

Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc. is Honoring the Legacy of
— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. —

2026 Oratorical Contest

In partnership with St. Petersburg College ~ Tarpon Springs Campus

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:30 pm

St. Petersburg College — Tarpon Springs Campus

Fine Arts Auditorium (Room: FA132)

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Competition Categories/Themes:

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How can you help your community move forward positively?"

Level III: 9th Grade - 12th Grade

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What do you think he meant by this statement?

Prizes (applicable ALL levels):

1st Place \$150 - 2nd Place \$100- 3rd Place \$75

Entry forms are available at SPC and Union Academy Family Center (UAFC)

Entry Deadline: Friday, February 13, 2026

Entry forms can be mailed or dropped off:

Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc.

401 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive ~ Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Entry forms can be emailed to:

bjackson@citizensallianceforprogress.org

Please call (727) 934-5881 for more information



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Rules:

- Contestants must be enrolled in elementary, middle, or high school (3rd - 12th grade)
- Speeches should include the theme and be 3 to 5 minutes in length
- Speeches will be judged on:
 - Stage Presence
 - Voice quality
 - Language
 - Content

**The decision of the judges will be final.
 Orators, please check-in no later than 6:00pm.**



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Orator Information

Please, print neatly.

Full Name		Contact Number(s)	
Address		Email Address	
City	State	Zip Code	Parent/Guardian(s) Name:

I, _____, understand my **Competition Theme** is as follows:

- Level I: 3rd Grade - 5th Grade** - Dr. King once said, "We cannot turn back." How can you help your community move forward positively?
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- Level III: 9th Grade - 12th Grade** - "Dr. King once said, "The clock of destiny is ticking out. We must act now..." What do you think he meant by this statement?"