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## Quick Facts

- Winthrop classes are cancelled and offices are closed in observance of the Jan. 19 King federal holiday.
- Dozens of Winthrop students will join their peers from York Technical College and Clinton College and put King's moving words to action through volunteer work across York County.



*Kinyata Adams Brown*

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Winthrop University will honor the legacy of the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** on Jan. 19 during the institution's **largest annual one-day service event.**

Winthrop classes are cancelled and offices are closed in observance of the **Jan. 19 King federal holiday.** Yet dozens of Winthrop students will join their peers from **York Technical College** and **Clinton College** and put King's moving words to action through volunteer work across York County.

More than 250 students will participate in one of 27 different service projects, according to organizer Kinyata Brown of the Office of Diversity and Student Engagement.

The event will kick off at 9 a.m. in Winthrop's **Richardson Ballroom.** Students will hear a keynote address from Winthrop alumna **DeAlva Wilson Glenn**, who earned her accounting degree and M.B.A. here. She is the founder and chief executive officer of **D. Wilson Agency** – a business consulting and professional development firm based in Charlotte, North Carolina. Glenn's personal philosophy of a balanced life that includes giving back to the community is reflected in the authenticity and passion with which she runs the **D. Wilson Agency.**

Following the kick off, students will open their "**challenge packets,**" which will tell them where they will use their service efforts for the day. Students will then travel to their **service destinations** at either the Boys & Girls Club, Catawba Care, The Children's Attention Home, or Renew Our Community, among others. To follow the community service activities on **Twitter**, use **#WUMLK15.**

The students will return back to the Winthrop campus for lunch and to share their experiences.

The event is coordinated by Winthrop's MLK Committee, the Center for Career and Civic Engagement and AmeriCorps VISTA. Sponsors also include the Resident Students' Association, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, Council of Student Leaders, Office of Diversity and Student Engagement and the Global Learning Initiative.

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