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**Washington Campus Compact
VISTA Programs Host Martin Luther King, Jr. Activities**

WHO: Washington Campus Compact and the members of the WACC VISTA project

WHAT: Day of Service in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 18

WHERE: Five host campuses

The Evergreen State College

Eighty students from a local Title One middle school (Komachin Middle School) are headed to Evergreen. Student groups and programs on campus will be facilitating projects and discussions around service-learning. The major goal for this project is to introduce college students and service-learning to low-income middle school students, in an effort to promote their participation in both for the future.

For more information and times contact:

<http://www.evergreen.edu/diversity/events/mlkday>

Shoreline Community College

Students will participate in the 1st Annual King Day of Service: Driving Out Hunger Project. Through food drives organized on site at grocery stores, students will encourage community members to donate much needed food items to local food banks as one way of addressing the increased food insecurity that is being experienced by families and individuals living in King County. Collectively, this project will 1) capture the legacy of Dr. King 2) empower students to learn while serving and 3) demonstrate to the larger community the tangible rewards that civic engagement can harvest.

The project will run from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18. For more information contact: <http://servicelearning.shoreline.edu/>

University of Washington – Bothell

UW Bothell and Cascadia Community College will combine their efforts to observe Martin Luther King's Day of Service. On Saturday, Jan. 16 volunteers will donate their time on a number of projects including:

- Restoration of Bothell Park
- Seattle Children's Hospital Art Project
- Painting and cleaning at Riverside East Retirement
- Gardening and music at Vineyard Park Assisted Living Communities

On Monday, Jan. 18, there will be a MLK march in downtown Bothell.

For more information visit <http://www.mlkday.gov>

University of Washington – Seattle

The University of Washington will again honor King's legacy of tolerance, peace, and equality by partnering with community organizations and making the holiday a day ON, not a day OFF. The Carlson Leadership & Public Service Center and United Way of King County will coordinate members of the University of Washington to volunteer in over 70 different service projects, hosted by nonprofit organizations all over King County. Currently there are 877 UW students, faculty and staff signed up to volunteer, but the number is expected to grow to over 1,000. This year's kickoff will highlight Dr. King through speakers, visuals and honoring those who have served through the UW's MLK Day of Service history. More information can be found at: <http://depts.washington.edu/mlkjr/>

A sampling of the 70 projects includes:

- Cotton Hill Park Restoration
- Habitat Restoration on Beacon Hill
- Wildlife Habitat Restoration along the Cedar River
- Lend a Hand and Change a Life: Domestic Violence Furniture Bank

Events are 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18

Western Washington University

WWU students will share Dr. King's vision of justice and equality by reading multicultural and social-justice themed books to local children at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Read-in and Book Drive. Partnering with Bellingham's independent bookstore, Village Books, a selection of fun, colorful, and meaningful books have been chosen for kids ages 3 to 8. These books will also be available for purchase and donation during the Read-In. Donated books will benefit three local non-profits that assist local low-income women and children with transitional housing, domestic violence support and a school supplies and enrichment program.

Meet at Village Books (at 1200 11th St., Bellingham) from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18. For more information visit: <http://www.wvu.edu/depts/csl>.

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