



## MEDIA ALERT

### UAH honors life, legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at event featuring Lisa McNair on Jan. 11

**What:** The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) will honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Program on Thursday, Jan. 11. Lisa McNair, sister of one of the four little girls killed in the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, will be the keynote speaker.

**When:** The program begins Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. Lisa McNair will deliver a keynote address at 4 p.m., followed by a fireside chat Q&A session at 4:20 p.m. Lisa McNair will be available for interviews at the conclusion of the program.

**Where:** UAH Student Services Building, Room 112

**About:** This year's theme for the annual reflection and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is centered around a quote that symbolizes his inspirational work.

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Lisa McNair, a Birmingham native, is the younger sister of Carol Denise McNair, who died on Sept. 15, 1963, along with Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley, after four Ku Klux Klan members planted dynamite at the church. Lisa reveals how she and her family endured this horrific and high-profile loss in her memoir, "Dear Denise: Letters to the Sister I Never Knew."

The Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing was described by King as "one of the most vicious and tragic crimes ever perpetrated against humanity." It marked a turning point in the Civil Rights Movement and contributed to support for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Donations will be accepted at the event to support efforts to meet the \$25,000 endowment goal for the [Dave McGlathery Trailblazer Scholarship Fund](#). McGlathery was the first student to integrate the University of Alabama Extension Center on June 13, 1963. This scholarship aims to empower first-generation UAH students to build a more just society and establish their own trailblazing legacy.

The event is open to the public. Admission is free, but [registration](#) is required.

**Additional Information:** Click [here](#) for a campus map.

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