



Contra Costa County

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NEWS RELEASE: County Seeks Nominations for Humanitarian of the Year *Student and Adult Humanitarians Will be Honored at January Event Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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In 2018, fifty years will have passed since the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. That sobering reminder will serve as a backdrop to Contra Costa County's 40th annual commemoration of Dr. King's life and legacy. We hope you will make a note to save the date of Tuesday, January 16, 2018, and plan to attend our community celebration.

At the event each January, the Board of Supervisors also recognizes a community member as well as a student leader whose dedication to others embodies the spirit and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The nomination period is now open for candidate names to be submitted for both the adult and student humanitarians. We encourage east bay residents to nominate an adult and/or student whose achievements reflect the spirit of Dr. King's work and achievements.

In January of this year, James Noe was honored as the County's Humanitarian of the Year for a lifetime of work helping people in need. Our Student Humanitarian of the Year was Paige Godvin, then a Monte Vista High School senior, who at a young age has already had a long list of accomplishments that follow in the path of Dr. King.

You can submit your nomination of an adult or student candidate by visiting the County's website at www.ContraCostaCA.gov. Visit the [Dr. King Ceremony website](#), found in the "Community" section, and you can find out more about past ceremonies and see prior humanitarian winners.

The deadline to submit names for consideration is Friday, December 15, 2017.

(Dr. King site URL: <http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/5307/Dr-Martin-Luther-King-Jr-Ceremony>)