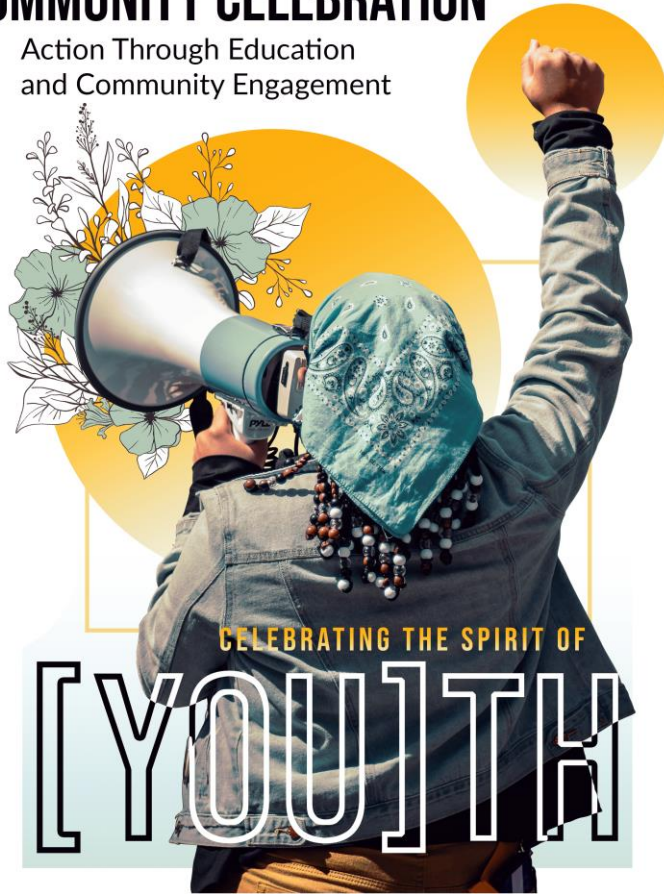


# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Action Through Education  
and Community Engagement



**MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023 11:00 A.M. TO NOON**

Ida Green Communication Center | Sally & Jim Nation Theatre  
Austin College | 1201 E. Brockett Street, Sherman, TX  
Hosted by Austin College, Grayson County Rotary Club & Sherman Rotary Club

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**PROGRAM**

Opening Remarks . . . . . Clemon White '24 and Kaitlyn Malone '23  
11:00 a.m. *Student Emcees*

Welcome . . . . . Steven P. O' Day, J. D., L.H.D.  
*Austin College President*

Pledge of Allegiance & Rotary 4-Way Test. . . Sam Alam, Miles Drenner, Leif Inocian,  
Omar Meza, Mia Passanisi  
*Sherman High School Interact Club Members*

Introduction of Student Speaker . . . . . Kaitlyn Malone '23  
*Austin College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Intern*

Student Speaker . . . . . Rebecca Osei '23  
11:10 a.m. *Austin College Service Station Board member & Peer Writing Assistant*

Musical Tribute . . . . . "A Change is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke  
11:20 a.m. *Performed by Dr. Lisa M. Brown and Clemon White '24  
Austin College Dean of Social Sciences & Professor of Psychology*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker . . . . . Dr. Carillos Lassiter  
*Austin College Vice President for Student Affairs/Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer*

Keynote . . . . . Rev. James "Jimmy" Petty  
11:30 a.m. *Grayson County Veterans Service Officer*

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Scholarship . . . . . Dr. Al Hambrick '79  
*NAACP Grayson County Branch President*

Closing Comments . . . . . Paul Manley and Paul Terrell  
11:50 a.m.

*Grayson County Rotary President and Sherman Rotary President*

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Pledge of Allegiance

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.

THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

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?

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## OUR SPEAKERS

### Rebecca Osei '23



Rebecca is a senior from Dallas, Texas, majoring in Public Health and minoring in Nonprofit Organizations and Public Service (NPOPS). She is currently a Service Station Board member and a Peer Writing Assistant at the Scarbrough Writing Center. Previous leadership positions Rebecca has held include President of Black Expressions and Vice President of Service of Alpha Phi Omega (APO). Upon graduation, Rebecca will be taking a gap year before applying to Physician Associate school. She is

excited to celebrate the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and to highlight the link between community and education.

### James Petty



Jimmy Petty was born in Laundstul, Germany and graduated Rockdale High School in 1976. He graduated from the United States Military Academy (West Point) in 1981 and served 6 years in the U.S Army, advancing to the rank of Captain. Afterward, he worked 13 years as a manufacturing manager with Procter and Gamble Corporation. In May of 1993, Petty accepted a call to the Ministry. He attended Dallas Theological Seminary from 2000 to 2005, graduating with a Master of Theology Degree in Pastoral Studies. He has served as the Grayson County Veterans Services Officer since 2010 and is a founding member and current Board of Directors member for Grayson County Veterans Treatment Court. Petty has been the Pastor of Samaria Baptist Church since 2004. He and his wife, Gail, have been married 41 years, live in Sherman, and have two grown children.

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**Thank you for celebrating with us!**