



# KAPPA DELTA PI

MU IOTA CHAPTER at  
UNIVERSITY of  
MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

A KAPPA DELTA PI CHAPTER

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Children's Program

2015 Chapter Program & ACE  
Award Winner

### The Basics

The Mu Iota Chapter brings 150 children, aged 5-11 to the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus to educate the group about Dr. King's ideals through stations created and maintained by KDP members, as part of a large MLK, Jr. Day Event sponsored on campus.

### Getting Started

The Chapter has partnered with a local art teacher for several years to create stations including arts and crafts, games, puzzles, storytelling, and educational programming focused on respect and equal access to the learning opportunities for all children involved. A small group discussion was designed to equip participating students with skills to challenge discrimination and inequality from a young age.

### The Experience

Twenty-five KDP members worked together to create the final stations, including a banner to hang on campus near the Office of Equal Opportunity and personalizing a bag for the participants to take home their projects. The program ends with volunteers and students walking into a filled auditorium applauding.

### The Impact

The Mu Iota Chapter has won multiple awards for the event from KDP and from the UMSL Campus. Participating families and volunteers give universally positive feedback.



Children and volunteers worked together to create a banner that hangs outside the Office of Equal Opportunity on the UMSL campus, showing unity of all participants.

## Make This Event Your Own

- Partner with other on-campus organizations for an MLK, Jr. Day event
- Invite local day cares or school programs providing child care on school holidays to tour campus and participate in events
- Host a diversity/respect day with schools from various townships and demographics
- Take the event to a school, creating a Respect Day
- Use age-appropriate curriculum and projects to emphasize cultural competence
- Host a culturally-responsive pedagogy training for the COE, a school, or community center.

## Fast Facts

# 150

## Children

# 25

## Volunteers



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the [Chapter Services Staff](#) at KDP Headquarters for help as you plan your program.