

SWOSU Plans MLK Activities

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Nearly 500 SWOSU students will be wearing matching black long sleeve t-shirts during Martin Luther King Day this Monday, January 19.

SWOSU students annually organize and sponsor Martin Luther King essay and speech competitions which involve all of western Oklahoma, and this year the students are adding an art contest, t-shirt campaign and service projects.

Cindy Dougherty, dean of students, said SWOSU students and various groups are working on the MLK Celebration service activities scheduled for January 16-25.

Among the participating groups are: The Church of Christ Student Union, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Chi Alpha, CRU - Campus Crusade for Christ, Wesley Student Union, Canterbury Society, Catholic Student Association, Black Student Association, Interfaith Council, and Collegiate Activities Board.

There will be displays depicting the MLK Celebration Service activities of each of these groups in the SWOSU Memorial Student Union. Also on display will be the art work from the winners of "The Dream Continues" art contest sponsored by SWOSU for all the surrounding towns' grades k-12. There will also be entries from SWOSU students.

CAB, which is spearheading the events, chose the community partners and projects that could reach the largest audience of young people to expose them to Dr. King's work and dreams. SWOSU worked with the Weatherford Ministerial Alliance and all of the SWOSU student groups involved creating the list of interested participants.

"We found the partnering groups believe the more young people understand the dream, the more likely the dream will become reality in their lifework," Dougherty said.

Also, on MLK Day, all 500 members of these SWOSU partner organizations will be in matching black long sleeve t-shirts which say on the front: MLK "The Dream Continues Week" Remember *Celebrate* Act. And on the back says, the t-shirt says CELEBRATE Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Create *Achieve* Believe SWOSU 2009 and the Dr. King quote, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

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