

# Winners Announced for MLK Black and White Contests

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Winners of the “MLK in BLACK and WHITE” competition have been announced by Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Art and essay contests were held in conjunction with the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. SWOSU Dean of Students Cindy Dougherty said the winners are being announced in February, which is Black History Month.

The art and essay contests were completed with over 90 entries from Weatherford and Clinton public schools.

A luncheon event was planned January 15 on the SWOSU campus but was cancelled because of icy weather conditions. So, according to Collegiate Activities Board Director Shameika Williams, the event was taken to the kids. Williams, Dougherty and Wendy Billington of the dean’s office presented certificates, pizza parties and Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce bucks to winning students and teachers in Weatherford and Clinton.

Pizza Parties were awarded to classes with best and most participation. At Weatherford East Elementary, they went to classes taught by Nikki Allen, Katie Lack, and Robin Dalrymple; at Weatherford West Elementary to teachers Debra Dobrinski, Jeanie Driskill, Andrea McPherson, Patty Trujillo and Sandy Wolgamott; and at Clinton Nance Elementary to Janalyn Taylor.

Honored artist certificates for each student and pizza party certificates were delivered to each teacher with the thanks from the SWOSU student committees to all.

Fifty dollars in Weatherford Chamber bucks went to the first place individual art pieces for K-2nd grades for a class project from Taylor’s second grade at Nance Elementary in Clinton. The students used newspaper articles about Dr. King, stencils and quotes from Dr. King to create “op art” pieces. Honorable mention went to Allen’s second grade project from East Elementary which was a dot-art rendering of Dr. King.

**First place art work honors for 3rd-5th grades and \$50 chamber bucks went to Kara Shelburne from Trujillo’s 5th grade class at West Elementary for her black and white poster of Dr. King making a difference for equal access to all races. (pictured left)**

**Honorable mention certificates went to Dalrymple’s third grade class from East Elementary; Zachary Ooley from McPherson’s fifth grade class at West Elementary; Gunner Powers, John Grunewald, and Mikala Patterson from Dobrinski’s fifth grade class at West Elementary.**

**First place for SWOSU students went to Kinley Jones, a junior art major. She received \$50 chamber bucks for her charcoal of Dr. King in thought. (pictured right)**

**Winners of the MLK essay contest included John Grunewald for the under age 12 category. He received \$100 in chamber bucks at a recent Eagle Pride Assembly. Honorable mentions went to Braden Hartsell and Grant Schamburg.**

**The events were sponsored by the Collegiate Activities Board, Student Oklahoma Education Association, Black Student Association and Student Government Association, all at SWOSU.**