa City community members
 in serving with local partners to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.**

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership at 319-335-3059.

[Learn more](#)

Cedar Rapids

The African American Museum of Iowa invites you to join them on Monday, January 21, 2019 for a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Museum will be offering discounted admission at \$1.00 per person from 10 am to 4 pm to honor Dr. King. In addition, the Museum is celebrating Dr. King's message of peace by collaborating with Veterans for Peace Chapter #169 to create and decorate Peace Poles. The Veterans for Peace have made it their goal to put up as many Peace Poles as possible in the area and the Museum is supporting this goal by inviting patrons to help decorate Peace Poles on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day while they visit the Museum. The Museum will supply the poles and supplies, all we need is you and your creative ideas! Join us January 21 for learning, reflection, and crafting in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his vision of integration, and his teaching of peace.



[Click here for more information](#)

Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission

The Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission will host two free public events on January 17 and 18 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the downtown location of the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

The first event is a free showing of the documentary "I Am Not Your Negro" that will take place on Thursday, January 17 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM in the Whipple Auditorium of the Library. The documentary is based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript, Remember This House, and explores racism in America through Baldwin's observations of American history, as well as through stories of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Medgar Evers. The film won the BAFTA Award for Best Documentary and was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 89th Academy Awards. This event is in partnership with the Cedar Rapids Public Library and the African American Museum of Iowa.

The second event is a Public Sector Job Fair that will take place on Friday, January 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the lobby of the library. In an effort to increase diversity in public sector jobs, representatives from various government agencies will be available to discuss current job openings and requirements for potential job offerings.

For more information on this event or other programs,
please call the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission at (319) 286-5036
or visit our website at www.cedar-rapids.org/CivilRights.



Public Sector Job Fair

Join us on
January 18, 2019 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the
Lobby of the Cedar Rapids Public Library

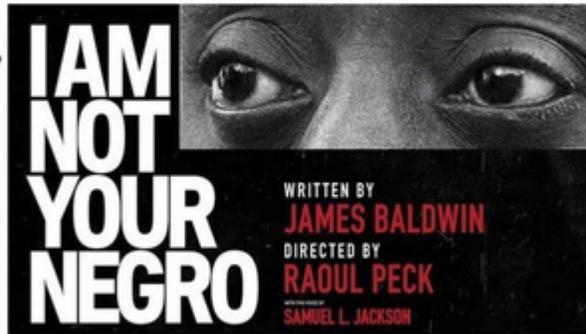
Join us to learn about current employment
opportunities and employment criteria to better
prepare for jobs in the public sector.

**Representatives from the City of Cedar Rapids,
Linn County, Cedar Rapids Community School
District, Kirkwood Community College,
Transportation Security Administration (TSA),
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the 6th
Judicial District Department of Corrections will
be present at the Job Fair.**



Movie Night Featuring "I Am Not Your Negro"

Join us on
January 17, 2019 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the
Whipple Auditorium, Cedar Rapids Public Library



I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO is a 2016 documentary based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript, *Remember This House*. The film explores racism in America through Baldwin's personal observations of American history, as well as through stories of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Medgar Evers. The film won the BAFTA Award for Best Documentary and was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 89th Academy Awards.



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