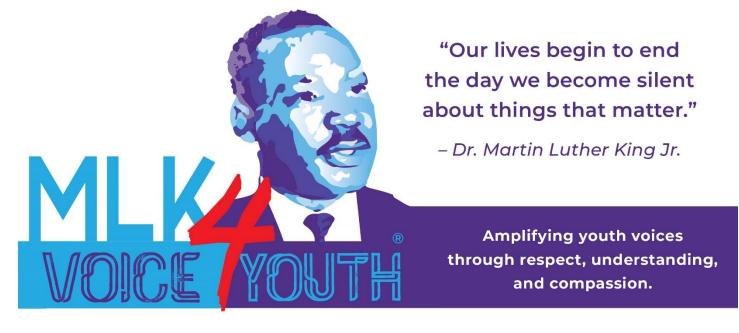
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MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH Planning Committee is pleased & grateful to announce our judges for 2022. *They are:*

Donald Blakey, Director, DonDel Theatre Company Maria De Los Angeles Cabrera, Councilwoman at Large & President Pro-Tem Bebe Coker, Black Heritage Educational Theater Group Kaamilah Diabaté, 2016 MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH Winner Vernita Dorsey, Senior Vice-President, Director of Community Strategy, WSFS Bank Shannon Griffin, Senior Policy Advocate, ACLU, American Civil Liberties Union, Delaware Dr. Guillermina Gonzalez, Professor, College of Business, Wilmington University Edwin Hernandez-Vargas, Community Relations & Outreach Director, Office of the Lt. Governor The Rev. Dr. Marta Illueca, Brandywine Collaborative Ministries, the Episcopal Church in DE Jesse Johnson, Chair, Social Sciences, Delaware Technical Community College The Rev. Dr. Lawrence M. Livingston, Assist. Prof. Africana Studies, University of Delaware Senator Elizabeth "Tizzy" Lockman, Third District Senator Sarah McBride, First District Dr. John Moore, United Way of Delaware Nana Ohemaa Asante, 2017 MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH 2nd Prize Winner, University of Delaware Deborah Olatunji, 2019 MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH Winner, University of Pennsylvania Dr. Keith Pettiford, Gamma Theta Lambda Education Foundation, Inc. Luis Santiago, Vice President, Bank of America Nyani Scott, 2020 MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH Winner, Howard University Ian Smith, Parks & Recreation Director, City of Wilmington Jea Street, Youth Advocate, Singer-songwriter, Educator Dr. Freeman L. Williams, Newark NAACP Branch President

Thank you judges for taking on the task of selecting our 7 final performances and ultimately the winners who will receive cash prizes of: \$2,000 first prize; \$1,000 second prize; & \$500 third prize.

Online Registration Opens - International Peace Day - September 21st through the YWCA Delaware.

For more information and/or to register visit: YWCA DELAWARE @ <u>www.ywcade.org/homepage/events/mlk-voice-4-youth-2022</u>

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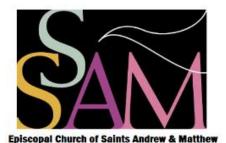
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ABOUT MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH

Presented by the YWCA Delaware and Christ Church Christiana Hundred, MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH is a statewide, spoken word contest for high school students, grades 9 - 12. The contest challenges students to reflect and creatively share how Dr. King's legacy guides their response to today's challenges. In 2022, MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH will celebrate its 7th year encouraging youth to SPEAK UP for social change through respect, understanding, and compassion.

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