

*CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 32ND ANNUAL*

# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*Commemoration & Humanitarian of the Year Awards*

*"The Sounds of Our Time"*



*CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS*

**Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2010**



## *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

**D**r. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. Both his father and grandfather were ministers. His mother was a schoolteacher who taught him how to read before he attended school. Martin had a brother, Alfred, and a sister, Christine. He obtained a bachelor of arts degree from Morehouse College when he was only 15 years old.

In 1957, Dr. King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals of this organization are inspired by Christian principles. Its operational techniques are from the teachings of Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke more than twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice and civil unrest. Additionally, he authored five books and numerous articles.

King led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, resulting in what he called a coalition of conscience that inspired his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the Negro revolution. He planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C. of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech; he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; he was named Man of the Year by Time Magazine in 1963; and he became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks, but also a world figure. This year we take a deep look at the progress of his vision and ask ourselves, how has Dr. King's leadership and dream of equality for all changed you personally and the world as a whole?

# DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## *32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Commemoration & Humanitarian of the Year Awards*

Welcome & Introductions ..... Glenn Howell, MLK Committee Chair  
Master of Ceremonies ..... Board Chair John M. Gioia  
Our Music/Our History ..... MLK Chair Glenn Howell  
African American Dance Presentation .... West African Music & Dance Ensemble  
Introduction of Band ..... MLK Chair Glenn Howell  
History of Jazz (Video) ..... MLK Committee  
Musical Selections ..... Dave Scott Jazz Ensemble

### ***Key Note Address:***

David C. Coleman, Contra Costa County Public Defender, Retired

African American Dance Presentation .... West African Music & Dance Ensemble

### ***Presentation of Humanitarian of the Year Awards:***

2010 Student Humanitarian Award ..... MLK Chair Glenn Howell  
2010 Humanitarian Award ..... MLK Chair Glenn Howell  
Musical Selection ..... Dave Scott Jazz Ensemble  
Adjournment ..... Board Chair John M. Gioia

### ***Lunch Reception***

#### ***Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors:***

District 1: John M. Gioia  
District 2: Gayle B. Uilkema  
District 3: Mary N. Piepho  
District 4: Susan A. Bonilla  
District 5: Federal D. Glover

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Animal Services Department	Contra Costa Television (CCTV)
Probation Department	Martinez Police Department
Public Works Department	County Administrator's Office



**David Coleman** Key Note Speaker

**D**avid Coleman was born on January 15, 1946, in Welch, West Virginia. He lived there until he was 13 years old in an entirely racially segregated African American community and attended racially segregated schools. At the age of 13, his family moved to Tucson, Arizona, where he was the only African American student in his all white high school. His outstanding academic record earned him a scholarship to Yale College where he was one of thirteen African American students in a class of 1,000. After graduating from Yale College, he attended Yale Law School for one year then transferred to Harvard Law School where he graduated in 1971.

David began his career as an attorney for the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office on January 7, 1974, and served for over thirty-five years. His service longevity exceeded that of any attorney in the history of the department. David was also the first African American Public Defender in the state of California. He retired from the department on July 31, 2009, after serving a lengthy and remarkable career.

David personally represented both juvenile and adult clients in every judicial district in Contra Costa County

charged with crimes from petty theft to capital murder. He has represented clients in numerous jury trials, including eight death penalty trials.

David was the founder and first president of the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Association. He has served as a board member of the California Public Defenders Association, the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Robert McGrath American Inn of Court and the Charles Houston Bar Association which represents the interests of African American and other minority attorneys who practice law in the East Bay.

David is a fellow of the Social Justice Clinic at the Boalt Hall School of Law where he taught law as an adjunct Professor for fifteen years. He has also taught at Stanford Law School.

David Coleman is recognized for his distinguished professional career and many productive and demonstrable achievements to Contra Costa County.



***Della Randolph*** Humanitarian 2010

**D**ella Randolph has been an inspiration to many in the West Contra Costa County community of Richmond, more notably, its Iron Triangle neighborhood residents. Her dedicated volunteer work for the Richmond Civic Center Church of Christ and its Hot Meal Ministry has inspired others to dig deep inside of themselves and offer their services working by her side.

Della organizes scheduled food and clothing drives for the homeless. She employs many volunteers who follow her lead and example. The volunteers come from various ethnic and cultural backgrounds. She provides an emotionally safe and caring environment in which her volunteers can operate. In turn, the volunteers treat each other with respect and love which helps make their job easier. Della believes that food is a basic human right and that no one should have to go without it. In spite of the City of Richmond having some of the highest rates of unemployment, homelessness, and violence within Contra Costa County, Della believes a hot meal served by individuals who exhibit care and respect will ultimately lead to equality, peace, and non-violence within the community.

Della's compassion for those in need does not stop here. As a supervisor for the Department of Rehabilitation in nearby Fairfield, Della sees first-hand the effects of poverty and disability. She is seen as a role model in the workplace, providing kind and caring leadership. Della has helped to resolve problems and issues among staff through her character and personality. One of the employees at the Department of Rehabilitation stated that because of a lack of money, they were unable to eat lunch on a daily basis at work. The employee went on to say that Della made sure that they had food to eat every day!

It is said that, because of Della, the workflow has improved within her unit and the department as a whole.

Della's light seems to shine within everyone she comes across. Her God-given spirit permeates those around her and enables them to reflect her goodness.

Della continually demonstrates extraordinary people skills, a sense of community, compassion for others, and solid integrity in her approach to life.



**Shae Hughes** Student Humanitarian 2010

**S**hae is a senior at De La Salle High School where he has participated in the S.C.O.R.E. (Student Coalition on Respectful Education) program for two years. This year Shae serves as team leader of the program. In this program, senior students mentor freshman students on the importance of respect for one another, cultural diversity, and teamwork.

Shae has focused much of his time and energy outside of class to help others. Early on in high school, he chose to cut back on his athletic involvement to focus more on academics, volunteer activities, and community service.

Shae states, “Sports taught me about drive, determination, commitment, hard work, and teamwork. Volunteering has had an even greater impact on me. It has opened my eyes to the needs of society and to the realization that I have been blessed with my abilities and opportunities so that I can help my community. So volunteering has been one of the most significant things in my life.”

He also participates in two De La Salle programs that provide outreach services to the community. Shae tutors at De-

Marillac Academy, a special tuition-free Catholic school in the Tenderloin area of San Francisco that serves the poor. He has been one of the most dedicated of the student volunteer tutors making the trip to San Francisco virtually every Thursday afternoon to tutor and be a role model for the fourth to eighth grade students, according to Janet Appel, College Counselor at De La Salle High School. Shae also volunteers weekly at the Monument Crisis Center in Concord, preparing and distributing food packages for low-income families. In addition, he volunteers weekly at the John Muir Medical Center. Shae is one of a small group of students selected for this program and faithfully helps patients and staff members in whatever tasks are needed.

Janet Appel states, “I am especially impressed with Shae’s commitment to service and his attitude about it. He feels a great deal of satisfaction in helping others and continually questions why injustice exists. He feels frustrated that he cannot do more to eliminate the root causes of poverty and prejudice.”

## ***2010 Humanitarian of the Year***

Della Randolph

### ***Past Recipients of the Humanitarian of the Year Award***

Sister Ann Weltz, CSI, 1982	Helen Troxel and
Gertrude M. Williams, 1983	Rollie Mullen, 1997
Guillermo "Bill" Muniz, 1984	Mary Perez and
Donald Fibush, 1985	Neil and Carol Wilson, 1998
Charles Spears, 1986	Orin Allen, 1999
John "JJ" Johnson, 1987	Eddie Menosse, 2000
Rev. Malcolm & Jo Lee, 1988	Troy Greer Grove, 2001
Lonnie R. Bristow, M.D., 1989	Robin Poindexter, 2002
Yoshiye Togasaki, M.D., 1990	Reverend Phillip Lawson, 2003
January Fredenburg, 1991	Mr. Walter Ruelig, 2004
Lucy Donly, 1992	Bishop Curtis Timmons, 2005
Bessanderson McNeil, 1993	Jerrold L. Hatchett, 2006
Lloyd Madden, 1994	Veronica Pope, 2007
Perfecto Villarreal, 1995	Charles D. Tinsley, Dr., 2008
Charles Wilson, 1996	Larry Lewis, 2009

## ***2010 Student Humanitarian of the Year***

Shae Hughes

### ***Past Recipients of the Student Humanitarian of the Year Award***

Julie Z. Lal, 2004
Lauren Fong, 2005
Henna Danawala, 2006
Edgardo Cervano-Soto, 2007
Jessa Mabellin, 2008
Brittany Watson, 2009

### ***2010 Committee Members***

Glenn Howell – Chair	Derrick West
Maceo Trotter	Nancy Zandonella
Teresa Boney	Robbyn Nicole Livingston
Denise August	Madlin King

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