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Ocoee to Celebrate MLK Day on Monday



Dr. Paul Ortiz, Keynote Speaker

Ocoee, Fla. – The City of Ocoee’s 14th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Parade and Celebration will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 10 a.m. The parade honors the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The parade begins at Citrus Elementary School, 87 North Clarke Road, and ends at the parking lot of the West Oaks Mall on Clarke Road. The public is invited to attend a post-parade celebration that will take place in the West Oaks Mall food court at 11 a.m.

Dr. Paul Ortiz will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Ortiz is director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program and professor of history at the University of Florida. His newest book, *An African American and Latinx History of the United States* is the recipient of the 2018 PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Award for Literary Excellence. *An African American and Latinx History of the United States* was published by Beacon Press in January 2018 as part of its Revisioning American History series.

The celebration program will include presenting of the colors by the Ocoee High School JROTC, Ocoee resident Sherrí Gladney will sing the National Anthem and sixth-grader Christopher Forsythe, winner of last year’s Ocoee Black History Month Essay Contest, will recite his award-winning essay.

For more information, please visit www.ocoee.org or call 407-905-3100.

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