

Dr. Martin Luther King^{Jr.}

DREAM WEEK
2020

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Monday, January 20, 2020

4 p.m.

Alice Millar Chapel



Presented by the Alpha Mu Chapter
of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and
the MLK Commemoration Committee

Northwestern

WELCOME

Greetings,

On behalf of the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Mu Chapter, I would like to warmly welcome you to the 41st annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil.

The vigil is a celebratory time for the community to come together and commemorate the life, legacy, and accomplishments of Dr. King. I would like to thank tonight's panelists—Karen Pittenger, David Robinson, and Mark Saint—for joining us, as well as the Northwestern University MLK Commemoration Committee for all they've done to make this event possible. I would also like to offer a special thank-you to Alice Palmer for joining us as moderator and for all the meaningful work she did to help with the creation of this annual event.

We would also like to thank all of you for taking time out of your day to celebrate and reflect on the impact of Dr. King's legacy. Without the valiant and resolute minds of Dr. King and those akin, most of us wouldn't be where we are today. Our panelists today work closely with foundations that embody the ideals that Dr. King expressed to the community.

On that note, as we set aside this day to acknowledge Dr. King's dream, let us remind ourselves that we can and should continue to hold up and reimagine his ideals so that his dream manifests into reality.

Regards,

Adam Montgomery

President

Alpha Mu Chapter

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

PROGRAM

Chapter Welcome	Bro. Adam Montgomery
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	Northwestern Community Ensemble
Musical Selection	Northwestern Community Ensemble
Invocation	Chaplain Tahera Ahmad, Religious and Spiritual Life, Northwestern University
Introduction of Spoken Word Selection	Bro. Akwasi Boachie
Spoken Word Selection	Timothy Mays
Introduction of Panel	Bro. Godson Osele
Panel Discussion: “Dr. King’s ‘Beloved Community’: Where Are We Now?”	Alice J. Palmer, <i>moderator</i> Karen Pittenger David Robinson Mark Saint
Offering for March of Dimes	Bro. Cole Seabrook
Candlelight Ceremony	Bro. Malik Kareem
Benediction*	Rabbi Brandon Bernstein, Northwestern Hillel
Musical Postlude	Stephen Alltop, Music Director, Alice Millar Chapel

*Candles may be extinguished
after the benediction.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING *by James Weldon Johnson*

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.

PANELISTS AND SPOKEN WORD ARTIST

Spoken word artist **Timothy Mays**, who has competed in the National Poetry Slam, inkSlam, and College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational, conducts spoken word and critical pedagogy workshops that give students and community members a space to develop their voices. He recently released *And Still I Rise to Fantasize*, a book of poems and affirmations. Mays, who earned a master's degree in higher education from Loyola University Chicago, works as assistant director for black student success at Northeastern Illinois University.

Alice J. Palmer is an educator, progressive activist, and former Democratic member of the Illinois Senate (1991–97). Prior to her time in the state legislature, Palmer was executive director of the Chicago Cities in Schools program and founding director of the Chicago Metropolitan YMCA Youth and Government Program. She began her teaching career in Indianapolis, then moved to Chicago to teach at Malcolm X College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago. She earned a master's degree in urban studies from Roosevelt University and a PhD in educational administration from Northwestern. While pursuing her doctorate here, Palmer coauthored two books and tutored at the Black House. She then took a position at Northwestern as associate dean and director of African American student affairs for five years. Palmer is fondly remembered for the voice she gave black students here.

Karen Pittenger is a longtime board member of StreetWise, an organization that provides homeless Chicagoans with supportive social services, workforce development resources, and immediate access to gainful employment. She also has served on the boards of Manufacturing Renaissance, a nonprofit that works to advance sustainable development anchored in manufacturing, and Ida's Legacy, a political action committee dedicated to developing the next generation of progressive African American women candidates. A member of the Illinois delegation to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, she served on the DNC Rules Committee. Pittenger is the president of Black Olive, a multi-award-winning Chicago-based marketing communications agency.

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David Robinson is the external affairs director for Manufacturing Renaissance, a Chicago-based nonprofit that drives systemic change in communities by providing education and workforce development opportunities for high school students and young adults, facilitating national industrial policies inclusive of social well-being, and helping minority-owned manufacturers create succession plans that retain ownership within minority communities. Before joining Manufacturing Renaissance in 2016, he worked with the late Henry L. English at the Black United Fund of Illinois. A graduate of Morehouse College, Robinson is a certified conflict resolution specialist and holds a television studio production certificate from CAN TV.

Mark Saint is a senior implementation manager for the Crime Lab, which, as part of the University of Chicago Urban Labs, works to have social impact by carrying out research and development in close collaboration with public sector and community-based partners. The Urban Labs are committed to promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in their work and to preventing workplace harassment and discrimination. Saint holds a master's degree from North Park Theological Seminary and a bachelor's degree in philosophy and English from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Previously based in London, he is passionate about completing work centered on social transformation in the United States and the United Kingdom.

MARCH OF DIMES

Prematurity is the no. 1 killer of babies in the United States. The March of Dimes works to change that and help more mothers have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies. From polio to prematurity, the March of Dimes has focused on researching and finding ways to prevent the problems that threaten our children.

Every baby deserves the best possible start, but not all babies get one. For 80 years, the March of Dimes has helped millions of babies survive and thrive. Now it is building on that legacy to level the playing field for all mothers and babies, regardless of age, socioeconomic background, or demographics.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Alpha Mu Chapter

The Alpha Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. has embodied excellence at Northwestern University for over nine decades. Established October 21, 1922, by Brothers Homer Cooper and Charles Greer from the Theta Chapter, Alpha Mu became the 33rd installment of the fraternity.



Since its inception, Alpha Mu has comprised men who have contributed to the uplifting of all humankind. Over the past two decades alone, brothers of Alpha Mu have served the Northwestern community in such leadership roles as Associated Student Government president, speaker of the senate, National Pan-Hellenic Council president, For Members Only coordinator, National Society of Black Engineers president, Caribnation president, and Student Activities Finance Committee financial vice president.

Each year the chapter puts on a Scholarship Ball that awards scholarships to deserving students. Alpha Mu's service extends beyond the boundaries of campus into the Evanston community and greater Chicago metropolitan area.

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha would like to send special thanks to

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- Morton Schapiro, president
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- Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion
- Ava Thompson Greenwell, cochair, MLK Commemoration Committee
- Tahera Ahmad, associate University chaplain
- MLK Commemoration Committee
- Office of Campus Life
- Marcus Payne, Alpha Mu Chapter adviser
- Multicultural Student Affairs