



A Stunning Moment That Changed The World San José State University to Commemorate Civil Rights Leader's Death

On April 4, 2018 at 4:01pm, Bay Area community members will join San José State University, in a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The time - 6:01pm CST - symbolizes the moment Dr. King was struck in the neck by an assassin's bullet on the third floor balcony at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. Dr. King was rushed to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead at 7:05 pm. The Civil Rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, was 39.

Local elementary, junior and high school students and community elders, will join the campus community in ringing 50 chimes in Dr. King's honor at the Dr. MLK, Jr. Library.

A community prayer representing diverse clergy from Silicon Valley will follow. The solemn tribute is part of an unveiling of a Bay Area community and SJSU exhibition that will debut on the second floor of the Dr. MLK, Jr. Library.

The exhibition will showcase Civil Rights era posters, banners and memorabilia, along with photographs taken last week during the March 24-31 alternative spring break trip through the Civil Rights South.



Group visited the gravesite of Dr. King and his wife in Atlanta.



U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, MLK's friend and associate met the SJSU group.



During the weeklong journey, students and community members visited civil rights landmarks, museums and parks in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. They talked with residents along the way and people still alive who knew Dr. King personally. They explored among several timely topics: *What would Dr. King think of the progress and setbacks over the past 50 years? Was Martin Luther King Jr.'s death on April 4 in vain?*



The journalism students on the trip also interviewed Bay Area community elders who joined them on the trip. They recorded reflections and memories about growing up in the South.

The students also asked: *Do you remember where you were the moment you heard the news that Dr. King had been shot? After all these struggles, has the world changed?*

This special learning opportunity was created, developed and organized by Dr. Michael Cheers, associate professor of photojournalism in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Joining Dr. Cheers and the SJSU students, will be junior and high school students, community organizers, a community college student, a group of Bay Area retired educators, business people and leaders from the South Bay Area.

Ujima Adult and Family Services, Inc., in San Jose, and the African American/Black Student Success Center at SJSU, are sponsoring the ceremony and exhibition on campus.

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March 24 - March 31, 2018
by bus trip through the Civil Rights South to honor
the 50th anniversary of the assassination of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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