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## Four noted for continuing King's legacy

*Reaching out: Community honors the dream*

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Hattie Lawson busily finished up last minute details as guests began to trickle into the 25th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Banquet Saturday night.

Lawson, president of Athens Area Human Relations Council, Inc., the group that sponsors the yearly events, admits that the banquet is a lot of work.

But the work is all worth it, she said, if it helps carry Dr. King's dream a little further.

"Dr. King left a legacy; we're trying to fulfill that legacy," Lawson said.

The evening event followed an AAHRC Youth Pow-Wow at the University of Georgia Tate Center Saturday afternoon. Northern Judicial Circuit District Attorney Robert Lavender spoke at the earlier event about the promise and responsibilities of young people.

Saturday night the AAHRC honored four local people who are carrying on the dream of Dr. King by working to better the lot of their fellow man in the Athens area.



■ Teresa Smith, 19, far right, performs a step routine with Rites of Passage during the 2004 Youth Pow-Wow at the University of Georgia Tate Center on Saturday. The program, organized by the Athens Area Human Relations Council, Inc., was one of many events leading up to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.  
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Dr. Deryl Bailey was honored for his efforts to empower young African-American students, partly through an organization he founded called Gentlemen on the Move.

Richard and Barbara Andersen were honored for their volunteer work at local homeless shelters. And Robert Howard was recognized for his efforts to bring about justice for the two African-American couples killed by a lynch mob at the Moore's Ford Bridge in 1946.

During his acceptance speech Rob Howard urged those in the audience to stand up for injustice wherever they saw it.

Keynote speaker David Sweat, a Superior Court judge for the Western Judicial Circuit, referenced a famous Dr. King quote in his address to the audience.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," Sweat said.

Sweat said King's ideal of people realizing the humanity in each other was the first step in conquering issues like crime, drug abuse and war. Many in the Athens area had already done their share for the civil rights movement, he said.

"The history of the civil rights movement has been boiled down to a few paragraphs in text books," Sweat said. "But the stories of the movement are all around us."

And many of the banquet's attendants had their own stories to tell.

Dr. Tony Rucker, 50, who led the Clarke-Central women's choir for the night's entertainment, clearly remembered the day of King's assassination.

And he remembers his own historic battle as he helped integrate his Jackson County high school.

While 14-year-old Melvin Rambeau Jr. may be too young to share Rucker's firsthand memories of the tumultuous civil rights movement, he's heard his share of stories from family and friends.

The ninth-grader has heard tales of relatives who had to sit in the back of buses and dine in segregated facilities.

It's stuff that the aspiring actor/rapper/singer can't even imagine. But he doesn't really have to - and he knows that Dr. King's legacy has a lot to do with his unlimited ambition.

Rambeau knows that before people like King fought for civil rights there were a lot of things a young black man might not have been able to do. One of them is being a pediatrician - Rambeau's backup choice if the whole acting thing falls through.

The AAHRC also awarded 24 scholarships to students from



■ Northern Judicial Circuit District Attorney Robert Lavender speaks about the promise and responsibilities of young people during the 2004 Youth Pow-Wow at the University of Georgia Tate Center on Saturday.

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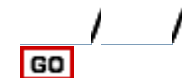
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Clarke, Madison and Oglethorpe counties. The scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$2,000.

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