

# A Decade of Defining Diversity Through Dialogue January 17 - 21

*For Laramie K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students*

## What Diversity Means to Me

Essay and Poster Contest

Deadline: January 7

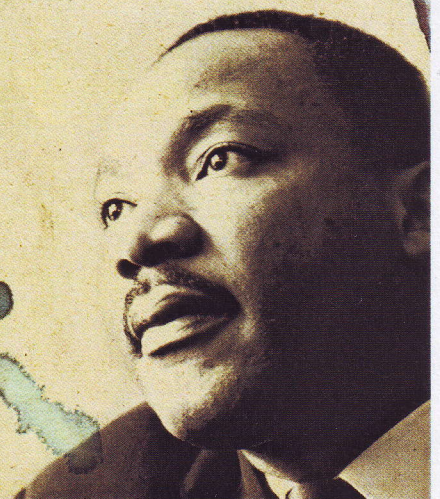
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UW honors the continuing impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and ideals through the 10<sup>th</sup> annual MLK Days of Dialogue celebration. The week of special activities serves as a renewal of UW's commitment to making the campus and Wyoming a more welcoming and empowering place for people from different backgrounds, heritages, orientations or abilities.

The organizing committee invites K-3 students to create an original poster and 4-12 grade students to write an original essay focusing on *What Diversity Means to Me*. The contests will be in conjunction with the University's MLK Days of Dialogue celebration taking place Jan. 17-21, 2011. The winners of poster and essay contests will receive a gift card to a local business, and be published in the Branding Iron MLK/DOD special section. The winners will also receive an invitation to attend and speak at the Willena Stanford dinner Monday, Jan. 17, 2011. Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place winners in the essay and poster contests. Entries will be separated into divisions of kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade posters, 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade essays, 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade essays, and 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade essays.

### Purpose of the contest

- To create awareness in school aged children of the importance of diversity.
- To recognize the diverse backgrounds of Wyoming's children through an artistic writing outlet.
- To encourage thought and exploration of what diversity means to them and their communities.
- To empower students to use their voices and honor their own diversity.

### Eligibility and rules

All students enrolled in grades K-12 in public, private and home schools are eligible. Students must submit original work. The poster should not exceed 8 ½ by 11 inches. The essay should be 500 words or less. Contestants must compose original work with limited guidance from others. Contestants may enter only one poster or essay. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the poster or essay must be identified properly. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.

The MLK/DOD committee will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any poster or essay entered into the contest without payment. There is no cost to enter the contest. An entry form must be attached to the submission.

Essays may be typed or handwritten, and they must be double-spaced. Entries may be submitted in hard copy or electronic format. If submitting as a hard copy, mail to Cary Berry-Smith, Dept. 3625, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071 or deliver to Wyoming Union Room 310. If submitting electronically, send an email to [cberry@uwyo.edu](mailto:cberry@uwyo.edu). If you need any additional information, please contact Cary at (307) 766-6190.

### Entry Deadline

All entries need to be received no later than Friday, Jan. 7, 2011 at 5 p.m. Artist's or author's name, teacher's name, and school should be included on the entry. Winners will be notified by letters to the artist or author, the winner's school, and the winner's teacher. Please do not put contestant's name on the artwork or essay. Use the MLK/DOD entry form. Entries will be returned to the artist's or author's school.