

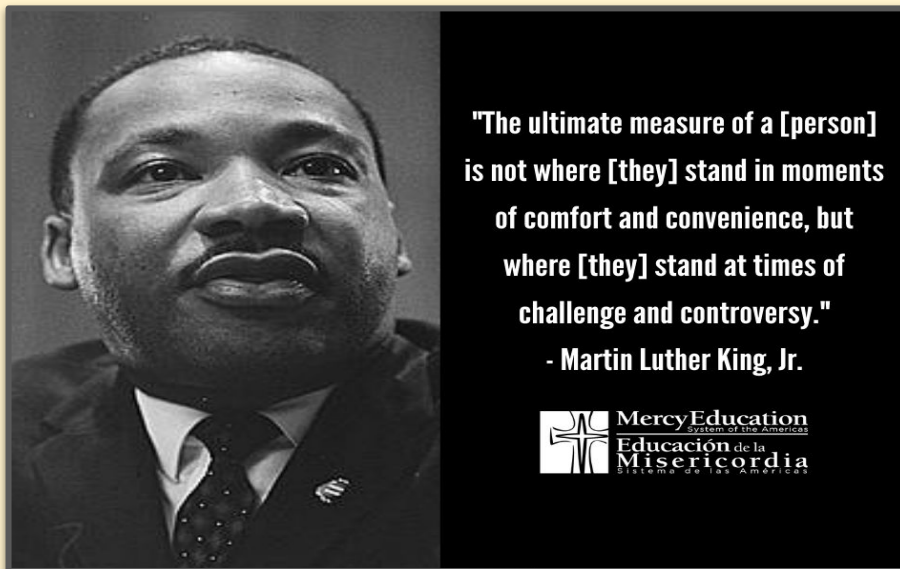
# 2021 Mercy High School MLK Writing Contest

## ***Essential Question: "Where do you stand in times of challenge and controversy?"***

Each year on the third Monday of January, we celebrate the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is a time for the nation to remember the injustices Dr. King fought against. As a visionary leader of the Civil Rights Movement, he stood up for the freedom, dignity, and equality of all races and peoples. Dr. King was committed to racial and economic justice for the oppressed. His driving forces were nonviolence, love, the importance of family and self-respect.

### ***Writing Prompt:***

Students are asked to reflect on the MLK quote below chosen by MESA (Mercy Education System of the Americas) and consider Dr. King's words and how they relate to themselves or others in their families, schools, neighborhood, nation, or the world.



### ***Requirements:***

- Open to all Mercy High School students.
- Entries must be typed.
- Entries may not exceed 700 words.
- Entries must address the essential question.
- Entries should relate the student's own personal ideas, work and experiences to the topic and show an understanding of Dr. King's ideals.
- Entries must not be a biographical sketch of Dr. King.
- Entries will be judged on the basis of clearly expressed, creative ideas. In judging entries, emphasis will be placed on clarity, creativity, and originality. Correct usage of basic grammar and writing skills will also be considered.

***Prizes/Recognition:***

There will be **ONE** winner from the 9th and 10th grade entries and **ONE** winner from the 11th and 12th grade. Each winner will receive **\$200**.

***Entry Delivery Information:***

All entries must be submitted using [this link](#) by **Saturday, January 23, 2021**. Your writing must be in a Google Doc, Word Doc or PDF format to submit. You also must use your Mercy H.S. email address to access the Google Form.

***Questions/Concerns:***

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