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Welcome to the 23rd Annual

ASU Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

It is a pleasure to come together on this special day to remember and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – a man whose words and life continue to serve as the core inspiration and motivation for making the dream of a truly free, egalitarian and nonviolent society a reality. Dr. King’s courageous and steadfast commitment to equality, and his desire to advance civil rights on behalf of every man, woman, and child in our nation was expressed to the fullest measure of his conviction. Today, we gather together to remember his life’s mission, to commemorate his unparalleled vision, and to acknowledge those individuals who work tirelessly to keep his spirit alive and make our world a better place.

Now, almost 40 years since his tragic and untimely death, we must also take time to remember the important responsibility we all bear to keep Dr. King’s dream in the present. In that respect, I believe universities have an important and unique duty, as microcosms of our broader society, to nurture environments of equality and diversity, and to educate future generations to be better citizens of the world. Arizona State University acknowledges the accountability it carries to serve as a catalyst for change in this regard, and we will continue to incorporate this philosophy in our undertakings.

As our role models, we will pattern our actions after the men and women who demonstrate Dr. King’s ideals through their labors year-round. People like previous award winners: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr., Cloves C. Campbell, Sr., Socorro Hernandez Bernasconi, Betty H. Fairfax, Jean E. Fairfax, Kevin Johnson, Eddie Basha, Jack Pfister, Dr. Pearl Tang. To this distinguished list of ASU MLK Servant-Leadership Award honorees, we will now add Dr. Peterson Zah and Kelley Stewart – two extraordinary individuals who demonstrate the principles of social responsibility and community engagement through their daily work and set a high bar for us all. I extend my fullest congratulations on their achievements.

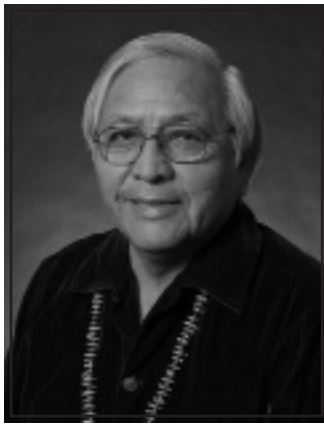
I also wish to acknowledge the outstanding work of the ASU Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee in keeping Dr. King’s dream alive throughout our university, and the accomplishments of the elementary and secondary students being honored today for their artistic expressions of his vision. Their personal contributions to today’s event are truly appreciated.

I thank everyone who has taken the time to participate in today’s celebration, and I look forward to working together to protect Dr. King’s cherished memory, and to advance his dream at ASU.

Michael M. Crow
President, Arizona State University

Honoring

Dr. Peterson Zah



Peterson Zah, former president of the Navajo Nation, has continued to work as a senior statesman among Native Americans and is considered one of the 100 most important Native Americans in the last century. He has been a key leader in bringing students from tribal communities to ASU and helping them succeed.

As an adviser to the ASU president for 14 years, he has helped double the Native American student population, traveling to remote villages to talk to families about ASU and the importance of education. He helped create ASU's Native American Achievement

Program, a partnership with tribes to provide scholarships, mentoring and advising to students.

Born in 1937 on the Navajo Reservation, Zah left his home and family as a teenager to attend Phoenix Indian School, earning a bachelor's degree from ASU 10 years later. He returned to his homeland as a vocational educator and later directed a nonprofit legal services program.

Zah became chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council in 1982, leading the movement to restructure and modernize their governmental system from a council to a nation. He was elected the first president of the Navajo Nation in 1990.

Throughout his career he has made education his first priority, and he has worked for 30 years to defend the interests of all Native American people. Largely because of his intense focus on education, the Navajos have made great progress toward achieving their goal of an enhanced and sustainable future. Three years ago he received a lifetime achievement award from the National Indian Education Association.

Today students can be found in his office asking for his advice, finding encouragement and help. He was chosen Graduate Mentor of the Year by the ASU graduate student body four years ago. Zah continues to inspire all ASU students to reach their highest potential.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration 2008

Arizona State University

Committee

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration 2008
K-12 Student Contest Winners

Essay/Poetry Awardees

Primary Grades K-2

First Place

Ryan Weltz, Grade 2
Teacher: Connie Spencer
Principal: Michael Heidenblut
Superintendent: Debra Duvall
School: Franklin Northeast
District: Mesa Public School

Second Place

Azul Pedraza, Grade 2
Teacher: Connie Spencer
Principal: Michael Heidenblut
Superintendent: Debra Duvall
School: Franklin Northeast
District: Mesa Public School

Third Place

Malie Enos, Grade 2
Teacher: Connie Spencer
Principal: Michael Heidenblut
School: Franklin Northeast
Superintendent: Debra Duvall
District: Mesa Public School

Intermediate Grades 3-5

First Place

Olivia Wilson, Grade 5
Teacher: Rick DeSylvester
Principal: Michael Heidenblut
School: Franklin Northeast
Superintendent: Debra Duvall
District: Mesa Public School

Second Place

Kris Enos, Grade 5
Teacher: Elizabeth Frost
Principal: Sue Edman
Superintendent: Debra Duvall
School: Madison Elementary
Mesa Public School

Third Place

Tatum Cork, Grade 3
Teacher: Pamela Tucker
Principal: Kristin Venberg
Superintendent: Tim Ham
School: Madison Traditional
Academy
District: Madison #38

Middle Grades 6-8

First Place

Amy Tamowski, Grade 8
Teacher: Melissa Martin
Principal: Catherine Pletchette
Superintendent: Debra Duvall
School: Poston Junior High
District: Mesa Public School

Second Place

Emily Kaplan, Grade 7
Teacher: Amy Hilton
Principal: Frank Rasmussen
Superintendent: John Baracy
School: Cocopah Middle School
District: Scottsdale Unified

Third Place

Brandon Stout, Grade 8
Teacher: Johanna Strawser
Principal: Mark Jiles
School: Desert Heights Charter
District: Partnerships With Parents

Secondary Grades 9-12

First Place

Mikaela Gibson, Grade 10
Teacher: Conrad Davis
Principal: Mary Lou Muccino
Superintendent: John Baracy
School: Chaparral High School
District: Scottsdale Unified

Second Place

Shayna Steingard, Grade 10
Teacher: Conrad Davis
Principal: Mary Lou Muccino
Superintendent: John Baracy
School: Chaparral High School
District: Scottsdale Unified

Third Place

Brad Efuno, Grade 10
Teacher: Conrad Davis
Principal: Mary Lou Muccino
School: Chaparral High School
Superintendent: John Baracy
District: Scottsdale Unified

Honoring
Kelley Stewart



Kelley Stewart, a senior dual majoring in applied psychology and multimedia writing and technical communication at the ASU Polytechnic campus, has personally invigorated student life at the campus through her commitment to community service and her leadership example. She has made a mark wherever she has been.

After working for several years for retail and automotive businesses—where she quickly rose to management—Kelley went another direction, earning her associate’s degree from

Mesa Community College in 2004 and enrolling at ASU. Meanwhile she continued to work as a community response volunteer for the Mesa Fire Department, providing grief support and family advocacy and training other volunteers. She completed two 900-hour term commitments to AmeriCorps.

At ASU she helped organize a career fair, led a student health council and became a student senator, serving on many committees that helped energize student life. Meanwhile she continued to volunteer for the fire department, led a youth group at her church and worked with the Girl Scouts. This year she is president of the Associated Students at the Polytechnic campus.

For the last four years, Kelley also has played a pivotal role in the success of the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life East Mesa event hosted by ASU Polytechnic. This 20-hour event annually raises more than \$100,000, hosts about 2,500 participants and requires more than 100 volunteers. It is Kelley’s ability to encourage others to get involved in community service that has helped the event succeed.

She fosters a spirit of cooperation among the volunteers, many of them junior high and high school students, and encourages them to take leadership roles in the planning and the execution of tasks. She also has expanded the number of volunteers at the Mesa Fire Department.

Kelley’s energy, commitment and selfless leadership make her an ideal recipient of the ASU 2008 Student Servant-Leadership Award.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration 2008
January 28, 2008
Program

Prelude music

Randy Kemp

“For Good”

McClintock High School Chanticleers – Katie Healy, Director

Opening

Colleen Jennings-Roggensack
Chair, 2007-2008 ASU MLK Jr. Committee

National Anthem

McClintock High School Chanticleers – Katie Healy, Director

Essay Reading

Ryan Wultz, Franklin Northeast School, 2nd grade

Welcome

Overview of MLK Jr. Committee Achievements
Recognition of Mark Dudlik

Essay Reading

Amy Tamowski, Poston Junior High School, 8th grade

Presentation of the ASU Martin Luther King, Jr. Servant Leadership Awards

President Michael Crow, Arizona State University

AWARDEES

Kelley Stewart – ASU Student
and
Dr. Peterson Zah

Essay Reading

Olivia Wilson, Franklin Northeast School, 5th grade

Essay, Poster Contest Recognition

Wadell Blackwell, Co-chair, 2007-2008 ASU MLK Jr. Committee

Essay Reading

Mikaela Gibson, Chaparral High School, 10th grade

Closing Remarks

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

McClintock High School Chanticleers – Katie Healy, Director

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K-12 Student Contest Winners
Poster/Bookmark Awardees

Primary Grades K-2

First Place

Andres Saldana, Grade 2
Teacher: Laura Johnson
Principal: Rita Martinez
Superintendent: Michael Martinez
School: C.W. Harris Elementary
District: Cartwright

Second Place

Chelsea Contreras, Grade 2
Teacher: Ryan MacLay
Principal: Michael Heidenblut
Superintendent: Debra Duvall
School: Franklin Northeast
District: Mesa Public School

Third Place

Taylor Price, Grade 2
Teacher: Connie Spencer
Principal: Michael Heidenblut
Superintendent: Debra Duvall
School: Franklin Northeast
District: Mesa Public School

Intermediate Grades 3-5

First Place

McKay Keith, Grade 4
Teacher: Heather Jensen
Principal: Alicia Phillips
Superintendent: Mike Aylstock
School: Blue Ridge Middle
School
District: Blue Ridge

Second Place

Chris Carbajal, Grade 5
Teacher: Yolanda Merritt
Principal: Richard Stinnett
Superintendent: Roger Freeman
School: Country Place Elementary
District: Littleton Elementary #65

Third Place

Rebecca Luttrell, Grade 4
Teacher: Masa Crook
Principal: James Devlin
Superintendent: James Devlin
School: Vernon Elementary School
District: Vernon Elementary #9

Middle Grades 6-8

First Place

Cody Colclasure, Grade 7
Teacher: Wes Wagner
Principal: Cindy Hans
Superintendent: John Baracy
School: Ingleside Middle School
District: Scottsdale Unified

Second Place

Nathalie Vitale, Grade 8
Teacher: Deidre Rand
Principal: Chris Asmussen
Superintendent: John Baracy
School: Mountainside Middle
School
District: Scottsdale Unified

Third Place

Sarah Atchinson, Grade 8
Teacher: Deidre Rand
Principal: Chris Asmussen
Superintendent: John Baracy
School: Mountainside Middle
School
District: Scottsdale Unified

Secondary Grades 9-12

First Place

Connie Ko, Grade 12
Teacher: Suellen Roediger
Principal: Rosy Beetcher
Superintendent: Roger Pfeuffer
School: University High School
District: Tucson Unified

Second Place

Leah Edwards, Grade 10
Teacher: Suellen Roediger
Principal: Rosy Beetcher
Superintendent: Roger Pfeuffer
School: University High School
District: Tucson Unified

Third Place

Jasmin Forney, Grade 12
Teacher: Don Gilbue
Principal: Helen Riddle
Superintendent: Debra Duvall
School: Westwood High School
District: Mesa Public School