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800 CHICAGO TEENS CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY WITH ‘SELMA’ SCREENINGS

Noble Network, theaters partner to share historical film on national holiday

CHICAGO – Eight hundred Chicago students from schools within the [Noble Network of Charter Schools](#) will spend part of Martin Luther King Jr. Day learning about his work by watching “Selma.” The historical drama is based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches led by King, James Bevel, Hosea Williams and John Lewis, which led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act – a landmark federal achievement of the 1960s Civil Rights movement.

“Our students represent a diverse rainbow of color, opinions and experiences. At Noble, we celebrate these differences but, not too long ago, our diverse student body was only a dream,” said Kimberly Neal, [Muchin College Prep](#) founding principal. “It’s important for our students to understand the history and influential leaders, like Martin Luther King Jr., who helped create the opportunities they have each day – both in the classroom and out.”

It is through a partnership with Tony Fox at [The Harper Theater](#) and Erin Carr at [The Patio Theater](#) that this free experience for students was made possible. Both theaters agreed to heavily discount ticket prices on Monday, Jan. 19 to \$1, with the cost being covered by Noble.

“We at the Portage Theater Group, including the Portage and Patio Theaters, are consistently looking to offer the community a diverse array of educational and quality entertainment. We’re thrilled to be able to help ensure local students have access to a film like ‘Selma’ which honors the work of a man whose impact is still felt in our city today,” said Carr.

By seeing the movie together, students will have a shared experience which can be explored further in the classroom. In the words of King, “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”

WHEN: Throughout the day Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

WHERE: The Harper Theater
5238 S. Harper Ave.
Chicago, IL 60615

The Patio Theater
6008 W. Irving Park Road
Chicago, IL 60634



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WHAT: Interviews with students and principals can be arranged before or after the movie screenings. A representative from The Patio Theater will also be available on Monday.

About Noble

Noble (www.noblenetwork.org) is Chicago's largest and highest performing network of public high schools. In 2014, Noble campuses are eight of the top 10 open enrollment public high schools in Chicago and more than 90 percent of graduates matriculated to college this year. Noble is a non-selective network serving more than 10,000 students throughout Chicago at 16 campuses. Noble campuses are located in some of Chicago's highest need communities and serve a student population that is 89 percent low-income and 98 percent minority. As a public non-selective high school, there are no testing requirements for enrollment at any of Noble's campuses. Noble has a waitlist of over 6,000 families and plans to continue expansion to meet this demand.

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