



# MLK DAY OF LEARNING

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PRESENTS...

*The 30th Annual*  
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Learning**

Presented Virtually  
**Monday, January 18, 2021**

Why We *Still* Can't Wait



## UPCOMING NEWS:

**December**  
10th Break begins

**January**  
11th Spring Semester begins  
18th Dr. MLK Jr. Day of Learning

### Term of the Month:

Intersectionality

*noun*

the complex, cumulative way in which the effects of multiple forms of discrimination (such as racism, sexism, and classism) combine, overlap, or intersect especially in the experiences of marginalized individuals or groups

Source: Merriam-Webster Dictionary

## HOW WILL MLK DAY OF LEARNING LOOK THIS YEAR?

WE'RE GLAD YOU ASKED!

This past year has been rough to say the least, with many necessary changes and adjustments. To keep the CapFam safe and keep our traditions alive, this year MLK Day will be completely virtual. This means that you will be able to watch our keynote speaker, Trey Ellis, attend workshops, and even enjoy some time in Kids Korner all from the safety of your home.





## OUR 30TH ANNUAL DAY OF LEARNING

VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.CAPITAL.EDU/NEWS-AND-EVENTS/ANNUAL-EVENTS/MLK-DAY/](https://www.capital.edu/news-and-events/annual-events/mlk-day/) FOR MORE INFORMATION

We dedicate a day for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for many reasons, not only for his work in the civil rights movement, but also to acknowledge and appreciate the work of other leaders as well. This day gives us an opportunity to learn, grow, connect, and assess not only the progress that we have made, but the progress we will continue to make for our generation and for future ones. Our theme this year holds a special significance, "Why We Can't Wait" was a theme that was used many years ago from a piece written by Dr. King, and now a decade later, we are still fighting similar battles in this society. Racism, injustice, and inequality are just as prevalent now as they were before. Join us on the 18th to have the tough discussions, learn, and remember that while we have come a long way, we're not where we need to be just yet. Keynote speaker and producer of *"King in the Wilderness"*, Trey Ellis, will be discussing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the civil rights movement, and activism today.

### Workshops:

Like any other MLK Day, the workshops we have play a significant role in educating and communication about history, issues, and joy in the Black Community. This year, we will host a variety of prerecorded and live Zoom workshops. All of the topics and speakers of the workshops can be found on our website along with their links.

### Kids Korner:

In previous years, Kids Korner has focused on entertaining and informing our preschool and elementary school aged children, but this year we have something for everyone. From coloring sheets that can be printed out, a virtual scavenger hunt, and a Watch and Discuss held by Capital students for high schoolers to participate; we have something for everyone. The Zoom and break out room activities can also be found on our website.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

### Lesly Boateng

Lesly presently works at Capital University as an administrative assistant serving four offices: Student and Community Engagement, The Office of Diversity and Inclusion, The Center of Global Education, and Residential and Commuter Life. In 2017 she graduated from the Ohio State University where she received her BA in political science with plans of attending law school. Eventually, after completing undergrad, she had a self-reflection of her undergraduate experience as a Ghanaian- American alum. She said, "My father sacrificed so much for me to obtain the best education since he couldn't complete university for himself. It's was my parents' aspiration for their child to receive an American education. However, the journey wasn't always easy because students like myself are first-generation experiencing university for themselves. I decided to pursue a long-term career in higher education representing students like myself who require additional support. I have received my M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration at Tiffin University intending to continually support underrepresented student like myself. I thank Capital University for giving me the opportunity to begin my journey." CONGRATULATIONS LESLY!!! WE WISH YOU NOTHING BUT SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS!!!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

### Abby Bebout

*Class of 2022*

*Columbus, OH*

Abby is currently the President of Pride, Vice President of Creative Writing Club, Humanities Senator for Student Government, Editor and Co-Social Media Chair for ReCap, Writing Consultant for Academic Success, Ambassador for Admissions, and Gallery Assistant at Schumacher. She loves reading, writing, and knitting. Her favorite Capital memory was taking an entire uneaten pizza from a Pride event and bringing it to her friends' room, where they sat and talked for hours (and ate an entire pizza). She is very passionate about LGBTQ+ issues and support. Her words of encouragement to current students: "Future you is proud of current you."

