

Who is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

He delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on August 28, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born Michael Luther King, Jr. on January 15, 1929. He later changed his name to Martin. In 1960 he began his tenure as co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia with his father. He would continue to serve this congregation until his death in 1968.

He graduated from high school at the age of fifteen, and continued his education by receiving a B.A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College. He pursued his degree in divinity from Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania in 1951.

Enrolling in Boston University, he completed his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and received his degree in 1955.

While residing in Boston, he met and married Coretta Scott. They had two sons, and two daughters.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. served as a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He was awarded five honorary degrees and hundreds of awards, some are listed below. His most notable achievement was his leadership of the bus boycott in December 1955. On the evening of April 4, 1968 he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

(http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Awards **Dr. King received several hundred awards:** **Some of them were:**

Selected one of the most outstanding personalities of the year by Time, 1957.
Spingarn Medal from NAACP, 1957.

Russwurm Award from the National Newspaper Publishers, 1957.

Second Annual Achievement -- The Guardian Association of the Police Department of New York, 1958.

Link Magazine of New Delhi, India, listed Dr. King as one of the sixteen world leaders who had contributed most to the advancement of freedom during 1959.

Named Man of the Year by Time, 1963.

Named American of the Decade by Laundry, Dry Cleaning, and Die Workers International Union, 1963.
John Dewey Award, from the United Federation of Teachers, 1964.

Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Marcus Garvey Prize for Human Rights, presented by the Jamaican Government. (posthumously) 1968.

Rosa L. Parks Award, presented by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. (posthumously) 1968



JANUARY 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 ↓ CLASSES RESUME	13 College Mentors Big Buddy Meeting 3PM	14 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 206	15 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm-2:30pm, UC214	16	17
18	19 MLK, Jr. Memorial Luncheon 11am Carter	20 College Mentors 3pm, Carter Hall	21 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 205	22 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm-2:30pm, UC214	23	24
25	26 Designed By Grace, 6pm, Forum Rm I	27	28 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 205	29 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm-2:30pm, UC214	30	

JOHN CARLOS TO SPEAK AT MLK, JR. MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

The fourth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Luncheon will be held on January 19, 2009 at 11am in Carter Hall.

This year the Multicultural Center is proud to present Olympian Dr. John Carlos as the keynote speaker.

Dr. Carlos is known for his protest against racism and economic depression during the 1968 Olympics in Mexico. Dr. Carlos was a bronze medalist in the 200 meter event.

In addition to Dr. Carlos, performers will include, the

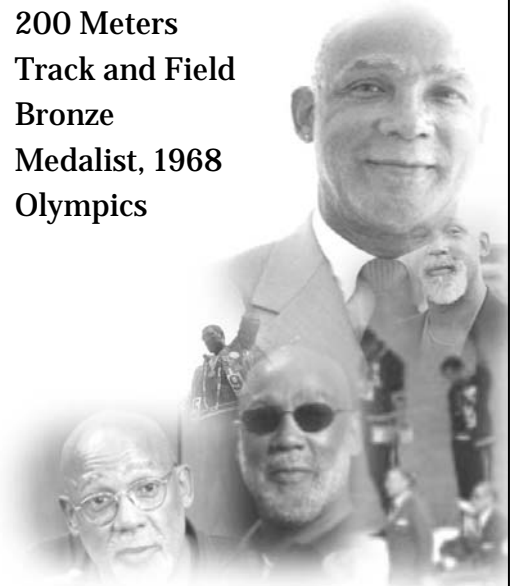
Culver Elementary School Thumpsquad, Glenwood Middle School Steppers, Children's Center for Dance Education, and the USI gospel choir, Designed by Grace.

Tickets are \$10.00 employees/general public and \$5.00 students. Tickets may be purchased at the Multicultural Center (cash or check) or USI dining services in the UC Lower Level with meal plan card.

Sponsors are the USI Foundation and the Multicultural Center, for additional information, contact the MCC at 465-7188.

Dr. John Carlos

200 Meters Track and Field Bronze Medalist, 1968 Olympics



DESIGNED BY GRACE CONTINUES TO GROW

Designed by Grace has record numbers in membership this year. The fall semester had membership of 28 USI students who faithfully attended weekly rehearsals and participated in a very busy performance schedule.

The choir remains under the leadership of Cheryl Crowell, director and Thomas Brank, accompanist. Returning to the rhythm section for the second year is Orlando Jordan, organ and Jeremy Martin who plays the drums.

This year, the rhythm section adds to its section, an extremely talented guitarist name Theo Akai, who is a first year freshman at the University of Southern Indiana.

Performances for the fall semester included:

- Campus performance at Kentucky State University
- 2008 Gospel Explosion
- Singing at Deaconess Hospital
- Singing at the USI "Lighting the tradition" in the Rice Library

The Kick-off performance for the spring semester will be the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon, which is held on Monday, January 19, 2009 in Carter Hall at 11am.

The choir membership is always opened to individuals who would like to make a joyful sound. Rehearsals are on Monday night in forum room I from 6pm– 8pm.

For more information on joining the choir or performance dates, contact the Multicultural center at 465-7188 .



Designed by Grace held a youth workshop for the second consecutive year. The youth performed during the 2008 Gospel Explosion.



Kentucky State University Gospel Ensemble performs as the headliner for the 2008 Gospel Explosion. This group is led under the direction of Mr. Leon Richards. Lower left is Theo Akai, the new addition to the 2008 *Designed by Grace* rhythm section.



Above, over 300 people attended the 2008 Gospel Explosion. This event was concluded by having both choirs singing a song together and the entire audience singing "Amazing Grace."



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MCC Mission Statement

The University of Southern Indiana's Multicultural Center enhances the personal and academic success of students by preparing them to be responsible citizens in a multicultural society.

The goals of the center are to:

- Foster and provide a warm, welcoming, supportive, and inclusive environment for diverse populations at USI.
- Encourage, promote, and assist the academic and social integration of under-represented students into the University through programs and services offered by the Center and through partnerships with other campus entities.
- Create opportunities for cultural interaction between students, the campus and the community at large to promote cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Provide outreach opportunities to under-represented groups and underserved communities to seek higher education.



Coming Events

February 7, 2009

1 pm USI Homecoming Men's/
 Women's Basketball Game against
 Drury



5pm Greater St. Mark's Mass Choir
 Forum Room I

February 16, 2009

BSU WEEK 16-20

6pm Anteia Greer, "It's Not Where
 You've Been It's Where You are Going",
 Forum Room I

February 18, 2009

Webinar; Reaching African American
 and Hispanic Males

February 19, 2009

8pm BSU Poetry Café Eagles Nest