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### Students Create Thousands of Ribbons to Commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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**Flossmoor, Ill. /Washington, D.C. Jan. 18, 2010**—H-F's VAST Coordinator, Marionette Young, visited Washington D.C. for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday celebration this past weekend. Before she traveled to the nation's capital, students from the VAST program created 15,000 "Star-Spangled Tribute Ribbons" for Young to pass out while she attended the events.

- Students created 15,000 ribbons that were sent to locations significant to MLK's life. 1,000 were given to each of the following locations:
  - Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala. MLK served as pastor from 1954 to 1960.
  - National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, Tenn. This museum is housed partly in the Lorraine Hotel where MLK was assassinated.
  - Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa. MLK attended from 1948 to 1951.
  - Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. MLK began to attend Morehouse at 15 years old, and graduated in 1948.
  - Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. This was the church where MLK was baptized, served as co-pastor, delivered his first sermon and was eulogized.
- 10,000 ribbons were sent with Young as she visited the MLK Memorial Library to participate in events hosted by Mayor Adrian Fenty's Office on Volunteerism on Jan. 18.
- Former Secretary of State, Colin Powell, was the guest speaker for the Naturalization Ceremony at the MLK Memorial Library. 300 guests, 81 immigrants and Powell were adorned with ribbons as they commemorated King's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Young earned praise from prominent figures at the day's events, including Mayor Fenty, who complimented H-F students on a job well done and expressed his appreciation for the ribbons.

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