Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the most well known civil rights activists in the United States and around the world. Using nonviolent methods, Dr. King was able to help secure advancements for civil rights leaving a legacy that has allowed millions of Americans to reach their potential.

The MLK Reflections Contest invites you to develop a well thought out essay, poem, spoken word or video that draws on the quote and responds to the question below. Your submission should demonstrate a careful analysis, synthesis and evaluation of Dr. King’s poignant words.

**Essay Question:**
Is the Post-Racial Discourse of today, an attempt to silence us about things that matter? If so, how do you understand post-racial discourse within and outside of the context of your Tufts experience?

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:**

- Only one entry per student may be submitted.
- First ($250), Second ($150) and Third ($100) Prizes will be awarded. The First Prize winner will have the opportunity to read their reflection at the Annual MLK Celebration Program on January 31, 2011 at 4:30 pm.
- Writing submissions should be 12-point font, double spaced and no longer than 1,200 words submitted in Microsoft Word or a compatible format. Page numbers and an essay title should also be included.
- Spoken Word or Video entries should be no longer than 10 minutes in length.
- Essays will be evaluated based on quality of idea(s), presentation and organization, clarity, appropriate use of evidence and mastery of undergraduate/graduate level writing skills. It is your responsibility to submit only your own original work and abide by the Tufts University academic integrity guidelines: http://studentservices.tufts.edu/dos/publications.htm.

Submissions must be emailed to Africana@gmail.com by January 7, 2011, 5:00pm EST

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