The planning committee for the 25th Annual Commemorative Celebration of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. invites you to participate in our first ever Poetry Slam Contest!

Theme: Discovering OUR Culture through the Mind of MLK!

Place: LBJSC Ballroom

Time: 7:00pm

Date: January 21, 2009

Overview: This will be a competitive poetry slam event rated by panel of judges and audience support. You must submit your poem by December 31, 2009 in order to participate! Please submit to Mr. Tate Brooks, Chair of MLK Entertainment: tb1248@txstate.edu. You will be notified if your poem is selected to be a part of the competition.

Guidelines:

▪ Must be a part of the Texas State community: faculty, staff or student

▪ Each poem must be an original piece by the artist (no plagiarism)

▪ Each poet will be given 3 minutes (plus a ten-second grace period) to read their poem. If the poet exceed this time, points will be deducted from the total score

▪ Each poet must abide by the given theme: “Discovering OUR Culture through the Mind of MLK”

▪ Poets may not use props, costumes, or musical instruments

▪ No profanity, sexual explicit language or racial slurs may be used

▪ Poets will be judged on originality, creativity, delivery and abidance of the MLK theme

Prizes: 1st place winner — $250.00

2nd place winner — $150.00

3rd place winner — prize