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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Four students win contest in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.**

HOUGHTON – Four students from area schools recently won top honors in a poster and essay contest held in January in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sponsored by Copper Country AmeriCorps, the contest invited students in grades 6 through 12 to create posters along the theme, “What does the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr., look like to you?” The essay contest asked this question: “Compared to the experience of Martin Luther King, Jr., during his lifetime, would King be happy or unhappy with our nation in 2004?”

The winners of the poster contest were Karen Cladas, L'Anse High School, grade 10, and John Leinonen, Washington Middle School, Calumet, grade 6. The winners of the essay contest were Caroline Reinsch, L'Anse High School, grade 10, and Emily Van Dam, Houghton Middle School, grade 8. The four winners will receive pizza and movie tickets for two provided by Pizza Hut and Copper Country Cinema 5 of Houghton. The winning posters and essays are on display at the Copper Country Mall through February 13.

Twenty-three middle school and eight high school students submitted posters while two middle school and 16 high school students wrote essays. This is the seventh year Copper Country AmeriCorps has participated in a service project in honor of Dr. King. For more information, call Coordinator Michelle LaCourt at 482-3663.

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