

Agenda Item: 1.b

Meeting Date: January 25, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Date: 2024-01-16

From: Phyllis Gorshe, Library Director

Subject: Recognition of the City of Dunedin Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr Essay Contest Winners

Presenter(s): Phyllis Gorshe, Library Director; and essay contest winners

Recommend: Commission recognition of the 2024 City of Dunedin MLK Jr Essay Contest Winners:

- Saashiv Gupta - Dunedin Highland Middle School;
- Amelia Lane - Dunedin Highland Middle School;
- Isabella Lemmons - San Jose Elementary School;
- Dulce Rodriguez-Escamilla - Dunedin High School; and
- Zoey Vetter - Dunedin High School

Epic Goal(s): Goal #5 - Enhance community relationship strategies that strengthen inclusiveness, respect, transparency and collaborative engagement.

Boards & Committees: N / A

Budget Impact: N / A

Past Action: The City hosts an annual MLK Jr Essay Contest for Dunedin students of all ages and the winners share their essays at the Diversity Breakfast. Winners are then recognized at a City Commission meeting.

Next Action: Recognize winners of the 2024 MLK Jr essay contest.

Attachments: [A. MLK Jr., Essays \(January 2024\).pdf](#),

Background:

The City of Dunedin hosts an annual MLK Jr Essay Contest to honor and celebrate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The winners read their essays at the Diversity Breakfast hosted by the Dunedin Parks and Recreation Department the Saturday before Martin Luther King Jr Day.

At the Commission Meeting, to be held on January 25, 2024, the essay contest winners will be recognized with a certificate and gift card.