

***“One People, One Nation,
One Dream...
Let’s Keep Moving Forward”***



**36th Annual Ventura County
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION**

**Monday, January 17, 2022
10:00 a.m. - Online Celebration
Keynote Speaker: Professor Perry B. Martin, Jr.**

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Perry B. Martin, Jr.

Perry B. Martin Jr. is a Professor of Business at Moorpark College, Senior Adjunct Faculty of Leadership at the University of La Verne, and the former Executive Director for the Community Advocacy Coalition (CAC). Professor Martin also serves as the Director of Faculty Development and is a full time Professor of Business at the University of West Los Angeles (UWLA). Professor Martin is the President of the Jackson State University (JSU) Los Angeles Alumni Association Chapter. Professor Martin is the Co-founder of the Teaching Women

and Men of Color Advocates (TWMOCAs) at Moorpark College. In this capacity he serves as the Chair of a “Grassroots” advocacy organization designed to advocate for students, engage the institution’s faculty, staff, and administration on significant issues that adversely impact students of color. His teaching portfolio is widely diversified. It ranges from teaching at urban and suburban institutions, military international and national training schools, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HIS), city and community colleges, rural and urban high schools, and the California Youth Authority (CYA).

Mr. Martin is the President and founder of Vouchers LLC Personal and Professional Development Company. Vouchers LLC, consulting company principle mission focuses on Personal Accountability, Skill Development, Myers Briggs Assessments, Clifton Strengths Finder Assessments, and Management and Leadership.

Professor Martin is a retired United States Army Sergeants Major (E-9). Sergeant Major Martin earned the distinction of being the first enlisted African American Soldier to be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for combat in the nation’s fight in the Global War on Terrorism after 9/11. Throughout his 21 year military career he served in various leadership positions with increased levels of responsibility. While serving in a wide array of assignments, he assimilated his military training and knowledge into to his business acumen.

Sergeant Major Martin received several other awards throughout his career, to include the Legion of Merit, the Combat Action Badge (with Arrowhead Distinction), five Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Accommodation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, and the Air Assault Badge just to name a few. He recently received the “Men of Distinction” award from the Delta Sigma Theta’s Torch Bearers Foundation.

Professor Martin’s civilian education includes an Associate’s Degree in General Studies from Central Texas College, a Bachelors of Science Degree in Social Psychology (graduated Sum Cum Laude) from Park University. He holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA), a Masters of Arts Degree in Management and Leadership, and a Masters of Arts Degree in Human Resource Development from Webster University.

He is a member of several civic and social organizations, Including the Ventura Military Collaborative, the Ventura County Chapter of the NAACP, Working for America, 1st Calvary Division Association, Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society, the Pinnacle Honor Society, and the California Association of Black MBA’s. He served as a delegate for the California Democratic Party National Convention (44th District), and serves on the Veterans Advisory Committee for United States Congresswoman Julie Brownley’s 26th Congressional District.

Perry is the proud father of seven “Go-Getters,” Mariah, Perry III, Roderick, Christian, Remington, Jayden, and Kenton. He lives with and enjoys a wonderful life with his Fiancé Mechellet Armelin.

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Master of CeremoniesMC Rock, Let’s Play Ultimate Events!

Pledge of Allegiance MC Rock

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” ...The 2021/2022 Oxnard High School Marching Swarm, Directed by André Spence

Call to Action (Action details at bottom of program)..... Dr. Bernice A. King, CEO of the King Center

Welcome Councilmember Lorrie Brown, City of Ventura, District 6

Scripture Reading, Old Testament Mackenzie L. Anderson, 10th grade, Camarillo High School

Scripture Reading, New Testament Jonathan Garcia, 11th grade, Oxnard High School

InvocationPastor Steve Abraham, New Life Community Church, Oxnard

Musical SelectionMLK Celebration Choir, Directed by André Richards

Messages from Elected Officials.....United States Congresswoman Julia Brownley, 26th District
California State Senator Monique Limón, 19th Senate District

Spoken Word SelectionTaylor Thornton

Messages from Elected OfficialsCalifornia State Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin, 44th Assembly District
Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, District 5

Acknowledgement of Clergy and Community Leaders MC Rock

Presentation of 20th Century Onyx Club 2022 Debutantes Lana Ingram

Messages from Elected OfficialsCalifornia State Assemblymember Steve Bennett, 37th District
Mayor of Oxnard John Zaragoza

Musical Selection: “All the Earth Rejoice”Tamara Thomas

History of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Speech Contest Dr. Iva Jeffreys, MLK Committee

2021 Speech Contest Winner: Paulina Betancourt, 6th grade, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, Oxnard

Musical Selection: “Pray On”King Harris

Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....Ron Robinson, Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee Member

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BenedictionBishop Princeton L. Allen, Ephraim Manasseh Worship Center, Oxnard

Message from the Martin Luther King, Jr. CommitteeLaRita Montgomery

“Happy Birthday” by Stevie WonderAudience singalong

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Call to Action - (Repeat daily as required)

Minimal script: I'm calling from [zip code] to ask Sen. [] to push through the **Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act**, carving out the filibuster as necessary to enact this essential legislation.

- **Senator Feinstein:** DC office (202) 224-3841, Los Angeles office (310) 914-7300,
- **and Senator Padilla:** DC office (202) 224-3553, Los Angeles office (310) 231-4494