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### Quick Facts

- Winthrop will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 16 with a number of activities including a prayer breakfast, a candlelight vigil, a unity rally and more.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop will honor the life and works of civil rights leader **Martin Luther King Jr.** on Jan. 16 with a prayer breakfast, children's activities, a unity rally and candlelight vigil.

A Nobel Peace prizewinner, **King** was assassinated by James Earl Ray at a Memphis motel in 1968. His birthday is Jan. 15, but it is observed as an official federal holiday and a state holiday on the third Monday of January. There will be no classes on Jan. 16 at Winthrop, and offices will be closed.

Winthrop's celebration, under the direction of the **Office of Multicultural Student Life**, will feature the following events:

#### MLK Prayer Breakfast

7:30 a.m., First Baptist Church on Dave Lyle Boulevard

Sponsored by the city of Rock Hill MLK Task Force and the Office of Multicultural Student Life. Cost is \$10.

#### Children's Activity Day – A Day On, Not a Day Off

10 a.m.-1 p.m., [Dinkins Student Center](#)

Sponsored by the Office of AmeriCorps, Community Service Programs and the Office of Multicultural Student Life, the event brings together children for fun and educational activities to learn about King's work. Children can attend by reservations only – contact Crystal Reardon at 803/323-2582.

#### Unity Rally

5-6:45 p.m., Winthrop Amphitheatre

Sponsored by the Winthrop Chapter of the NAACP, the free event will offer presentations by student speakers.

#### Candlelight Vigil

7 p.m., steps of [Byrnes Auditorium](#)

This free event is sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

One other activity is scheduled on Jan. 18, when the university will hold a forum to debate how King and Malcolm X dominated the civil rights movement and whether the two hoped to take African Americans in the same direction. The event, "**Martin and Malcolm: Two Different Ways to Get to the Promised Land,**" begins at 8 p.m. in [Plowden Auditorium](#).

For more information, call 803/323-4508.

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