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## Ohio MLK Commission to host Commemorative Event virtually Jan. 14

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission will host its 36<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 11:45 a.m. Typically held at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Columbus, this year's event was prerecorded and can be viewed at [das.ohio.gov/mlk](https://das.ohio.gov/mlk) beginning Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

The 12-member [commission](#) advocates Dr. King's principles of nonviolent change and the pursuit of racial, social and economic justice. During the ceremony, the commission will announce the winners of its annual awards that recognize Ohioans for their efforts to advance nonviolent social change.

A highlight of the event each year is the student speakers who took first place in their respective age divisions at the annual Statewide MLK Youth Oratorical Contest, which is also sponsored by the commission. Although the 2020 statewide contest was canceled this year, the prerecorded event will feature videos of several students who competed in regional contests and had advanced to the statewide competition.

The Ohio Department of Administrative Services provides administrative support to the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

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