Students to speak about Dr. King’s legacy at Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest

What: Ohio youth will offer their perspective on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the 2019 Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest.

When: 10 a.m. Friday, April 12

Where: King Arts Complex
867 Mount Vernon Ave., Columbus

Who: The event is sponsored by the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, which is housed in the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. For more information about the commission, visit das.ohio.gov/mlk.

Details: Students in grades kindergarten through 12 will compete in four grade-based categories. The students will give original speeches inspired by the legacy of Dr. King based on the theme, “It’s Our Turn: A Movement toward Justice.” The participants advanced from regional contests in the following districts: Akron (Summit County), Cincinnati (Hamilton County), Cleveland (Cuyahoga County), Columbus (Franklin County), Marion-Morrow-Knox tri-counties and southeastern Ohio (Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton counties). The winners of each category will be invited to speak at the 2020 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration on Jan. 16, 2020, in downtown Columbus. Both events are free and open to the public.