

# Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Black History Month 2021 Student Essay Contest

*“And I say to you, my young friends, doors are opening to you—doors of opportunities that were not open to your mothers and your fathers — and the great challenge facing you is to be ready to face these doors as they open.”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
October 26, 1967

Write a few paragraphs to answer the following questions. Use no between 400 and 500 words.

Opportunities are the building blocks of success. What opportunities have you taken advantage of in the past – and what opportunities do you hope to take advantage of in the future? Finally, in your essay, use someone in your family - or- a famous historical figure as an example of someone using opportunity as a springboard to success.

**This contest is open to all MSD High School students.**

**Best Essay response will receive a prize!**

**Email your essay by February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm to  
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