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Quick Facts

- Social Justice Week held to uplift Rock Hill community
- Activities include King Day for Kids, Hunger Banquet and a documentary on AIDS.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The events are:

ROCK HILL, S.C. – Winthrop University will observe **Social Justice Week** during **Jan. 19-23** as part of its Martin Luther King activities and other efforts to uplift the Rock Hill community.

Organizers hope the week-long list of events that include several educational and interactive programs will appeal to several age groups. Local businesses and organizations also will join in sponsoring some of the programs.

KING DAY FOR KIDS: Monday, Jan. 19 at 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., Dinkins Student Center

Open to the public, the free event celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is sponsored by the [Center of Career and Civic Engagement](#), [Multicultural Student Life](#) and Residence Students Association. The event is designed for elementary age children but middle school students are also welcome.

There will be a mock museum where children will work in arts and crafts and will receive an "Inspiring Moments in African History" book as a keepsake. Then the children will travel to different scenes depicting MLK's life and journey, including Scene 1 - Birth, childhood, and youth (1929 - 1946), Scene 2 - College graduation and becoming a preacher (1948-1951), Scene 3 - Bus Boycott: 1955, Scene 4 - Visit to India (Mohandas K Gandhi): 1959, Scene 5 - Letter from Birmingham Jail: 1963, and Scene 6 – "I Have a Dream" speech: 1963. The children will then do a mock march to one of the residence halls where Resident Students Association will sponsor pizza. Then they will return to Dinkins to be picked up.

Please make a reservation for your children by calling Laura Foster at the Office of Volunteer and Community Service at 803/323-2520.

POVERTY IN OUR BACKYARD: Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m., Owens G01

Advocates for Progress will host a presentation on the face of poverty in Rock Hill with presentations by two keynote speakers: David Kellin, lecturer with the [Department of Social Work](#), and Karen McKernan of A Place for Hope.

HUNGER BANQUET: Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m., Tuttle Dining Room

Experience firsthand the proportions of global hunger. Take a chance at this event, and you will truly see the nutritional choices that people throughout the world face every day. Tickets are available in 120 Dinkins and cost \$5 each. The event is sponsored by Peace Studies Minor and co-sponsored by the Center of Career and Civic engagement, Amnesty International, and Advocates for Progress.

MISS HIV: Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m., Tillman Auditorium

Check out this explosive ethnographic documentary that follows the journey of two HIV-positive women in Africa who enter a contest: one is from Botswana, where half of all pregnant women have HIV, whereas the other is from Uganda, which has experienced the largest reduction of new infections ever recorded. Following the documentary, representatives from the Catawba Care Coalition will speak about HIV/AIDS here in York County and answer any questions regarding this topic. The documentary is sponsored by the Center of Career and Civic Engagement.

POVERTY SIMULATION: Friday, Jan. 23 at 2:30pm, Student Activity Center

This event is not open to the public. In conjunction with the United Way of York County and Family Trust Federal Credit Union, participants are invited to experience a simulated version of the obstacles that people living in poverty experience every day.

During a simulation, students will role-play the lives of low-income families, from single parents trying to care for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain their self sufficiency on Social Security. The task of each family is to provide food, shelter and other basic necessities during the simulation while interacting with various community resources staffed by Community and Winthrop faculty and staff.

Although it uses "play" money and other props, fictional scenarios, and time limits, it is not a game. It is a simulation tool that enables participants to view poverty from different angles in an experiential setting, while empowering students and volunteers by allowing them an opportunity to interact with leaders from the Rock Hill community and Winthrop.

For more information, please contact Foster at 803/323-2520.

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