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43rd Annual MLK Commemorative Parade is accompanied by a host of other events

TULSA, Jan. 4, 2022 – In addition to the 43rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Parade taking place on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, there are a host of other events preceding the parade, all connected to the parade theme: *“Hope and Action: The Fierce Urgency of Now.”*

“Given our unique history, Tulsa is a city that is always eager to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy,” said Pleas Thompson, president of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Society. “We encourage the public to participate in these other rich opportunities for education, reflection and healing.”

Other MLK Commemoration Society Events are as follows:

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues., Jan. 11, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. 	<p>“Dream Out Loud” Career Strategies for Student Success at Tulsa Technology Center, Peoria Campus, 3850 N. Peoria. High School students (grades 10-12) will participate in exploration sessions for career success after a general session in the auditorium. Topics include Criminal Justice, Welding, EMS, Cosmetology/Barber, Health Science Technology, Early Care & Education). Lunch will be provided. This event is underwritten by MLK Commemoration Society, Tulsa Tech, and the Tulsa County Sheriff’s office.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri., Jan. 14, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. 	<p>“Keepin’ It Real” Student Leadership Forum (Invitation-Only) Ahmad Daniels will facilitate this virtual forum. More than 200 Tulsa high school students will participate in this leadership event that will familiarize, educate and engage students in a discussion about the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the historic significance of his contributions and other leaders to the Civil Rights movement in the United States. Sponsored by Phillips Theological Seminary.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri., Jan. 14, 2022 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 	<p>MLK Student Awards & Sponsor Dinner (Invitation-Only) in the Jubilee Gym of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, 1301 S. Boston Ave., Tulsa, Okla. The winners of the student art, dance, and essay contests will be celebrated, culminating in the presentation of Dr. King’s classic <i>“I Have a Dream”</i> speech by the 2nd Place winner of the MLK Commemoration Society’s Oratorical Contest, sponsored by ONE Gas, Inc.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun., Jan. 16, 2022 5:15 p.m. 	<p>Walk in Peace. The goal of the walk is to allow participants to reflect upon Dr. King’s legacy and the principles in which he believed. Participants are invited to park at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church at 13th & Boston and take the shuttle provided to the walk’s starting point at 7th and Cincinnati. The procession will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun., Jan. 16, 2022 6 p.m. 	<p>MLK Interfaith Community Commemorative Service at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, 1301 S. Boston Ave. The Winner of the 2022 MLK Oratorical Contest, Harini Senthil, a freshman at Jenks High School, will recite Dr. King’s <i>“I Have a Dream”</i> speech.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon., Jan. 17, 2022 11 a.m. 	<p>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Parade Each year, over 100 entries participate in the Tulsa MLK Parade with themed floats, music and marchers. Thousands of people are expected to attend the parade that begins at the corner of N. Detroit Ave. and John Hope Franklin Blvd. and meanders through historic Greenwood Avenue to Archer, ending near ONEOK Field. This year’s virtual parade begins at 11 a.m. and will air live on KTUL-ABC’s News Channel 8 beginning at 11 a.m. Parade winners will be announced during the festivities.</p>

The organization is actively seeking volunteers for Parade Day. For additional information, please visit www.mlktulsa.com, call 918-492-9495 or email at mlktulsa@gmail.com.

About the MLK Jr. Commemoration Society

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Society, Inc. is a Tulsa, Oklahoma-based 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization focused on honoring and preserving the works and ideals that Dr. King practiced. Tax-deductible donations to the MLK Scholarship Fund or the Celebration may be made without participating in the parade. Any amount is sincerely appreciated. Checks should be made out to “MLK Commemoration Society” and mailed to: P.O. Box 14025; Tulsa, OK 74159-1025.

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