MIT Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award Recipients

Since 1995, MIT has awarded the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award to students, alumni, staff, groups and faculty who embody the spirit of Dr. King’s work.

“Service to the community” is defined in the broadest sense and includes academic, research, religious, and secular contributions in which integrity, leadership, creativity, and positive outcome are apparent.

The MLK Celebration Lifetime Achievement Award is a special honor given only during decennial celebrations to acknowledge a community member who has given dedicated service to the MIT Community.

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2016

Ethan Zuckerman
Director, MIT Center for Civic Media
Cofounder, Global Voices

Barbara A. Johnson
IT Service Provider & Consumer Support Engineer, MIT Information Systems & Technology

Rasheed K. Auguste ‘17
Nuclear Science & Engineering
Political Action Co-chair, Black Student Union

George Chao 'G
Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology

La-Tarri M. Canty
Director of Multicultural Programs/Assistant Director of Student Activities
MIT Student Activities Office

Fossil Free MIT

MIT Black Graduate Student Union
2015

Michel DeGraff
Professor of Linguistics, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy

Abigail M. Francis
Director of LBGT Services, Student Development and Support

Judith Stein
Organization Development Consultant/HR ERG Coordinator
MIT Human Resources Department

Kelvin Frazier PhD '15
Physical Chemistry

Alyssa Napier ‘16
Chemistry

Adriane Brown SM ‘91
President and Chief Operating Officer, Intellectual Ventures

2014

Sally Haslanger
Ford Professor of Philosophy, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy

Michael K. Owu ‘86
Director of Real Estate, MIT Investment Management Company

Atif M. Javed '15
Materials Science and Engineering

The Hispanic/Latino Network

Lincoln Laboratories

Wesley L. Harris - MLK Lifetime Achievement Award
Charles Stark Draper Professor of Aeronautics & Astronautics
Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics
1995-96 MLK Visiting Professor
2001 MLK Leadership Award

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2013

Colin "Topper" Carew
Filmmaker/Artist
Visiting Scholar/Researcher, MIT Media Lab

Priscilla King Gray
Co-founder, MIT Public Service Center
Honorary Chair (2004-2012), MIT Women's League
MIT First Lady 1980–1990

Jocelyn O. Joseph, M.D.
Chief of Pediatrics, MIT Medical

Bomy Lee Chung 'G
Chemical Engineering, MIT Langer Lab

Uddhav Sharma '15
Mathematics

WMBR 88.1 FM
MIT Student Radio Station

2012

Edmund Bertschinger
Professor and Head, Physics Department

Arnold R. Henderson, Jr.
Associate Dean and Co-Director, Student Support Services

Alyce Johnson
Manager of Staff Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources

Julia Jaskólska '13
Materials Science and Engineering

Cato T. Laurencin, MD PhD '87
Orthopedic Surgeon
Chemical Engineering & Dean of School of Medicine, University of Connecticut

MIT-Wellesley Upward Bound Program

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2011

Cheryl Charles
Fiscal Officer, Research Laboratory of Electronics

Weslee S. Glenn  PhD ’13
Chemistry

Debroah Hodges-Pabón
Personnel and Operations Administrator, Microsystems Technology Laboratories (MTL)

MITES Program

2010

Melvin H. King
Senior Lecturer, Emeritus, Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP)

Michael G. Johnson  MCP ’97
Senior VP in Real Estate, Brick City Development Corp.

Aisha N. Walcott  PhD ’11
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Benjamin Mensah ’11
MIT Sloan School of Management
2009

Barry Reckley
Assistant Director in Minority Recruitment and Retention, MIT Sloan School of Management

Deborah Liverman
Assistant Director, Global Education and Career Development Center

Christine Ortiz
Associate Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering

John Essigmann ’72, PhD ’76
Professor of Chemistry, Toxicology, and Biological Engineering
Associate Head, MIT Department of Chemistry
Housemaster, Simmons Hall

Jason C. Forte ’09
Management, MIT Sloan

Aisha A. Bobb-Semple ’09
Biological Engineering

2008

Michael S. Feld ’63, SM ’63, PhD ’67
Professor of Physics
Director, George R. Harrison Spectroscopy Laboratory
Former Chair, MIT Equal Opportunity Committee

Leo Osgood, Jr.
Former MIT Head Basketball Coach
Former Director, Office of Minority Education (OME)
Former Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

Lorlene Hoyt
Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP)
Director, MIT@Lawrence Program

Zina Queen
Administrative Assistant, George R. Harrison Spectroscopy Laboratory

Ali S. Wyne ’08
Management

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2007

Isaac M. Colbert
MIT Dean for Graduate Students

S. Michelle Harton  MSEE ’83
Founder, MathCon
Senior Staff Engineer, Motorola Inc.

Austin V. Harton  ’78, SM ’79, PhD ’88
Founder, MathCon
Physics Professor, Chicago State University

La Tonya Green  MCP ’00, PhD ’12
Department of Urban Studies (DUSP)

Nathaniel Gerald

2006

Charles M. Vest
Professor of Mechanical Engineering
MIT President Emeritus (1990-2004)

Acia Adams-Heath
Fiscal Officer, MIT Microsystems Technology Laboratories

Oluwamuyiwa Olubuyide  ’96, PhD ’06
Electrical Engineering

2005

James L. Sherley
Associate Professor, Biological Engineering

James S. Banks  ’76
Recruitment for Hewlett-Packard and Agilent
Member, Industrial Advisory Council for Minority Education

Russell E. (Erich) Caulfield  SM ’01, PhD ’06
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

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2004

J. Phillip Thompson
Associate Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP)
2000-02 MLK Visiting Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP)

Blanche E. Staton
MIT Associate Dean for Graduate Students

LaRuth C. McAfee PhD '05
Chemical Engineering

Salvatore J. Molica '75
Medical Director, Codman Square Health Center

2003

Jonathan A. King
Professor, Molecular Biology

Hector H. Hernández PhD '08
Chemistry/Structural Biology

Chiquita V. White '85
Process Engineer, Proctor and Gamble Co.

2002

Paul E. Gray '54, SM '55, ScD '60
President of MIT, 1980-90

Cheryl Vossmer
MIT Campus Police Sergeant

Randal D. Pinkett SM '98, MBA '98, PhD'02
CEO, Building Community with Technology

Tamara S. Williams SM '00, PhD '06
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

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2001

Wesley L. Harris  
Goldwater Professor of American Institutions, Arizona State University  
1995-96 MLK Visiting Professor, MIT Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Harvey B. Gantt MCP '70  
Partner, Gantt Huberman Architects  
1999-2000 MLK Visiting Professor, MIT Department of Architecture

Desiree Ramirez '02  
Chemical Engineering

2000

Rafael Bras '72, SM '74, PhD '75  
Head, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Bacardi-Stockholm Water Foundations Professor

Woodrow Whitlow Jr. '74, SM '75, PhD '79  
Director, Aeronautics Directorate at the NASA Glenn Research Center

Ticora V. Jones '00  
Materials Science and Engineering

1999

Alexander Slocum '82, SM '83, PhD '85  
Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Richard Williamson '85  
Math Teacher, Boston Public Schools

Adriana L. Holguin '99  
Mechanical Engineering

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1998

Lynda M. Jordan PhD '85
MIT MLK Visiting Professor
Associate Professor of Chemistry, North Carolina A&T State University

Eto Otitigbe '99
Senior Co-chair, Chocolate City
MIT List Foundation Fellow

Tobie F. Weiner
Undergraduate Administrator
Department of Political Science
Instructor, IAP Design Seminar

1997

Sylvester James Gates, Jr. '73, PhD '77
Professor of Physics, University of Maryland

Myra Rodrigues
Retired Social Worker, MIT Medical Department

MIT Committee on Campus Race Relations

1996

Matthew J. Turner '96
Architecture and Mechanical Engineering

Leon Trilling
Professor Emeritus, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Shirley A. Jackson '68, PhD '73
Physicist
Chairperson, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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1995

Robert W. Mann
Professor Emeritus, Mechanical Engineering

Cynthia R. McIntyre PhD '90
Theoretical Physicist

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)