



**2016 MLK COUNTYWIDE  
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

**H. Alex Bautista**  
*City of Urbana*

**Evelyn Boatz**  
*Champaign County*

**Carrie Brown**  
*City of Champaign*

**Champaign County Board**

**Human Relations Commission**  
*City of Champaign*

**Human Relations Commission**  
*City of Urbana*

**Tracy Kleparski**  
*University of Illinois*

**Lyonel LaGrone**  
*City of Champaign*

**Kathleen McAndrew**  
*Parkland College*

**Jolinda Ross**  
*City of Urbana*

**Marietta Turner**  
*Parkland College*

**Tony Weck**  
*City of Urbana*

September 23, 2015

**For Immediate Release**

**Contact: City of Champaign Community Relations Office**  
**Phone: 217.403.8830, Fax: 217.403.8835**

Champaign, IL. – The Cities of Champaign and Urbana, Champaign County, Parkland College, and the University of Illinois are accepting nominations for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Countywide Celebration. Awardees will be honored Friday, January 15, 2016, at Parkland College, 2400 W. Bradley Avenue, Champaign at 4:00 p.m.

Individuals and Organizations can be nominated for the following awards:

- **James R. Burgess, Jr. - Susan Freiburg Humanitarian Award** honors the humanitarian efforts of individuals/organizations that improve the human condition by alleviating suffering and contributing to the basic human dignity of those in need;
- **Doris Hoskins Prestigious Community Service Award** honors individuals/organizations that engage in outstanding volunteerism and in so doing, contribute to the well-being of the Champaign County Community;
- **The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Achievement Award** honors individuals/organizations that work for social justice in the spirit of Dr. King. The principles of justice that Dr. King espoused include promoting equal rights for all persons regardless of race, religion, economic status, or physical or mental disability.

Nomination forms are available on the websites at:

[www.ci.champaign.il.us](http://www.ci.champaign.il.us)

[www.co.champaign.il.us](http://www.co.champaign.il.us)

[www.urbana.illinois.us](http://www.urbana.illinois.us)

For additional information, contact the Community Relations Office at 217/403-8830 or via e-mail at [communityrelations@ci.champaign.il.us](mailto:communityrelations@ci.champaign.il.us).

**All nominations must be received by Friday, October 23, 2015 at 5:00 pm.** Nominations should be submitted in writing, not to exceed three (3) double-spaced typed pages and mailed to: City of Champaign, Community Relations Office, 102 N. Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820 or e-mail to [CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us](mailto:CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us).

###