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“Acknowledging the past to achieve liberty and justice for all” is the theme for this year’s NAACP Martin Luther King Jr./Lottie O. Robinson Scholarship fund event in Elizabethtown.

The event is at 10 a.m. Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, at Pritchard Community Center, 404 S. Mulberry St. in Elizabethtown.

The NAACP is committed to pursuing unity and creating an understanding of African-American history and believes this will create a more compassionate community for the various cultures in our city and those surrounding us, according to a news release.

Amadis Davis, an honor roll student who won first place in the MLK Day essay contest last year and has spoken to several groups since, will give the keynote address this year.

Davis attends Gatton Academy in Bowling Green, a residential school for gifted and talented students in STEM studies at Western Kentucky University. She is president of the Youth Council of the NAACP with “an ambition to

serve those who are voiceless in a world sometimes deprived of justice and liberty for all,” according to the release.

The event also features Christon “The Truth” Jones, a child entrepreneur and CEO of Return on Investment LLC, day trader on the U.S. stock market, and a best-selling author by age 10.

He also is the scheduled guest speaker for a Black History program planned for Feb. 27.

A brunch will be served with local talent featured throughout the event.

Tickets cost \$25 and are available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

There are limited paper tickets for people who do not use online payment system. There will not be any sales at the door on the day of the event unless prior arrangements have been made.

RADCLIFF MARCH/PROGRAM. A Martin Luther King Jr. celebration begins at 1 p.m. Jan. 20 at Radcliff City Hall, 411 W. Lincoln Trail Blvd.

Following a welcome by Radcliff Mayor J.J. Duvall, the third annual event features a march to St. Stephen Church at 757 S. Woodland Drive in Radcliff.

A program is at 2 p.m. with a community choir and guest speaker the Rev. Eric Duke of Owens Chapel in Cave City.

The event is free to the public. For information, contact the Rev. Harold Craig at 270-317-2127.

KNOX EVENT JAN. 16. Fort Knox and U.S. Army Cadet Command will host speaker Austin Wingate and blues singer Marjorie Marshall for this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance at the Saber & Quill from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

Wingate is deputy director of admissions at American National University and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans and the fraternity to which King belonged.

Marshall is director of the Kentuckiana Blues Society and will perform an acapella performance of her "interpretation of the time and instances," leading to King's assassination.

The Saber & Quill will provide food from the menu of the final meal that was prepared for King prior to his assassination.

The event is open to the public.