The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at VLGS Presents a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

EMBRACING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.’S LEGACY: MOVING FROM SYMBOLIC TO SYSTEMIC CHANGE

Featuring Guest Speaker Mia Schultz

Tuesday, January 16
12:45 to 2 p.m. ET

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MUSICAL SELECTION
“LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”
The Black National Anthem
(poem by James Weldon Johnson, music by J. Rosamond Johnson)
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OPENING REMARKS
RODNEY A. SMOLLA
President, Vermont Law and Graduate School

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION
MIA SCHULTZ
Commissioner, Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and
President, Rutland Area NAACP

PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION
SERENA NELSON JD’24
President, Black Law Students Association (BLSA)

GUEST SPEAKER
MIA SCHULTZ

Mia Schultz (she/her)—a mixed-race Black woman and commissioner for the Vermont State Truth and Reconciliation Commission—is a devoted advocate for truth, healing, and reconciliation in Vermont’s diverse communities. Originally from Arizona, Mia’s transformative journey led her to Bennington, Vermont, in 2016. Recognized as a human rights champion by both the American Civil Liberties Union and National Education Association, Mia currently serves as president of the Rutland Area NAACP. She also made history as the first Black woman to assume the role of chair for the Bennington Democratic Party. Her leadership extends to engaging in community organizing, empowering individuals from diverse backgrounds, and addressing systemic issues for positive change.

MUSICAL SELECTION
“We SHALL OVERCOME”
(hymn by Charles Albert Tindley)
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