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Georgia State Rep. Alisha Thomas Morgan to Speak at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Political talk show host and NAACP award recipient Alisha Thomas Morgan will be the keynote speaker at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the University Center, Lone Star Ballroom.

Morgan, the Georgia General Assembly's youngest-serving member, hosts the political talk show "Community Talk" on 1380 WAOK in Atlanta, Ga. Her speech will echo the theme of this year's celebration, "Are You Living the Dream?"

Morgan's involvement began in Florida with the Miami Dade Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She received her Bachelor of Arts in sociology and drama from Spelman College and has been a featured leader and civil right hero on AOL Black Voices and in "Ebony" and "Marie Claire" magazines.

King, a leader of the 1960s American civil rights movement, was born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga. A Baptist minister and outspoken advocate of non-violent protest, at the age of 35 he became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn.

His quote, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character," was delivered in a historic speech to civil rights supporters at the March on Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963.

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The celebration, which is sponsored by the African American Cultural Society and the Islander Cultural Alliance, will include musical performances by the St. John Baptist Choir and cellist Brittani Booker. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information or to make special accommodations, call 361.825.2612.

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