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## Students Discuss King's Dream

**FORT WORTH, Texas** – In recognition of Martin Luther King Day, about 50 students, faculty, and staff members of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law attended the lunchtime panel discussion “Making the Dream a Reality: A Celebration of Martin Luther King” on Jan. 23.

After watching Dr. King's 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, 3L Mark Murrell, president of the Black Law Students Association, questioned a panel of students about their perceptions of Dr. King's speech and their views of current-day attitudes toward equality and race.

3L Renea Overstreet said that she believes Dr. King's dream is about realizing the problems at hand in society and choosing to do something about them.

“To me, the dream means answering that call,” Overstreet said. “That's why I'm here now.”  
3L Denise Turnbull said that while discrimination is still present in many forms today, it can be overcome.

“Race matters as long as there are those to whom it matters and those who react in support of their beliefs to the detriment of others around them,” Turnbull said. “Dr. King's dream can become a reality by working together to raise the level of awareness of the plight in all of the communities, by listening to the needs of all the members of the community, and by educating those in the community to the differences of others.”

Panelists also discussed their thoughts on the importance of education and Dr. King's position as an advocate for change through nonviolent means.

The panel members represented the Black Law Students Association, the Hispanic Law Students Association, the Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association, the Wesleyan Law Republicans, and the Women Law Students Association.

A similar version of the event was conducted for evening students later in the day.

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