

**Intercollegiate MLK ORATORY CONTEST**  
**Monday, January 18, 2016**  
**Saint John's University, Stephen B. Humphrey Theater**  
**7:00pm – 8:30pm (approximate)**  
*The event is free and open to the public.*

**Eligibility:**

This contest is open to currently-enrolled students and recent graduates (January 2015 – December 2015) of one of the following institutions:

- College of Hair Design – St. Cloud
- College of Saint Benedict | Saint John's University
- College of St. Scholastica – St. Cloud
- Minnesota School of Business – St. Cloud
- Rasmussen College – St. Cloud
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Cloud Technical and Community College

**Interested students must submit the following:**

1. A video of them performing the piece (in English) that is no longer than 5 minutes in length; and
2. A document (PDF or Word) of the piece (in English)

With their interpretation of the following MLK quote for our time from "A Time to Break Silence:"

*"This I believe to be the privilege and the burden of all of us who deem ourselves bound by allegiances and loyalties which are broader and deeper than nationalism and which go beyond our nation's self-defined goals and positions. We are called to speak for the weak, for the voiceless, for victims of our nation and for those it calls enemy, for no document from human hands can make these humans any less our brothers."*

**Submit your entries here:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/0pJsL0uszy0WNFB26Gcl>

**Evaluation criteria:**

Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Eloquence
- Performance
- Interpretation of the quote
- Originality
- Scholarly honesty

**Timeline:**

**January 13, 2016:** Submissions must be received by 8:00 a.m. (CST)

**January 14, 2016:** Review of submissions will be completed

**January 15, 2016:** Selected contestants will be invited to the in-person competition

- If your entry is selected and you are invited to participate in the in-person competition on MLK Day, you will need to:
  - Submit a brief biography (no more than 100 words) by 5:00pm (CDT) on **January 15, 2016** by email to [blwoodard@csbsju.edu](mailto:blwoodard@csbsju.edu)
  - Arrive no later than 6:30pm at the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater on Monday, January 18, 2016; you are responsible for travel to and from the event
  - Provide proof of your student status:
    - ♣ Student ID and current class schedule or transcript; or
    - ♣ Certified letter from the Registrar or an Admission representative verifying your student status (current or recent graduate)
- Prize recipients will be required to show proof of identity and will need to complete mandatory paperwork

**Prizes:**

1st place will receive \$500.00

2nd place will receive \$300.00

3rd place will receive \$200.00

For more information or to speak about accommodations, please contact Brandyn Woodard at: [blwoodard@csbsju.edu](mailto:blwoodard@csbsju.edu)