

## Yale's MLK Commemoration featuring Ruby Bridges

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OISS is a proud co-sponsor of this year's [Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Commemoration featuring Ruby Bridges!](#) [1]  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024 | 5:30pm to 7:00pm (Doors open at 5:15 p.m.)  
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Yale University and the Greater New Haven communities are invited to attend this year's MLK Commemoration that honors the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are pleased to announce that the commemoration will feature Ruby Bridges.

Ruby Bridges is a Civil Rights icon, activist, author, and speaker who, at the age of six, was the first Black student to integrate an all-white elementary school in Louisiana. She was born in Mississippi in 1954, the same year the United States Supreme Court handed down its landmark decision ordering the integration of public schools. Her family later moved to New Orleans, where on November 14, 1960, Bridges began attending William Frantz Elementary School, single-handedly initiating the desegregation of public education. Her walk to the front door of the school was immortalized in Norman Rockwell's painting *The Problem We All Live With*, in Robert Coles' book *The Story of Ruby Bridges*, and in the Disney movie *Ruby Bridges*.

This event is free and open to the public, but you must register to attend!

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