

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD students to share their 2021 vision of MLK's dream during annual oratory competition

WHAT: The final round of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratory Competition will allow 12 Houston Independent School District students to showcase their public speaking skills. This year students will answer the question: "How do you think Dr. King's teachings can help us today?"

Fourth- and fifth-grade HISD students will deliver original speeches inspired by the late civil rights leader.

The 2020-2021 finalists are:

- Jason Hudson, Atherton Elementary School, fourth grade
- Andrianna Harden, Bastian Elementary School, fifth grade
- Vivianna Serna, Crespo Elementary School, fourth grade
- Jada Rountree, Dogan Elementary School, fifth grade
- Pahy'tton Williams, Foster Elementary School, fourth grade
- Skylar Stevenson, Law Elementary School, fourth grade
- Mikeen Holiday, Bell Elementary School, fourth grade
- Channing Roberts, MacGregor Elementary School, fourth grade
- Jakiyah Bickham, Pleasantville Elementary School, fourth grade
- Kamila Reyes, Sutton Elementary School, fourth grade
- Goodwill Nsude, Valley West Elementary School, fifth grade
- Madison Jones Austin, Young Elementary School, fifth grade

Students are judged on delivery, stage presence and decorum, content interpretation, and memorization. The winner will receive \$1,000. The runner-up will receive \$500, while the third-place contestant will receive \$300. Other finalists will each receive \$100.

The nationally recognized competition marks its 25th anniversary this year. It is sponsored by Foley & Lardner LLP law firm.

The competition will be streamed live at www.HoustonISD.org/livety and on HISD's [Facebook page](#).

WHO: HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, Foley & Lardner, LLP Chief Administrative Officer **Claude Treece**, HISD students and educators

WHEN: Friday, Jan. 15

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center
4400 West 18th St., 77092

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