

Agenda Item: 1.a
Meeting Date: January 22, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Phyllis Gorshe, Library Director

Date: 2026-01-14

Subject: City of Dunedin Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest Winners

Presenter(s): Phyllis Gorshe

Staff Recommendation: Recognize the winners of the 2026 Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest:
~ Noah Berry - San Jose Elementary School
~ Daphne Golden - Sora Schools Middle School
~ Amelia Hardie - Garrison-Jones Elementary School
~ Dylan Hernandez - Dunedin Highland Middle School
~ Indira Yenger - Dunedin High School

Strategic Themes: Community Amenities

Boards & Committees: N / A

Budget Impact: N / A

Past Action: This is an annual event held during a Commission Meeting to recognize the winners of the City of Dunedin's Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest. Students read their winning essays at the City of Dunedin Diversity Breakfast.

Next Action: Recognize winners of the essay contest.

Attachments: [A. MLK, Jr Essays \(2026\).pdf](#)

Background: The City of Dunedin hosts an essay contest each year with the theme to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The essay winners read their essays at the Diversity Breakfast held the Saturday before Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Students are then recognized at a City of Dunedin Commission Meeting.