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Poetry Slam Winners Kick off Black History Month with a Live Performance!

**Wilmington, DE** – On Friday February 2, 2018, the Delaware Historical Society will kick off Black History month with a live Poetry Slam featuring the recent winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Communications Contest, performing their prize winning original work. This event is Free as a part of Wilmington Art Loop.

The Martin Luther King Communication Contest is a competition designed to challenge Delaware high school students to develop and communicate their ideas using the spoken word, reflecting on Dr. King's legacy of social justice and peace while sharing their vision of the future with the Wilmington community. The contest, co-sponsored by Christ Church Christiana Hundred and YWCA Delaware, is open to all Delaware high school students, grades 9-12. The third annual competition was held at the Baby Grand on January 14, 2018.

Friday February 2, 2018 5pm – 7pm Drop in any time Delaware Historical Society 504 North Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Free Parking courtesy of Colonial Parking, the 6<sup>th</sup> & Shipley Lot.

## About the Delaware Historical Society

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the National Historic Landmark, Read House & Gardens located in Old New Castle. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org, or visit www.dehistory.org.

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