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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2, 2020
BIRMINGHAM BOWL
Legion Field
2:00 p.m.

For more info:
<https://ticketsmarterbirminghamowl.com/>

January 5, 2020
MONSTER JAMS
BJCC Legacy Arena

For more info:
<https://www.bjcc.org/>

January 9-12, 2020
LES MISERABLES
BJCC Concert Hall

For more info:
<https://www.bjcc.org/>

January 18, 2020
MLK 5K DRUM RUN
4th Avenue Historic District of Birmingham

For more info:
<https://www.mlkday5kbham.com>

January 18, 2020
BRICKFAIR
BJCC East Exhibition Halls
3:30—4:30 P.M.

For more info:
[\(205\) 324-8428](tel:(205)324-8428)

January is National Mentoring Month

The City of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) celebrates National Mentoring Month by encouraging others to get involved with mentoring. Did you know that young people who are in quality mentoring relationships are more likely to do better in school and have positive aspirations about their future? They're more equipped to make responsible decisions and model good behavior too.

DYS is re-launching our direct serve mentoring initiative with a new name but the same goal of impacting the lives of young people in a positive way.

Elevate YOuth is DYS' mentoring initiative that aims to help young people excel to the next level of professional, personal, and character development. Exploring the positive

impact mentoring can have on a child's life, this initiative has two components including: *Birmingham CARES* and *Birmingham Elevates*. Each element connects young people in Birmingham communities to mentoring opportunities to cultivate optimism for their futures



Elevate YOuth's direct serve component, Birmingham Elevates focuses on gender and age specific sessions that cover topics relevant to the issues youth face today. This component serves boys and girls ages 8 - 17 years old. The program is designed to provide and equip Birmingham's youth with the necessary tools to become the leaders of tomorrow.

The program's curriculum includes bi-monthly group mentoring sessions and activities. The topics are centered around 21st century skills training including but not limited to:

Critical Thinking
Collaboration
Information gathering
Creativity
Character Building
Communication

DYS will also highlight some local mentoring organizations making a difference in the lives of Birmingham youth on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Is your mentoring organization making a difference in the lives of children in Birmingham? We want to spotlight you! If you would like us to consider your organization, or to learn about Elevate YOuth contact DYS at (205) 320-0879.



Get Out and
Volunteer and
Help Revitalize the
Community on
the MLK Day of
Service



Hands On Birmingham's Annual MLK Jr. Day of Service will take place on **Monday, January 20, 2020**.

Turn your day OFF to a day ON by volunteering!

For several years the citizens of Birmingham and the surrounding areas have come together to give back to their community on MLK Jr. Day of Service. We're proud and you should be too! Join Hands on Birmingham this year to help refurbish schools, feed the homeless and clean up neighborhoods.

To find out how you can give back visit:

<https://uwca.givepulse.com/group/242295-MLK-Day-of-Service>

BIRMINGHAM EVENTS HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

[January 1 – 31, 2020](#)

- The Birmingham Public Library (BPL) is honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at all 19 locations during the month of January. Visit: <http://www.bplonline.org/> for a list of daily activities.

[January 17 – 19, 2020](#)

Steel Magic Theatre will present "Thurgood" at the Dorothy Jemison Day Theatre. For tickets, please visit www.djdtreater.org.

[Sunday, January 19, 2020](#)

- DeJuan "The Neighborhood Barber" Hall will provide free haircuts for the Birmingham homeless community in Kelly Ingram Park from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, please contact Hall at 205-460-6435.
- Kimberley Mangun of the University of Utah will be the guest speaker for the

Birmingham Public Library's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture series known as "Begin the Day."

[Monday, January 20, 2020](#)

- The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast will be held in the BJCC North Exhibition Hall, 2150 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd. N. Doors will open at 6:30 a.m. The MLK Choir will perform from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. The breakfast will start at 7:30 a.m. It is scheduled to end at 9:30 a.m.

- Line up for the SCLC's traditional MLK March from City Hall to Kelly Ingram Park will be at 11 a.m. The march will start at 11:30 a.m.

- The SCLC will host a civil rights rally at 12 p.m. at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church,

[Saturday, January 25, 2020](#)

- The MLK Word from the Mountain Top Oratory Contest Competition winners will appear at 3 p.m. at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, 520 16th St. N.



KING'S DREAM IN 20/20 VISION

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020
BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE
FREE ADMISSION 9AM - 5PM

performances, music, games, and giveaways. Tour the permanent exhibitions as they come to life with poetry and spoken word performances throughout the day or test your Civil Rights history knowledge for your chance to win a prize in our BCRI Jeopardy game! There is no shortage of activities for all ages. Celebrate the

life & legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at BCRI!

<https://www.bcri.org/mlk-day/>

Volunteer at BCRI for MLK Day
The available position is Gallery Monitors.

Interested parties must:

- * Be at least 18 years of age
 - * Be professional and mature
 - * Be able to represent the Institute well
 - * Successfully undergo training session
- The training session must be successfully completed before volunteering on MLK Day.
For more information contact Marshay Webb at 205-703-0234 or mwebb@bcri.org.

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Celebrates MLK

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

JANUARY 20, 2020
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute will observe MLK Day on January 20th with a day of programming including live performances, music, games, and giveaways. Admission to the public will be free with extended hours from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Donations will be welcomed.

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UAB commits to Birmingham Promise scholarship for Birmingham City School graduates

The University of Alabama at Birmingham is the first academic partner to support the Birmingham Promise scholarship, providing Birmingham City School graduates an opportunity to attend the university with a one-to-one tuition scholarship match.

The scholarship will be available to students who are admitted to UAB as first-time, full-time freshmen in the academic year following high school graduation from a Birmingham City School.

"UAB is one of the largest producers of talent in our state, and it is also Alabama's largest employer," Mayor Randall Woodfin said. "The partnership shows that UAB is invested in developing the hopes, dreams and capabilities of our next generation. UAB's partnership in the Birmingham Promise is an example of the collaboration we need to make our community more connected and our economy more competitive."

"UAB is not just in Birmingham, but for Birmingham," said UAB President Ray L. Watts. "We are committed to supporting access to educational opportunities for Birmingham students,

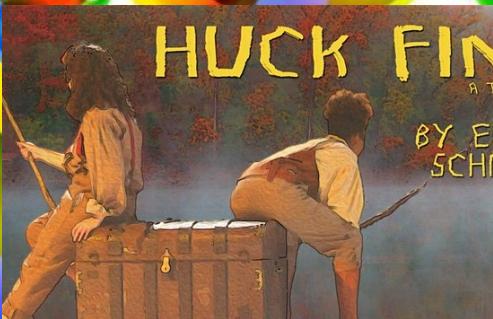
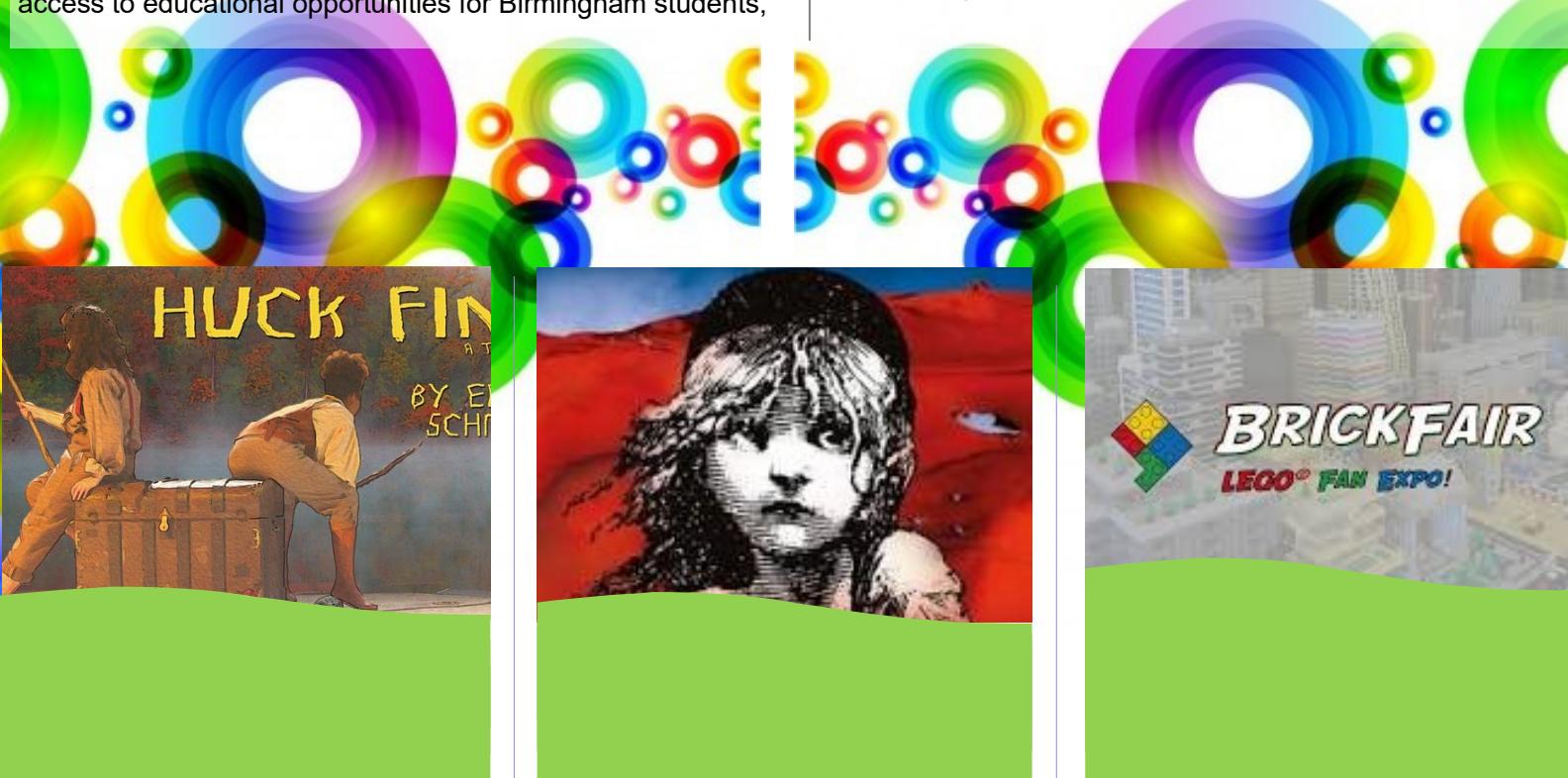
for they will be our city's future leaders and workforce. In addition, the program directly aligns with the core principles of the University of Alabama System, which is committed to improving the lives and educational opportunities of all citizens of Alabama."

In order to qualify for the Birmingham Promise scholarship at UAB, Birmingham City School students must:

- Be eligible for UAB admission, which for fall 2020 is a minimum 20 ACT score and a minimum of 2.75 GPA. Learn more about admission requirements at UAB at www.uab.edu/admissions.
- Be admitted to UAB as a first-time, full-time freshman in the fall semester of the academic year immediately following their high school graduation.
- Complete the FAFSA form and UAB application by Feb. 1, 2020. After this year, the deadline will be Dec. 1.



The Birmingham Promise scholarship at UAB will cover tuition and may be awarded for up to five years of full-time study at UAB. To maintain eligibility, a student must be enrolled at UAB full time and demonstrate progress toward a degree by passing 67 percent of hours attempted and maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or higher.



HUCK FINN: A TRUNK SHOW

Birmingham Children's Theatre

January 11, 2020

2:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Two women, one troubadour and a trunk full of surprises! Runaways Huckleberry Finn and Jim team-up for adventure on the mighty Mississippi! Along the way, they learn lessons of integrity, dignity, and friendship.

For More Info: [CLICK HERE](#)



LES MISÉRABLES

BJCC Concert Hall

January 10-12, 2020

Set against the backdrop of 19th-century France, LES MISÉRABLES tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption – a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit.

For More Info: [CLICK HERE](#)



BRICKFAIR

January 18-19, 2020

BrickFair exhibitors are LEGO fans just like you! Exhibitors enjoy 4 full days of fun, inspiration, games, camaraderie, and LEGO prizes!

For More Info: [CLICK HERE](#)

Nearly 100 BCS Students Matched with Companies for Birmingham Promise Apprenticeship Program

It was an exciting night on January 8th at the Birmingham Museum of Art as nearly 100 Birmingham City School High School Seniors were matched with Birmingham premier companies for Apprenticeships. The students went through a rigorous application and interview process before being selected to participate in the Birmingham Promise Apprenticeship program. A total of 60 Birmingham corporations and small businesses hired on young people who will get hands on experience in a variety of industries including business and finance; digital technology; health care and biology; and construction and engineering.

"I'm interested in expanding my horizons and learning about different career paths I can go into," said A.H. Parker Senior Kamil Goodman. Goodman was matched with Alabama Power Company.

Regions Bank is also hiring five students this semester. Business analyst, Cortez Bennett said it's a great fit, "In 2019 Regions announced three key initiatives one of them being education and workforce readiness , this works hand in hand with one of those key initiatives and what better way to do that than to invest in a market where we house our corporate headquarters."

The students will work 16 weeks beginning January 21st earning \$15 an hour.

spotlight on youth



BPL Hosts Brothers and Bow Ties

As part of a citywide celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, the Birmingham Public Library will host Brothers and Bow Ties: A Vision Cast on Saturday, January 18, 2020, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the historical Birmingham Civil Rights Institute downtown. Brothers and Bow Ties is a pilot initiative which targets at-risk young males between the ages of 11 and 18.

The event, open to 50 young males who each will receive bow ties with a personalized message of hope, is a partnership between two male mentoring organizations, Growing Kings and BPL Real MENTors Talk.

The benchmark for the event is to monitor/promote positive character, establish long-lasting relationships with positive adult male figures, and develop/cast visions for the future. The keynote speaker for this event is Birmingham native [Timothy Alexander, an author and motivational speaker](#). Alexander is the author of [Ever Faithful, Ever Loyal](#), a memoir about how he overcame a car accident that left him confined to a wheelchair at age 17.

DYS is a proud sponsor of this event.
For more information or to donate bow ties, call BPL Outreach Librarian Candice Hardy at 205-226-3625.

A CITY-WIDE MLK EVENT

BROTHERS AND BOW TIES

A VISION CAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020
12-4 P.M.

BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE
520 16TH STREET N

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE

BIRMINGHAM KING WEEK

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Latest news and Events

01

UAB Blazers Basketball

JANUARY 9th –25th
@Bartow Arena

Support the UAB Blazers this year by attending one of the men's basketball games! These are full of fun and excitement for the whole family. All home games are at Bartow Arena, and game times differ. In January, UAB will take on teams including Western Kentucky, Marshall, Southern Miss and more.

For More Info:
[CLICK HERE](#)

02

The Rock and Roll Playhouse Plays

JANUARY 12th @Saturn

Introduce your kiddos to the legendary tunes of the Beatles with Rock and Roll Playhouse at Saturn.

For More Info:
[CLICK HERE](#)

03

An Evening with C.S. Lewis

JANUARY 25th @Lyric Theatre
7:30 p.m.

Time travel back to 1963 as you relax in C.S. Lewis' living room. Lewis will tell you all the captivating tales and stories that shaped his life and his incredible career. Get to know one of the literary greats during this fun and interactive show on January 25 at the beautiful Lyric Theatre.

For More Info:
[CLICK HERE](#)

DYS and CBS 42 Wrap up Another Successful Holiday Toy Campaign

Another successful Youth First Holiday Campaign has wrapped up in the Magic City! Your generosity brought in dozens of toys, which helped DYS service hundreds of Birmingham youth and their families. DYS organizes and facilitates a toy drive each year to provide some assistance to low to moderately low-income families in the Birmingham area.

A special thanks to all 2019 Holiday Campaign partners **CBS42, America's First Credit Union, and Allstate Insurance - The Marcus Agency.**

We would also like to thank everyone who donated or volunteered their time to make the toy drive a huge success:

**Birmingham Public Library
Birmingham Crossplex
City of Birmingham Office of Sports and Entertainment
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and all anonymous donors.**



Above: Holiday Giveaway Partners, City of Birmingham, CBS 42, America's First Credit Union



Above: America's First Credit Union and CBS 42 Staff drop off toys collected during toy drive

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BCS ACCEPTING SPECIALITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS NOW

Deadline: January 17, 2020

The Birmingham City Schools Specialty Schools Applications portal is now open and will close January 17, 2020, for Princeton Alternative School, EPIC Elementary School, J. H. Phillips K-8 Academy, W. J. Christian 6-8, and Ramsay International Baccalaureate High School. All interested applicants must submit individual applications for each scholar.

All interested applicants must submit their applications through the online process and not at individual schools.

To Apply visit:
<https://specialty.bhm.k12.al.us/>

**SPECIALTY
SCHOOL
APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN**

Applications Open: Dec 13, 2019 - Jan 17, 2020



CBS42 and DYS staff help distribute toys



Mayor Woodfin helps distribute toys



COB Human Resources adopts a family

YOUTH FIRST HEALTH & WELLNESS

Register Now for the MLK Day 5K Drum Run

January 18, 2020
7:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
(8:00 a.m.—5K Start)
1700 4th Ave N

The MLK Day 5K Drum Run is a fun and active event to celebrate the MLK Day holiday weekend. Since its 2012 inception in Atlanta, GA, the race has grown to over 2000 runners/walkers and featured over 200 drummers from metro area schools and groups.

This gathering of diverse groups



aims to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood with fellowship and fitness.

Starting and finishing in the Fourth Avenue Historic District of Birmingham's Civil Rights District, race participants come from

diverse populations that include all demographics, races, cultures, genders and creeds to celebrate the meaning of the holiday in a fun and fit way. The race features drumlines from the metro area schools that will line up along the race course to keep the beat as the runners and walkers make their way. The race day activities includes a warm up, live music, professional timing, sponsor booths, post party and the race goodie bags with the popular MLK DAY 5K Drum Run shirt for all race entrants.

For more information or to register, visit: www.mlkday5kbham.com.



COB Office and Sports and Entertainment Drops off Toy Donations



Birmingham Public Library staff hand off donations to DYS staff



COB Human Resources Dept. deliver toys for adopted family



COB Crossplex staff collect toys for a family



16th Street Baptist Church Men's Ministry drop off toys



Nathan Marcus with the Marcus Agency delivers truck full of toys for Holiday Giveaway



FOR KIDS

If I Met MLK

Directions: What would you do if you met Martin Luther King Jr.? Write about it below.

I would
ask him...

I would tell him...

I would
thank him...

I would
show him...



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