

UAB, Miles and Lawson students to honor Dr. King today, take part in National Day of Service



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UAB students Ben Burgess, Reid Eagleson and Kevin Varghese during sign-up at the UAB Campus Recreation Center for the National Day of Service in 2014. (Jesse Chambers/jchambers@al.com)

More than 400 UAB students are expected to join students from Miles College and Lawson State Community College today for a few hours of community service projects to honor the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to a UAB news release.

The annual event -- held in partnership with [Hands on Birmingham](#) -- is a way for students to take part in the [National Day of Service](#) held each year to mark King's birthday.

The volunteer projects will take place at various locations in the Birmingham area from 1-4 p.m.

UAB, Miles and Lawson Students who wish to take part should meet at the Center Court of the UAB Campus Recreation Center at 11:30 a.m. to register for a project and get a free lunch, [according to a UAB web site](#).

Service projects will include Grace House Ministries, Brookside Boys & Girls Club and Bessemer City Middle School, according to the release.

[About 450 students took part in the event in January 2014 and took part in projects at Legion Field and other locations.](#)

The Day of Service is "a great opportunity for us to really come together like in Martin (Luther) King's dream, for black and white people to come together," Miles College student Rasheed Miles said last year while signing up at the Recreation Center.