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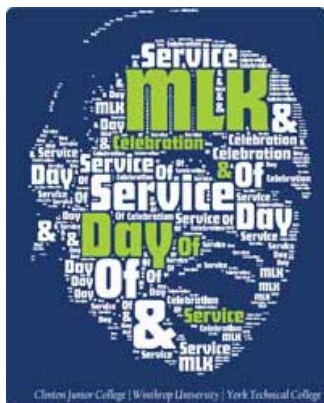
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## Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. – [York Technical](#) and Clinton Junior College students will join Winthrop for a day of community service on the **Martin Luther King holiday** on Jan. 21.

More than 320 students from the three area colleges will fan out to demonstrate some of the messages taught by the slain civil rights leader. A Nobel Peace prizewinner, King was assassinated by James Earl Ray at a Memphis motel in 1968.

King's birthday is observed as an official federal holiday and a state holiday on the third Monday of January. There will be no classes on Monday, Jan. 21, at Winthrop and offices will be closed.

[Kinyata Adams Brown](#), Winthrop's director of multicultural student life, said that Winthrop wants to honor King's legacy by encouraging students to get involved in solving current day social issues. Students were encouraged to sign up to help with projects at more than a dozen sites around York County. In addition to the community service, the university also will offer a gospel celebration.

Here are event details:

**Sunday, Jan. 20**

**\* Gospel Celebration of Life Event**

6-7 p.m., [Tillman Auditorium](#)

This free event focuses on the history of civil rights as told through song. The **Mount Prospect Baptist Church** and [Association of Ebonites](#) choirs will sing. This is an approved cultural event for Winthrop students.

**Monday, Jan. 21**

**\* Winthrop to Give Back Through Service Projects**

9 a.m. Registration, Richardson Ballroom, [DiGiorgio Campus Center](#)

10 a.m. Service projects begin

1 p.m. Lunch and reflection

Each team will be assigned a service project and given transportation to one of 11 agencies or sites. Team leaders were selected ahead of time and have attended two training sessions. The keynote speaker to provide inspiration will be **Angelo Geter '08**, a Clinton Junior College employee.

The projects include working on crafts with the elderly, digging up a community garden, and reading to youth at the YMCA. To follow the community service activities on Twitter, use [#WUMLK13](#).

Collaboration with the three schools has been aided with a \$1,250 grant from [Campus Compact](#) and partial support from a [Global Learning Initiative Grant](#).

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