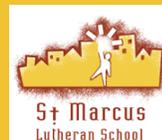


# Scholar's Gazette



## Martin Luther King Jr. Dreamer, Achiever, Lasting Legacy

Mikayla Roland & Mrs. Hein

Martin Luther King Jr. was a dreamer. He set high-reaching goals and had the dream of racial equality in America. He was an achiever, a leader in establishing the rights that black Americans now have. His legacy is a part of our lives every day as we freely go to school and earn a good education and as we share equal rights and freedoms with other Americans. We recently celebrated this great man on January 19th and will continue to celebrate his triumphs and those of others in Black History as we move into February.

Perhaps the most famous of MLK's speeches is the one that rang out from in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28th, 1963. "I have a dream..." You know the phrase, but do you know the true message delivered by Dr. King that day? Have you listened to it, read it, and taken it to heart?

King focused first on the injustices that were taking place against black men, women, and children. Inequality written into law and carried out in society allowed black people to be separated and treated differently from white people--treated horribly and unfairly. The freedom that had been proclaimed with the Emancipation Proclamation was still not being carried out, as King said: "One hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land."

King went on to call for peaceful action. "We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline," which is exactly how we should conduct ourselves on a daily basis. He acknowledged that both white and black people were fighting alongside each other toward the goal of racial equality. The road to get there, he said, would need to be peaceful and would need to persevere against great adversity with a sense of urgency. "This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism," King said. "Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy... Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."

The kind of result King and his listeners wanted would never come from a "go with the flow" attitude. Change does not happen without a vision and action. As King laid out his vision, he inspired action in his listeners, and it is our hope that his words inspire action in YOU.

*"And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow,  
I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.*

*I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning  
of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."*

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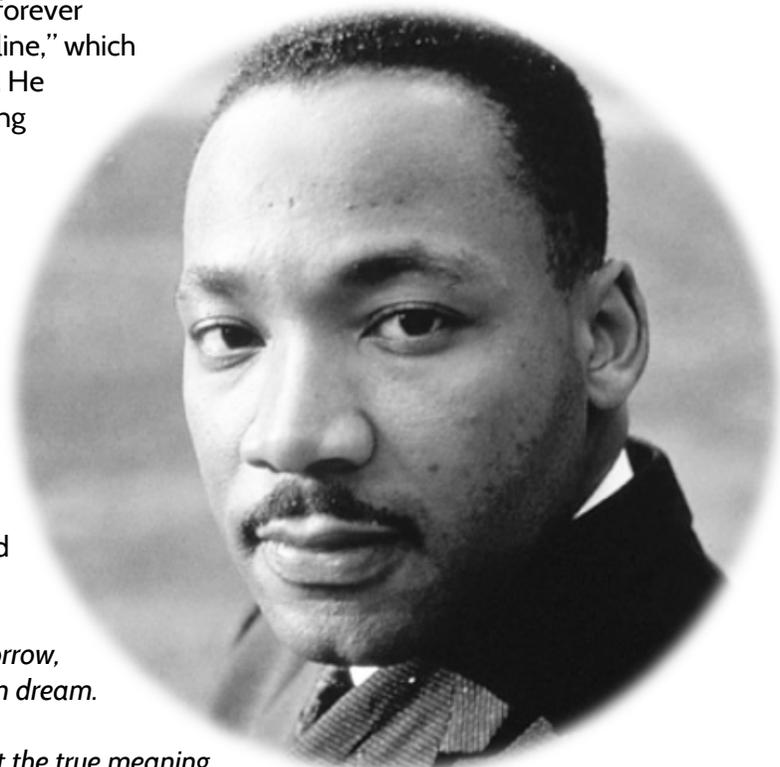
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# MLK's Impact on Milwaukee

Lauren Goins & Mrs. Kacmarynski

Martin Luther King Jr. had a great effect on the world, but have you ever wondered what effect he had on Milwaukee, Wisconsin? Martin Luther King Jr. actually visited Milwaukee at two different times! He gave his first speech in Milwaukee on August 14, 1956, and then he returned to give another speech on January 27, 1964! Here are some of the most memorable quotes from his time in Milwaukee ([www.onmilwaukee.com](http://www.onmilwaukee.com)).

*"Only time can solve the problems of racial integration."*

*"Law cannot change the heart, but it can restrain the heartless...  
Law cannot make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me."*

*"Time is neutral. It can be used either constructively or destructively...  
We must help time and we must realize that the time is always right to do right."*

*"It takes a strong person to be nonviolent. It has a way of disarming the opposition.  
He doesn't know what to do. He doesn't know how to handle it."*



Many cities have named a street after Dr. Martin Luther King, including our very own city of Milwaukee. In fact, it's right up the street from St. Marcus! It was originally known as 3rd street, but a 2 mile stretch through Harambee, Brewers Hill, and Hayland Park neighborhoods was renamed. Next time you are driving on MLK Drive, take a look to see if you can recognize any of these historical buildings right in our own St. Marcus neighborhood!



## Selma of the North

Mrs. Kacmarynski

***Did you know that Milwaukee was known as the "Selma of the North!?"***

Father James Groppi brought national attention to the Milwaukee civil rights movement when he, a young white Catholic priest, led the Milwaukee Youth Council of the NAACP on a campaign for open housing. They were rallying for a city-wide ordinance that would allow any person to rent or own property anywhere, "regardless of race, color, or creed" (<http://expressmilwaukee.com>). At the time, Milwaukee was one of the most segregated cities in the US. There was great frustration at this time due to limited jobs, poverty, and segregation. As the frustration built, violence and riots started. On July 30, 1967, riots broke out in Milwaukee after police attempted to stop fights at a downtown entertainment location. Milwaukee's mayor asked the National Guard to come help. The riots lasted eight days, and at the end 1,500 people were arrested and four were dead ([www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org)). On August 28, 1967, there was a rally at St. Boniface Church led by Father James Groppi. They marched across the Sixteenth Street Viaduct, "the longest bridge in the world...connecting Africa with Poland" as many people of the time joked. It was a joke based on the segregation of Milwaukee: the African American North Side and the predominately white working-class South Side (<http://expressmilwaukee.com>). The people marching were met with great opposition. A few nights later they tried again, but were met with an even larger and more angry crowd. They returned to their headquarters where they were met with sniper fire. Later that night, the building was even burned down! Martin Luther King, Jr., sent a telegram from Atlanta on September 4, 1967 stating, "What you and your courageous associates are doing in Milwaukee will certainly serve as a kind of massive non-violence that we need in this turbulent period. You are demonstrating that it is possible to be militant and powerful without destroying life or property. Please know that you have my support and my prayers" (<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org>). Despite all of these obstacles, they continued their mission, and the Open Housing Act was passed in 1968! What a great reminder to keep working together to achieve a common goal!

# ***I Have a Dream Too! Numbers Can't Run Me!***

Alyssa Dixon

*This is me uniquely flawed, uncertain who I wanna be.*

*Statistically I'm supposed to fail but this just can't be.*

*Let's take a trip back in time to see why I won't let statistics make me, me.*

*MLK had a dream that we would not be judged by our skin,*

*"but by the content of [our] character."*

*Our generation is failing to show the world why people like MLK  
fought for all to believe!*

*We as a whole, not as individuals, show we don't want to go to school  
when people like Ruby Bridges fought to have a chance  
to even see how an unripped book looked.*

*We take little things like that for granted.*

*Statistics show that we have one of the biggest gaps in education,  
but I don't understand just how this can be.*

*Where are you, young and free?*

*We fail to remember people like MLK had a dream...*

*That we may be free.*

*So why would I give statistics a strong hold on me?*

*I'd rather be the best me I can be.*

*Education is the key! Soon to get my 8th grade diploma  
so I can let the world see not all my kind drop out.*

*We just need more support and people to believe we can be free.*

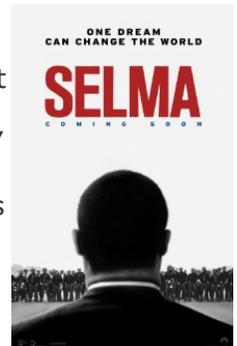
*We need the dream.*

## **Selma**

Here is what IMBd said about the new movie **Selma**:

"The unforgettable true story chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. Director Ava DuVernay's "Selma" tells the story of how the revered leader and visionary Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his brothers and sisters in the movement prompted change that forever altered history."

Check your local listings for showtimes!



## **GRIT & Its Impact on My Personal Life**

Tevelis Winslow

Grit is "where perseverance meets passion." This is the character pillar that middle school students have been working on this month! Grit applies to me in various way, but my favorite way is Growth Mindset. Growth Mindset is a change in your mind influenced by the growth you've made and that you want to make. Having a goal to work toward changes the way you think. It affects your mindset!

I have a lot of influential people in my life. One of them is Mrs. Martwick. She knows how to do everything, when to do it, and exactly how to help somebody. It seems to me as if she were trained! Influential people like Mrs. Martwick apply to Grit because they push you to meet your goal and hold on to Growth Mindset. Sooner or later you are going to set a goal, such as getting high honors and classroom achievements. To reach that goal, you need to work hard and fight even when times are hard. You need to have your mind set on it, and you need support.

Having a picture of your future will motivate you to keep working hard. Your future is your dream. In order to reach that dream, you have to finish STRONG and persevere, even when you feel like giving up. Grit plays a part in my life because without Grit, obstacles would get in the way of me using my gifts. Since I have Grit in my life, I work hard. Have you ever heard, "You can do anything you set your mind to, but it takes action, perseverance, and facing your fears"? When you trap something in your mind nothing can destroy, discount, or hinder your dream. I can be whoever I want because I have a goal ahead of me, I have support, and I want to succeed!



## I'm Hungry!

Jermale Euwing, Alyssa Dixon & Mrs. Kacmarynski

Have you ever felt hungry, I mean, like REALLY hungry?! The kind where your stomach won't stop making noises, it's painful to do anything, and all you can think about is having your next meal!? Imagine that feeling all the time and not knowing when, or if, it will ever go away. Maybe you know someone who feels this kind of hunger. Someone who knows the struggle because there is not enough food or money to get food. We want to raise awareness of the problem and let you know that we can help, even as middle school students!

Hunger is not limited to a specific race, gender or age group. It affects people all over the world, even in our own city! It could be a friend, family member, or the house next door. Nationally, 71% of households with children/teens need some type of support to receive adequate food. That translates to 48.8 million (yes, I did say million) people are in need of help providing food for their family. These are harsh conditions that our country is facing.

We can make a change! We can donate food, save food for others who need it, not waste food, and also not misuse government support. Maybe you know a friend, cousin, sister, or other family member who has more than enough food, and could donate to others. Are you willing to have that conversation, and encourage them to donate!? Maybe you even have extra food at your own house! We can make a difference by donating food, encouraging others to donate food, or telling people we know, who need support, that these resources are available: Umos Food Pantry and Bank, Feeding America - Eastern Wisconsin, America's Second Harvest and the Riverwest Food Pantry.

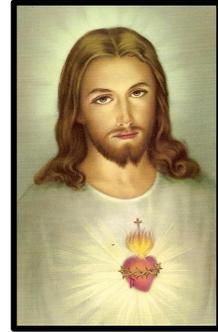
If you or someone you know would like to donate food, here is a list of items food pantries are often looking for:

- Canned Fruit: Fruit Cocktail, peaches, pears, and applesauce
- Canned Vegetables: whole kernel corn, cream, peas, and cut green beans
- Canned Soups: chicken soup, tomato soup, and vegetable soup
- Boxed or Canned items: spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, egg noodles, tuna fish in water, pancake mix and syrup, mac & cheese, corn muffin mix, and various types of ramen noodles

## The Season of Epiphany

Dejane Brooks & Mrs. Kacmarynski

In Wisconsin, we are blessed to have four seasons: Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall! The Christian Church also has seasons that follow different Biblical events throughout the whole year!



We have just finished celebrating Christmas, and are now in the season of the church year known as Epiphany. Epiphany is defined as "to show" or "to make known." The reason for this season of the church year is to remind us that we have been given the command to spread the news that Jesus is born! We are revealing that Jesus is our Savior, that He is the one who came to save us!! We can celebrate Epiphany by letting people know that Jesus has already come, and we don't have to wait anymore! We look forward to him coming again!

## Youth Impact

Iyonna Bradley

I often think about the things that impact Milwaukee youth and how we can change them! One topic that I feel strongly about is neighborhood violence. Misunderstanding and miscommunication are the main issues that cause neighborhood violence. Drugs, alcohol, or even social media may also impact a neighborhood's culture and lead to violence. Another reason that violence takes place is because of gang influence. Gangs are associated with drugs and alcohol but often are involved in criminal acts of violence. Statistically, young people join gangs usually between the ages of 12-24. That includes people our age! Neighborhood Scout says that in the past year, over 500 people have been killed in situations of neighborhood violence in the city of Milwaukee. What do you know about ways to help? Many different groups like the Anti-Violence Project are working to prevent and hopefully end all neighborhood violence in our community and other harmful areas. How are you making a difference in your community? Change starts with us!

## REPORTING VIOLENCE HELPS END VIOLENCE

24-HOUR BILINGUAL HOTLINE:  
212.714.1141 (ENGLISH/SPANISH)



## Teacher Feature

EnJolie Smith

You know Mrs. Becker, St. Marcus' friendly Middle school Dean, but do you know how she came to St. Marcus? She didn't want to be a teacher at first, but in her senior year in college at Martin Luther College, she took an education class and saw that she really liked it. Mrs. Becker enjoys working with middle school students because she feels they can work more independently than primary grade students. She also discovered it was easier for her to teach 5th grade after she had the same kids in 2nd grade. She became a Dean of



Students because she loves character building. She reflected, "It's hard not being in a classroom, but I enjoy seeing everyone more than just my classroom."

## Classroom Happenings

Jalynn Tolbert-Jones

The 7th and 8th grade classes are starting work on their Black History Projects with Mr. Lepke. I am especially interested because I have never gone through this process before. "I like the black history, but the projects take too long!" said Carle'Cia from 8th grade Virginia. Iyonna from 7th grade FSU reflected on what the presentations contain: "Last year people did plays, sang a song, and [other things]. I don't know what I want to do this year." Students are determined to do well and get something out of the experience. Tremereell from 7th grade Syracuse stated, "I want to get an A+. I want to teach people about an important person from black history. I want it to be someone I don't know so I can learn too!" Personally, I feel confident about finishing my black history project and doing well because history is something I enjoy learning about. Like Tremereell, I hope to learn as much as I can so that I can teach others.

## Vikings vs Knights

Julia Rehm

Two common high school choices for St. Marcus graduates, are Wisconsin Lutheran High School and Milwaukee Lutheran High School. I decided to focus on these two, because these were my personal options for high school next year!



Wisconsin Lutheran High School, aka WISCO, is located at 330 Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53213. It was founded in 1903! Why choose WISCO? One reason is because it is a Christian school. They also provide financial aid for families to help pay for the cost of school. They provide a high standard of education, which challenges their students, but also allows time to participate in extracurricular activities. They offer a variety of sports, such as: football, soccer, volleyball, baseball, cross-country, cheerleading, dance, tennis, golf, softball, track, and wrestling. If any of these opportunities interest you, maybe WISCO could be one of your high school options!

Milwaukee Lutheran High School, aka ML, is located at 9700 West Grantosa Drive, Milwaukee. ML was founded in 1955, about 52 year after WISCO. So why choose ML? ML is also a Christian school. They provide financial aid to a number of their students to help cover the cost of school. ML also offers a variety of extracurricular activities and sports, such as: basketball, cheerleading, golf, football, cross-country, hockey, dance, tennis, swimming, soccer, softball, track, volleyball, trap-shooting, and wrestling. If any of these opportunities interest you, maybe ML could be one of your high school options!



What's the difference you might ask. ML has more opportunities to get involved in a wide variety of sports, but it also may be located closer to your house. WISCO is also larger than ML. However, the biggest difference between these schools is the culture. When you visit a potential school, it is important to note the feel, or culture, of the school.

My high school choice is WISCO. It took me months to finally decide! I almost chose Milwaukee Lutheran because they offer more swimming, and I am very interested in participating in this sport. However, the deciding factor for WISCO was because this is where my dad went to high school and it was my parents' first choice for me. I encourage you to research your options, visit the schools to see what you like, and then make your own decision!

## Dunking With The Mustangs

Tremerell Jones Robinson

The A1 boys basketball team received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies in the tournaments they have participated in so far. They have won 9 out of 13 games. In the St. Marcus Holiday Tournament, they received 3rd place. In the Hope Tournament, they played hard and received a 1st place trophy! They also won the 2nd place trophy at St. Peter Immanuel. They are 2 and 2 in the LAA conference. They have been working hard during practice and it shows!



**GO MUSTANGS!**

## Girls Basketball 2k15

Carlecia Plummer-Lawrence

This year, our girls basketball team is decent, but we are not doing as well as we could be. As a player on the team, I feel that we could use more practice every week! We have two practices a week, and then we play in a game every Friday! We do not have the same opportunities as the boys basketball team. In fact, they started practicing almost two weeks before the actual season started!

Our girls basketball team is really trying to do well with the few practices we have. Our team work is improving, and we are getting better at taking the ball to the hoop. I am enjoying the time I have to work with my coaches and other teammates! Overall, we are having a good season and I hope we can continue to grow even more!

## Upcoming Event - Anime Milwaukee

Rashaun Vinson

Anime Milwaukee is Wisconsin's largest anime convention. It is 3 days of excitement, fun, and 24-hour video gaming. This year, it will take place from February 13-15 at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee and Wisconsin Center. Experience tabletop gaming and video programming. Stop by Anime Milwaukee's very own Maid Cafe, Trainers Rendezvous (Pokeman-themed room), cosplay combat chess, and more!

If you love anime, this is a great opportunity to hang out with other Anime lovers and show off your anime skills! The event is open to the public and all are invited to attend. The best part is, it's free! Get ready for the best time of your life!



## Dreamer, Achiever, Lasting Legacy

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*I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.*

*I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.*

*I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.*

*I have a dream today!*

*I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification" -- one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.*

*I have a dream today!*

*I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."*

What is your dream? Maybe you have a dream for just your own life. Maybe you want to make a lasting impact on your neighborhood. Maybe you, like Martin Luther King, Jr., want to change the whole country or even the whole world. How WILL you get there? It starts with the work you do TODAY.