

# HONORS EXPRESS

Monthly updates of developments within the Honors community

One of the enduring legacies of Martin Luther King, Jr. is the notion of the “beloved community.” Like many of his legacies, it was not original to him, but through his speeches and actions he transposed the ideas of others like Josiah Royce and Mohandas Gandhi into a key that continues to resonate deeply across many divisions in our society. Tasked with keeping this vision alive after his assassination, the King Center in Atlanta offers this summary: “In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism...will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. ... Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred.” I caught a glimpse of this beloved community a week ago while in Washington, D.C. for a conference of ethicists. I found myself on my free Sunday sitting in a makeshift chapel next to Viterbo Honors alum Jed Barton ('17), where he is the clinic manager at Christ House, a residential medical treatment facility for persons experiencing homelessness. Looking around at those gathered, singing through the liturgy of the African American Catholic hymnal with a preface from Viterbo’s former professor Sr. Thea Bowman, I caught a glimpse of what it looks like to build a community around “love and trust instead of fear and hatred” -- a community animated by “an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood” and motivated by an active resistance to the persistence of the social ills of poverty and homelessness. Glimpses. Perhaps this is the only way we can take in the scope and scale of a vision like the beloved community that challenges us daily to live into something that has so far exceeded our human ability to enact. As we honor the legacy of King today, it is worth reflecting on where you catch glimpses of his vision, even as the work to realize it continues.

-Matthew Bersagel Braley

## January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Classes Start	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. 	21	22	23 	24 Game Night	25 Service Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



Jan. 23: Stephanie Hayne

### Events

 Jan. 20: **Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**, Lynda Blackmon Lowery, Author of *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* @ 7:00pm in Main Theater

 Jan. 17: **Honors Game/ Movie Night**  
6:30pm in Honors Lounge

 Jan. 25: **Service Saturday** with FSPA Sisters.

The Honors Program’s Annual

## CHILI COOK-OFF



**Thursday, Feb. 11**  
**11-1:00 pm**  
**1st Floor Nursing Lobby**

Free will offering.  
Winner determined by popular vote.

Want to compete? Email Marne Boehm  
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