

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Contest

At the January 17, 2013 general membership meeting of Local 443, Elsa Boyd, freshman at Olympia High School, was given recognition by attending members for winning the first annual Local 443 Martin Luther King, Jr. poster contest.

The contest, launched in September 2012, was done during the 70th anniversary of the forming of Local 443 and to commemorate the indelible contribution of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; for his efforts in seeking justice for the working class. He is known for his fight for race equality and civil rights. He believed that work and a fair wage were the right of everyone.



The task for contestants was to illustrate the theme, “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – an influential force in the labor movement.” Elsa replied to the call. Her well thought out charcoal artwork displays a pensive profile of Dr. King and in the background, a depiction of the famous sanitation workers strike with their “I am a man” signs.



MLK Poster artist, Elsa Boyd and Local 443 president, Thornton Alberg

With Elsa’s family in tow, the unveiling of the poster impressed members. There were a lot of oohs and aahs in the crowd. Her mother Sonja Dordal is a member of the local and works at the Department of Health. She is so proud of her daughter’s accomplishment. When asked how they came to know about the contest, she said, “We saw the information in the local newsletter and Elsa took interest. I went to the store bought her the art paper and within a couple of days she completed the poster. I didn’t realize she had this talent. She’s only had one art class!” As a contest winner, Elsa received the \$250.00 prize.

Her artwork has become a permanent fixture in the Local 443 office.