



Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Community Celebration

8:30 a.m., Monday, January 18, 2021

SALLY & JIM NATION THEATRE, IDA GREEN COMMUNICATION CENTER
ON THE AUSTIN COLLEGE CAMPUS, SHERMAN, TEXAS
AND LIVE-STREAMED

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hosted by: Austin College,
Grayson County Rotary Club, and Sherman Rotary Club

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PROGRAM

- Opening Remarks and Invocation – 8:30 a.m. Rev. Charles Brown Jr.
New Birth Cathedral of Praise
- Welcome – 8:35 a.m. Steven P. O’ Day, J. D.
President, Austin College
- Pledge of Allegiance and Rotary 4-Way Test – 8:40 a.m. Nadia Hannon ’21
President, Austin College Rotaract
- Introduction of Student Speaker – 8:45 a.m. Steven P. O’ Day, J. D.
President, Austin College
- Student Speaker – 8:45 a.m. Victoria Star Gilbert ’21
Founder & President, Austin College Book Club
- ’Roos Reading Library Service Project – 8:55 a.m. Aneurin Minson ’21
Austin College Service Station Board
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker – 9:00 a.m. Andie Lane
President, Sherman Rotary
- Keynote – 9:05 a.m. Terrence Steele
Assistant City Manager, City of Sherman
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Scholarship – 9:20 a.m. Dr. Al Hambrick
Grayson County NAACP Branch
- Closing Comments 9:25 a.m. Edwin Clark
President, Grayson County Rotary
- Farewell Remarks – 9:30 a.m. Rev. Charles Brown Jr.
New Birth Cathedral of Praise

Pledge of Allegiance	THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Is it the TRUTH?2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Grayson County NAACP Scholarship

Each year, this event is a fundraising opportunity for the Grayson county NAACP Scholarship Program. Rather than passing a basket, this year donations can be made online via the online charitable giving platform *ActBlue* or the *Givelify* app.

(<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/grayson-county-naacp-branch-1>)

Our Speakers

Victoria Star Gilbert '21

Born and raised in Dallas Texas, Victoria Star Gilbert came to Austin College to pursue her multi-disciplinary career interests. She will graduate from Austin College in May 2021 with majors in both East Asian Studies and International Economics and Finance, as well as a minor in Art.

Victoria's life mission is to build inclusive environments that welcome and represent diverse, global, and underrepresented groups. She has made her mark on campus as Vice President of Black Expressions, Executive Council Member of Student International Organization, an Intern in the Institutional Marketing and Communications Division Public Affairs Office, and as Founder and President of the first AC campus book club for students, where the mission is to read important books that aren't regularly taught in school.

Terrence Steele

Terrence Steele is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, and a grassroots leader who brings a challenge to traditional ways of thinking. Through his unwavering commitment to the philosophy that "needs must not be compromised," he has taken a leadership role in a variety of community efforts.

He has served as an elected official for the City of Sherman for 4 terms, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of several local nonprofits. He is employed with the City of Sherman as the Assistant City Manager, responsible for overseeing the following departments of the City: Human Resources, Neighborhood Services, Animal Services, Parks and Recreation, Library Services, and Community Development.

Mr. Steele is a Desert Storm veteran with military service in the United States Air Force. While on active duty, he achieved the non-commissioned rank of Staff Sergeant and received numerous decorations, medals, and badges. He shares the extensive leadership skills acquired during his military career with young people of the community in many character-building projects.

Thank you for celebrating with us!