



**AMBASSADOR
ANDREW YOUNG
FELLOWSHIP**

at ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

May 18-23, 2025

To whom much is given,
much is required –
not expected,
but required.



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Sunday

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| 6:15-6:45 pm | Check-in | Village Residence Hall |
| | Anderson University will be ready to welcome you and guide you to your room for the week. Each fellow will have a private room within a four-room suite, with two shared bathrooms among the four fellows. <i>Dinner will not be provided.</i> | |
| 6:15-7:00 pm | Gather | Student Center Banquet Hall |
| | After checking in and getting settled, head over to the Student Center to connect with others participating in the program. | |
| 7:00-8:30 pm | Welcome & Orientation | Student Center Banquet Hall |
| | <i>Leading Through Community Engagement and Social Justice</i> | |
| | Today, Dr. King is recognized as an international symbol of love, hope, freedom, and social change. However, international acclaim was never his goal. King was a local church pastor focused on serving his local context well when he was 'thrown' into the Civil Rights Movement. As current leaders: What is the significance of faithfully serving in your local context? Why are freedom, perseverance, and justice important when serving communities? How can commitment to a community shape the goals and life trajectory of the leader? Anderson University alumnus, Bishop Dr. Eric Freeman of the Meeting Place Church in Columbia, SC, will explore these questions and more at the intersection of community leadership, faithfulness, hope, and social justice. | |
| 8:30-9:30 pm | Social Hour | Merritt Hall Back Porch |
| | Relax, socialize, and connect with your fellow participants. Enjoy a bite to eat and board games in a laid-back atmosphere. | |

Monday

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| 8:30 am | Breakfast | Student Center Culinary Center |
| 9:00-10:30 am | Freedom Is Not Free | Student Center Banquet Hall |
| | In this session, Fellows will explore what freedom has meant to generations of activists and identify common patterns in those meanings. In doing so, they will build a deeper appreciation for the interconnected nature of humanity and their own ability to empower change. | |
| 10:45 am-12:15 pm | Perseverance Is Pressure | Student Center Banquet Hall |
| | This session examines the role of perseverance in a variety of historical and contemporary contexts to help Fellows understand that progress toward expanding human rights only occurs through constant and undaunted effort. | |
| 12:15 pm | Lunch | Student Center Culinary Center |
| 1:15-4:00 pm | Community Outreach | Meet outside Village Residence Hall |
| | Carpool with friends or ride in an AU van to a community service outreach opportunity! Fellows will have the chance to serve individuals experiencing homelessness at Hope Missions. CEO and Executive Director Dave Phillips will lead meaningful projects designed to bring hope and healing to the least, the lost, and the lonely in our community. | |
| 5:30 pm | Dinner | Student Center Culinary Center |
| 7:00-9:00 pm | Backyard Bash | Outside Sullivan Hall |
| | A casual gathering with food, music, and great company. Enjoy friendly games of sand volleyball, cornhole, or pickleball—plus plenty of space to relax and connect. | |

Tuesday

8:30 am	Breakfast	Student Center Culinary Center
9:00-10:30 am	Hope for the Sake of Hope or Change? Historically, human rights movements have not survived without perseverance. They have not begun at all without hope. In this session, Fellows will consider how hope has emerged and survived under circumstances that seem unlikely to generate such optimism.	Merritt Hall Admission Suite
10:45-11:45 am	Justice Delayed is Justice Denied In this session, Fellows consider forms of justice ranging from reconciliation to restoration and incarceration. Through discussion, they will diversify their understanding of the term and think about how it might apply in their own lives or the causes they seek to support.	Merritt Hall Admission Suite
12:00 pm	Community Luncheon Dr. Thompson, Founder and CEO of The Dream Team, will host the fellows and local leaders at the Westside Community Center for an enriching lunch celebrating community engagement. Dr. Thompson is the City of Anderson's first African American City Council member and its longest-serving member, now in her 49th year of service on the City Council. Dr. Daniels will lead the presentation with an introduction and overview of Share the Dream.	Westside Community Center
2:00-6:00 pm	Afternoon Rotations	Student Center
2:00-3:30	<i>Personal Reflection</i> Write your version of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, adapted for your generation. Your speech should be no more than two minutes long and written at a length that can be memorized and delivered confidently on video the following day (Wednesday).	
3:30-5:30	<i>Group Project</i> Join your group and begin crafting a plan for your short presentation (no more than 10 minutes) on how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. can inspire your group to take action within your assigned principle. <i>If you'd like to discuss your ideas with a college representative to ensure your approach aligns with the project goals, please stop by the Diversity, Inclusion, and Community office to meet with someone.</i>	
5:30 pm	Dinner	Student Center Culinary Center
7:00-8:00 pm	Leading Through Public Service and Civic Life Dr. King's love for people and desire for social justice were catalysts for his public service. As a result, King's civil rights work impacted local, national, and international public policy. As future public leaders: What does it mean to love people and do justice? How should love, conscience, and hope shape social and political action? What are helpful frameworks for thinking about justice-oriented civic engagement? Terence Roberts, who has served as Mayor for the City of Anderson since 2006, answers these questions as he engages the intersection of faith, leadership, public service, and civic life. Light refreshments will be served.	Student Center Banquet Hall

Wednesday

8:30 am	Breakfast	Student Center Culinary Center
9:00-10:30 am	Conscience: The Spiritual Foundation of the Civil Rights Movement In this session, Fellows will examine the spiritual principles at the foundation of both the substance and tactics of the civil rights movement – and how those same principles have power to transform our world today. We will also examine how human rights activists such as Dr. King have sacrificed their popularity, prosperity, and sometimes even their lives to do what's right. By studying these remarkable cases, students can begin to consider what it means to be a person of conscience and consider which causes might inspire them to take informed action.	Student Center Banquet Hall

Wednesday

10:45 am-1:30 pm	Group Rotations	Student Center Banquet Hall
	Groups will be assigned time blocks for the following activities:	
	<i>Video</i> Recite your <i>I Have a Dream</i> speech, adapted for your generation, and answer a brief set of questions on video.	
	<i>Group Presentation Prep</i> Continue working on your group presentation that answers the question: How does Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy inform how to take action on your assigned principle?	
	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:45-4:00 pm	Community Outreach	Meet outside Village Residence Hall
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5:30 pm	Dinner	Student Center Culinary Center
7:00-8:00 pm	MLK Trivia Night	Student Center Banquet Hall
	Put your MLK trivia knowledge to the test for a chance to win fun prizes and, of course, bragging rights! Once the prizes are claimed, the game room will open and board games will be ready to go. Come hang out in the Student Center—open until 10:00 PM! Light refreshments will be served.	

Thursday

7:30 am	Breakfast on the Go!	Meet outside Village Residence Hall
	Grab a breakfast snack and head to the vans outside of Village Residence Halls.	
9:30 am	Visit the King Center	Atlanta, GA
	The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, commonly known as The King Center, is a profound tribute to the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King. Established in 1968 by Mrs. King, the center serves as a beacon for civil rights education and a sanctuary for reflection.	
5:30 pm	Dinner	Student Center Culinary Center
Upon your return	Group Presentation Prep	Student Center
	Available time to work on Group Presentations	

Friday

8:30 am	Breakfast	Student Center Culinary Center
9:00-11:00 am	Group Presentations	Rainey Fine Arts Center, Daniel Recital Hall
	Groups will present on their assigned principle, with the goal of encouraging listeners to take action.	
11:15-11:45 am	Commissioning Service	Rainey Fine Arts Center, Daniel Recital Hall
	As we bring this week to a close, we gather to recognize our calling, commit to supporting one another through prayer and encouragement, and seek God's guidance and strength for the journey ahead. This moment is both a celebration and a challenge—we acknowledge the work before us while placing our trust in the One who calls, equips, and walks with us every step of the way.	