

# Capturing a Vision

Martin Luther King Jr.  
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### Dear Ladies of Pearls & Ivy,

I hope you all have enjoyed your holiday season, and have received plenty of rest! I would like to begin by welcoming you all back to the organization from our lengthy break. Also, I would like to formally introduce myself to our new members, my name is Bianca Murrell, and I am your Pearls & Ivy President for 2010 & 2011. I am anticipating us interacting and learning together this year.

In the fall, we were all able to participate in multiple activities that paralleled with our theme: Sisters United to Provide Service. Pearls & Ivy volunteered at Crissais Closet, The Boys and Girls Club of Plano, we participated in a canned food drive, and we also provided four less fortunate families with holiday baskets. We accomplished a great amount this fall, and I am excited to see all that we accomplish this spring. In this organization, you can expect to work hard and to have fun! Our annual Pearls & Ivy Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, and this event gives all of us the chance to celebrate our success, and spend time together since we're all from different areas of Collin County.

On behalf of the Pearls & Ivy Officers and the members of Chi Zeta Omega, who serve on the Pearls & Ivy committee, we would like to thank you for your dedication and participation to this wonderful program. We look forward to watching you all bloom into beautiful young ladies and young women this year. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Bianca Murrell

Pearls & Ivy President

## How Martin Luther King Jr. Has Inspired Me

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inspired me in so many ways. He was a really great man and a memorable leader. He fought to end segregation in schools and to ensure that everyone was treated equal. He wasn't afraid to stand up for what he believed in. He was determined to make the world a better place for blacks to live. His entire sacrifice has taught me to never give up on my dreams. He is my hero.

By: Shana Tubwell



30 years after his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King's Legacy still lives. Although this legacy has numerous meanings to thousands of people around the world, for me it means freedom. The freedom of education. The freedom of choice. The freedom that comes with the knowledge that I will be judged not by the color of my skin, but by the content of my character. His words and his life have inspired me to strive for excellence in all my endeavors.

By: Funmi Badejo

# Happy Birthday!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a very recognized name in history and for good reason. He made a huge impact on our society and students and citizens alike are still learning about his many great works and sacrifices. The legacy of Dr. King is in inspiration to us all, it represents the unlimited amount of changes one person can make in society. He inspires me to observe my surrounding and take notice of what I can do to make a difference. One person was able to persuade an entire race to act non-violently in order to make a change. Dr. King overcame adversity and emotional stress. Many times his family was even threatened. Throughout all of this he kept his mind set on the greater goal ahead and in the end he accomplished it with much grace.

By: Ebony Franeis

Martin Luther King Jr. has made me realize that anything is possible. He overcame what was one of the biggest obstacles in the African American community, racism and segregation. Martin Luther King Jr. endured many trials and tribulations; such as being sprayed by water hoses, dog attacks and being assassinated. It is unbearable to imagine the everyday issues that he faced and not knowing what could happen next. The Civil Rights Movement was a very hostile time period. We have come so far as a country today because of the courageous actions and determination that Martin Luther King Jr. strived for. One of my favorite quotes by him is, "The ultimate test of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and moments of convenience, but where he stands in moments of challenge and moments of controversy. I interpret that as when situations are challenging, the strong individuals stay and handle the problem both good and bad; instead of only being around when the situation is good. That is exactly why Martin Luther King Jr. is such an important individual in history because he never gave up even when things were tough, and he gave his life, so others may live their life with more respect and human dignity, I genuinely admire Dr. King and the way he lived his life.

By: Lauren Priestly



# UPCOMING EVENTS

January/February

## January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 \$100 due ACT/SAT Registration
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 MLK Parade P&I Retreat
16	17 MLK Community Service	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Etiquette Session  KAY Career Day

**Jan 8**  
8:00 AM  
Pictures  
Monthly Meeting  
Final \$100 installment due  
Escort / Parent Orientation  
Copy of Fall Grades due  
ACT/SAT Registration Proof –  
Bring documentation to meeting

Murphy City Hall  
206 North Murphy Rd  
Murphy, TX



**Jan 15**  
8:30 AM - Power Leadership Breakfast - South Fork Hotel, 1600 North Central Expressway  
10:30 AM - Unity March MLK Parade  
11:45 AM - City Hall Program- Plano City Hall, 1520 Avenue K  
1:00 PM - Health Fair - 1111 H Ave Plano, TX  
Luncheon



**1:30 AM - P&I Retreat-** Springhill Retreat Center, Richardson, TX

**Jan 17 -** MLK Community Service Event - Frisco Family Services - Resale Store  
8:00 AM 9085 Dogwood  
Frisco, TX 75034

**Jan 29** Etiquette Session Being a Gracious Host - Chocolate Angel Tea Room  
3:00 PM 635 W Campbell Rd  
Richardson, TX

**3:30pm** KAY Career Day (Escort Attendance) Holiday Inn  
655 N. Central Expressway  
Richardson, Texas

**Jan 31** ACT or SAT score or confirmation of testing date



### Attire

Senior dresses should be purchased and reviewed by January 21<sup>st</sup>. Junior dresses will be addressed by the end of January for purchase

Any Questions? Please contact cgallaspy1908@att.net

Happy Birthday!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## The Art of Writing a "Thank You" Letter by Soror Felicia Layeni, Etiquette Coach



As a Pearls and Ivy Debutante, you have so much to be excited about -- especially as you prepare for your social season. As a poised young lady, you will want show appreciation for all acts of kindness and generosity, you will want to do so in a way that shows that you are one who cares enough to take the time to express that appreciation in a respectful, traditional way, using the proper protocol.

Later, your timely and well-written thank you letters will help you stand out among peers when thanking your professors, and when interviewing or thanking your boss and colleagues. The topics will change, but the rules are the same.

- The following are some tips to consider as you get started in the art of "thank you" letter writing.
- Buy stationery or note cards that reflect your personality. Buy blank cards, all thoughts should be your own. Purchase paper? Buy half-sized sheets or smaller. These are perfect for writing nice, concise notes.
  - All gifts deserve a card. The litmus test in determining whether someone is "exempt" from receiving a card is "does he or she live under my roof?" If the answer is no, then it's time to start writing!
  - Traditional notes are always handwritten in cursive. Printed notes are not only impersonal, but tacky.
  - Write your name and address on the BACK flap of the envelope. Center the name and address of the person to whom you are writing on the front.

### For a proper thank-you, do the following:

- Write the date at the top of the page
- Offer greetings: Ex. "Dear Aunt Kim"
- Express gratitude, being specific about what gift has been given
- Say something nice about the gift
- Say something nice about the person
- Offer the final thank you: Ex. "Heartfelt thanks to you again for such a wonderful gift!"
- Give regards and sign your name: Ex. "Love always, Felicia."

### Other times to send notes are when:

- You have been an overnight guest in someone's home
- An act of kindness has been bestowed upon you (help with a homework assignment, project, etc.)
- After receiving any gift for any occasion.
- Three days is the ideal timeframe for sending a thank-you note. A week is okay, but anything longer than a month is poor etiquette.

I hope you have found this information helpful.  
Feel free to contact me at [Felicia.layeni@verizon.net](mailto:Felicia.layeni@verizon.net) if you have any questions.  
In the meantime, happy writing!

## Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

### Career Day

January 29, 2011  
3:30-4:30pm  
Holiday Inn  
1655 N. Central Expressway,  
Richardson, Texas



**\*\*ESCORTS\*\***  
Please attend this event

A variety of careers will be represented in addition to area colleges.  
There will be refreshments and give aways for the students.

To register for the event, please email the students name, grade and school to [kburnett57@yahoo.com](mailto:kburnett57@yahoo.com)

## February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Waltz Practice
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 P&I Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Waltz Practice
20 Scrapbook Class	21	22	23	24	25	26 Dinner Waltz Practice

## PAST EVENTS December

Debutantes at the Tuzer Ballet Nutcracker



- Dec 18 Ball Gown Showcase II
- Dec 19 Tuzer Ballet Nutcracker at 2:00pm  
*Debutantes in attendance*  
Funmi Badejo Candace Johnson  
Patrycia Liggins Bianca Murrell  
Shana Tubwell Kayla Washington  
Kara Washington
- Dec 21 Last day for personal tea registration
- Jan 8 Photo Shoot of the debutantes and escorts

Questions? Please contact Mia Patterson at (773) 780-5900