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**CITY OF IRVING TO HOST 'UNITED TOGETHER' ESSAY CONTEST  
Remembering the Life and Achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**(IRVING, TEXAS)** – Calling all young and aspiring writers. The City of Irving is hosting an essay contest in conjunction with the city's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. observance Jan. 20.

During his life, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has inspired generations with his words and voice as an activist for equality. The essay contestants are encouraged to use inspiration from Dr. King with the theme, "United Together." The essay should be no more than one page or 500 words. The deadline is Jan. 4.

The essays will be judged based on clarity, grammar and how well the theme is developed based on the writer's age. The contest age categories are:

- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12

The contest winners will read their winning essays during the observance that will take place at 6 p.m. Jan. 20 at Carpenter Performance Hall in the Irving Arts Center, [3333 N. MacArthur Blvd.](#)

Additionally, the observance celebrations will feature music and dance by the [Dallas Black Dance Theater](#).

For more information visit [Irving Events](#) or call (972) 721-2501.

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The [City of Irving](#) is an economic powerhouse in North Texas and is home to the region's second largest office park, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant presence. Irving is the 12th largest city in the state with 240,000 residents and the most diverse ZIP Code in the country.