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\*\*\*\* Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship  
honors UT Southwestern students

DALLAS -- An African American woman who is a third-year medical student and an Alaskan man of Hispanic descent have been named winners of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas's third annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. They will be recognized at a reception in Gooch Auditorium on the UT Southwestern campus at 4 p.m. today.

Annie Carter, a Houston native who has been active in developing a mentor program to encourage and motivate high school students, plans a medical career of social activism in the African American community. "My goal in life is to help other people, especially as a Black person because there's so much needed in the Black community," she said. "It is really important for minorities who make it to go back and help others."

Tom Padilla, originally from Kodiak Island, Alaska, is studying prosthetics and orthotics at UT Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School. A volunteer with the Texas Spinal Screening Program and the American Red Cross, he also participates in a tutoring program aimed at interesting disadvantaged elementary school pupils in science. He plans to take his expertise in prosthetics and orthotics home, making artificial limbs available to residents of remote areas of Alaska.

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The Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship annually recognizes minority students at UT Southwestern for their academic achievements and community service. It is based on financial need and designed to lessen the financial burden of their education.

Dr. Drew Alexander, assistant dean of student affairs, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics and chairman of the MLK Scholarship Committee, will present the award. The Paul Jackson trio will perform during the reception, and works from Stephanie's Collection of African American Art will be on display.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.

Interviews with the students can be arranged. Photos will be available.