



Springfield Alliance for Equality and Respect: A Program of Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC)



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19th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March & Celebration **Monday, January 16**

What: A celebration recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through K-12 student entries of essays, speeches, poetry, and art. The theme for this year's event is "Love Transforms Enemies into Friends."

When/Where: **1:30-4 p.m., Monday, January 16.** The MLK March for Justice and Equality begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Springfield Justice Center at 230 4th Street, followed by a celebration from 2-4 p.m. at Springfield High School, 875 7th Street.

The Keynote Speakers for this event are speech contest winners Julian Lopez (First Place), Abigail Zimmerman (Second Place), and Joshua Hernandez (Third Place) all of Thurston High School.

Who: All community members and visitors are invited and encouraged to attend this free event.

About the MLK March & Celebration

The 19th annual MLK March and Celebration showcases the achievements and talents of local students. This free, family event is coordinated by Springfield Alliance for Equity and Respect (SAfER, which is a program of Community Alliance of Lane County or CALC), Springfield Public Schools, the City of Springfield, and Willamalane Parks and Recreation District.

The annual event is also co-sponsored and supported by: Café Mam, Emerald Arts Foundation, Lane County Board of Commissioners, Oregon Community Credit Union, Papa's Pizza, SELCO Community Credit Union, Springfield Education Foundation, Springfield Education Association, and Terese's Place.