

Urban League, Saint Louis University Host Successful Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Tribute Breakfast Featuring Roland S. Martin as Speaker and Distinguished Local Honorees

Noted journalist, author and syndicated columnist Roland S. Martin delivered a masterful and inspiring keynote address at this year's Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis and Saint Louis University Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Tribute Breakfast on January 16 in the Wool Ballroom of Busch Student Center on the SLU Campus.

At the Breakfast, Martin, a renowned author and journalist, who also serves as managing editor of #RolandMartinUnfiltered on social media platforms, encouraged the overflowing audience to vote and actively participate in the political process.

The program also included a welcome by Fred P. Pestello, Ph.D., President of Saint Louis University, prayers by Chris Collins, S.J., special assistant to the president. Dr. Jonathan Smith, Vice President of Diversity and Community Engagement for Saint Louis University, provided greetings and introduced Dr. Kira Hudson Banks, Dr. Keon L. Gilbert, Dr. Amber Johnson and Dr. Ruqaiijah Yearby, the founders of the Institute for Healing, Justice and Racial Equity at Saint Louis University School of Law.

SLU Alumnus Michael P. McMillan, President and CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, emceed the program and joined Dr. Pestello to present this year's awards to:

- Roland S. Martin, Lifetime Achievement Award
- Michael and Noémi Neidorff, Whitney M. Young Humanitarian Award
- The Honorable William Lacy Clay, U.S. Representative, Political Leadership Award
- Denise Hooks Anderson, M.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, Saint Louis University, Donald Brennan Award
- Art McCoy, Ph.D. Superintendent, Jennings School District, Education Leadership Award
- Wendell Kimbrough, Chief Executive Officer, ARCHS St. Louis, Organization of the Year Award