

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration

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To the UT Southwestern community:

Yesterday, we honored the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and marked the occasion as a holiday on the UT Southwestern campus. At noon tomorrow, we will hold our annual [Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration](#). More than a holiday, MLK Day presents an opportunity to advance our efforts – as individuals and as an academic medical center – to take meaningful action against racism and social injustice.

I hope you will consider participating tomorrow via Zoom, when we celebrate the life and lessons of Dr. King. Although we mark the occasion in a virtual format, this is the 34th year that the UT Southwestern community will come together to honor Dr. King. We are grateful that Dr. Thomas LaVeist, Dean of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, will serve as our keynote speaker. Dr. LaVeist is a renowned author, researcher, and filmmaker in the field of race and social disparities in health-related outcomes. As in past years, we will also celebrate the exceptional community service of several students from our three schools through our Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program.

Please [register](#) for tomorrow's event. For more information, visit [Center Times Plus](#).

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