



ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 2025**



January is

# SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH



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JOIN US THIS MONTH TO **RECOGNIZE** THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION  
OF **OUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY.

MLK COMMITTEE OF ELIZABETH NJ



**WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY**  
**WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 15, 2025 @ 4PM ET**

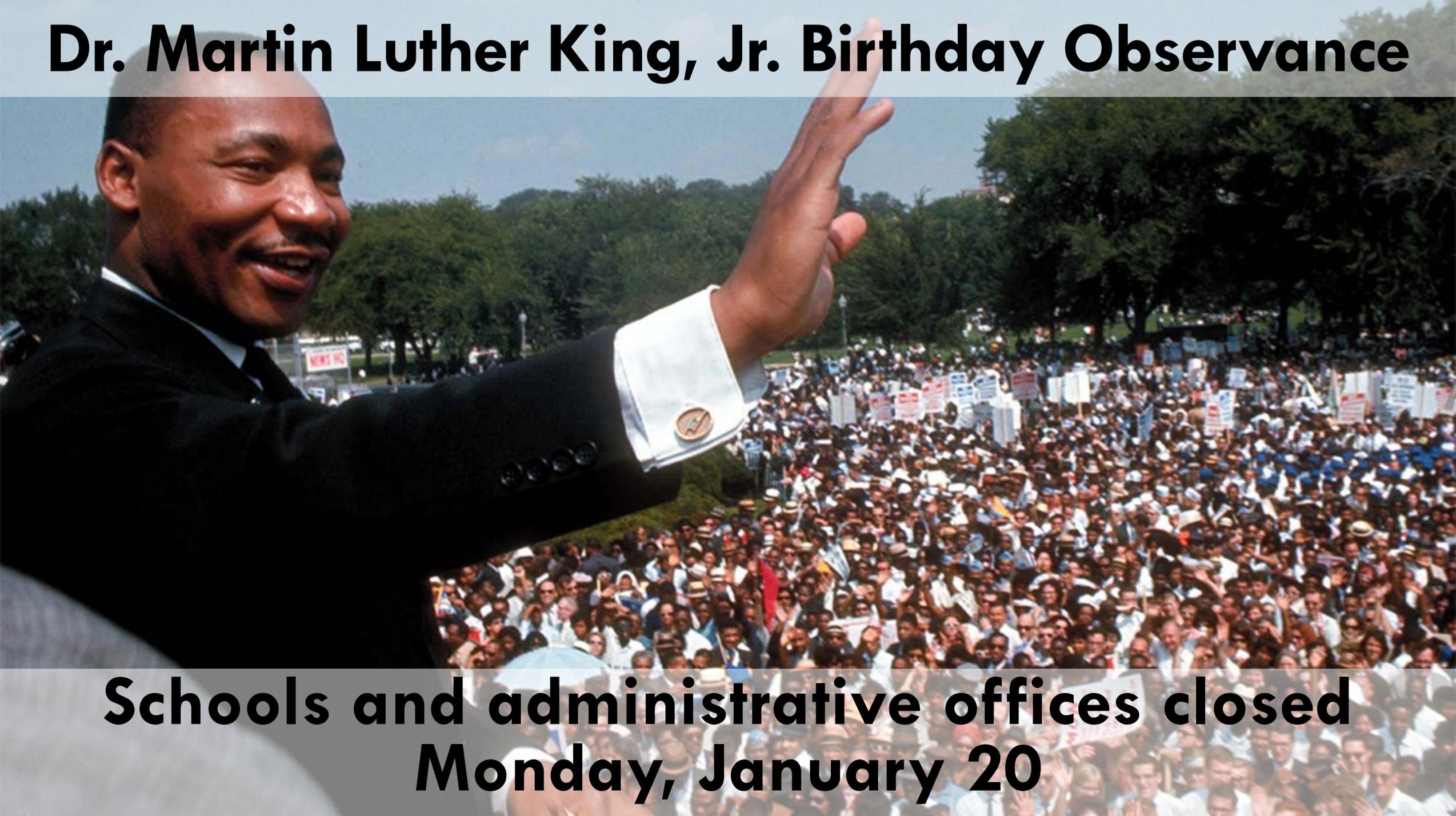
**MLK MONUMENT**  
**WINFIELD SCOTT PLAZA OUTSIDE CITY HALL • ELIZABETH, NJ 07201**

**FEATURING**  
**THOMAS JEFFERSON ARTS ACADEMY • WINFIELD SCOTT SCHOOL NO. 2**  
**EHS MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD**

 **LIVE** MLK COMMITTEE OF ELIZABETH NJ



# **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance**

A photograph of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a dark suit and white shirt, smiling and waving his right hand towards a massive crowd of people. The crowd is dense and extends far into the background, with many people holding up signs and cameras. The setting appears to be an outdoor park or public square with trees in the distance under a clear sky. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent grey banner at the top and bottom containing text.

**Schools and administrative offices closed  
Monday, January 20**



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*Every Child, Achieving Excellence*

# Early Childhood Lottery Registration

February 19 –  
March 21





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# Gifted & Talented Program Application

February 25 – April 4

G&T Information  
Session

February 25  
School 22

5:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.



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**News From Central**

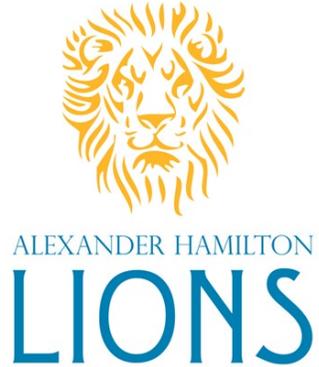
Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ

# J. CHRISTIAN BOLLWAGE FINANCE ACADEMY'S NAF ACADEMY OF FINANCE ACHIEVES MODEL/DISTINGUISHED STATUS FOR EIGHTH STRAIGHT YEAR



J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy's NAF Academy of Finance has been recognized as a Model/Distinguished status academy by NAF for the eighth year in a row. Each year, NAF academies are evaluated through a rigorous process to ensure the highest level of support to students. Schools are scored in four major categories, including Academy Development and Structure, Advisory Board, Program of Study (Curriculum and Instruction), and Work-Based Learning. The scores earned for each of those categories are combined to produce an overall score for the school. The Model/Distinguished status, achieved by both Bollwage Finance Academy's NAF Academy of Finance and John E. Dwyer Technology Academy's NAF Academy of Information Technology, highlights the unwavering dedication of their respective educators, advisory board members, support staff, and administrators in providing high-quality career focused educational experiences for our high school students.

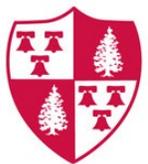
# HAMILTON PREPARATORY ACADEMY ALUMNUS NAMED GOVERNOR'S STEM SCHOLAR



Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy Alumnus Joseph David Quinn-Vitabile was one of 111 high school and college students from all of New Jersey's 21 counties to be selected as a Governor's STEM Scholar for 2025.

Quinn-Vitabile is a third-year computer science major and physics minor at Montclair State University. He recently interned at Johnson & Johnson Technology Services in the areas of reliability operations and cloud computing, where he developed software tools for Application Maintenance Leadership and an infrastructure-provisioning automation for Amazon Web Services managed databases.

Governor's STEM Scholars (GSS) is a public-private partnership between the Research & Development Council of New Jersey, the Office of the Governor, the New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education, and public and private research institutions. GSS works to sustain and strengthen New Jersey's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) talent pipeline by introducing the state's STEM students to the R&D and STEM ecosystem.



**MONTCLAIR STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

# ELIZABETH ATHLETICS CELEBRATES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF COUNTY AND STATE CHAMPION 1984 AND 1985 MINUTEMEN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS



On January 11, Elizabeth Athletics honored the 1984 and 1985 Minutemen basketball teams on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their respective county and state championship runs. The 1984 team won the Union County Tournament with a 57-42 victory over Plainfield and the 1985 team won the Union County Championship with a 70-56 victory over Rahway as well as the Group 4 state championship with a victory over Camden. Both teams were guided by NJSIAA Hall of Fame coach Ben Candelino during his first two seasons as coach of the Minutemen. The Minutemen would win 9 Union County Tournaments, seven North 2, Group 4 state sectional titles, 5 Group 4 championships, and one Tournament of Champions title in 1990 with a 65-62 victory over St. Anthony's during Coach Candelino's tenure.



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