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**Living the Dream. . . Let Freedom Ring for Rebuilding Our Community and Nation
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Fresno County students are honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by participating in art, speech, and essay contests. This year, over 200 students participated, with 139 submitting works of art, while others delivered speeches or wrote essays. From January 27 through February 19, over 40 selected pieces of student art are on display at Fresno County Office of Education, 1111 Van Ness.

The artists, along with the essay winners and speech winners, will be honored at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Exhibition and Reception on February 11th from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the county office. In an open house format, visitors will be able to view the art in the lobby, watch the winning speakers on video in Room 201, read the winning essays, and enjoy refreshments.

The contests are sponsored by the Fresno County Office of Education, in conjunction with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Committee. Details about other Martin Luther King, Jr. events which are held yearly on the weekend closest to MLK's birthday, can be found at the MLK, Jr. Unity Committee's website: www.mlkfresno.com

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