



COMMEMORATIVE GUIDE
for
THE HISTORIC
DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL

Education & Development Campus

May 21, 2023



407 E. Market Street
Leesburg, VA 20176



**Welcome to
The Historic Douglass High School
Education & Development Campus
Rededication Ceremony**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023
2:00 p.m.**

This Commemorative Guide is dedicated
to all who walked the halls of Douglass High School
from 1941 through 1968



Douglass Parade (Date Unknown)

Courtesy of Thomas Balch Library Winslow Williams Photography Collection

Remember Why We Started . . .

**The Historic Douglass High School
Education & Development Campus
Rededication Ceremony**

May 21, 2023 - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude

Euterpe Cello Ensemble, Dominion High School

Welcome

Charles Avery and Erica Bush, Co-Chairs

Douglass High School Commemorative Committee

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Jaxon Roberts, Grandson of James Roberts (Douglass High School Class of 1956)

Alumni Memories

Arnold Ambers, Douglass High School Class of 1960

Douglass High School Song ~ “Our Dear School” ~ Lyrics by Lular Moore

Performed by Loudoun Community Gospel Choir

Remarks

Daniel Smith, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent, Loudoun County Public Schools

Ian Serotkin, Chair, Loudoun County School Board

Kelly Burk, Mayor, Town of Leesburg

Phyllis Randall, Chair, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

Black National Anthem ~ “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson (1900)

Performed by Loudoun Community Gospel Choir

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Sean Johnson, Son of Erica Bush and Descendent of Alumni Barbara Sheppard Bush

Guest Speaker

Kevin Douglass Greene, Great-Great Grandson of Frederick Douglass

Description of Douglass High School Commemorative Components

Charles Avery and Erica Bush, Co-Chairs

“The Renovation of Douglass High School: A Commemoration of History & Legacy”

Filmed and produced by Laura Cruz, Videographer

LCPS Communications & Community Engagement Office

Closing Remarks

Charles Avery and Erica Bush, Co-Chairs

Reconvene at 1941 School Entrance for Ribbon Cutting & Photos

~ 15 Minutes Following the Closing Remarks

Douglass High School Alumni to perform ribbon cutting:

Rosetta Bush, Sterling Cook, Ronald Hampton & Almeta Ferrell Johnson

Exploration of Building & Campus – Open until 5:00 p.m.



Douglass High School Song
“Our Dear School” by Lular Moore (Class of 1951)

Tune: “You Are My Sunshine”

I

Oh! Douglass High dear you are our High School.
A school we'll treasure til the end of time.
Though the roads seem weary and the days seem dreary
It's still the school of yours and mine.

II

Dear Douglass High School so true and kind,
You shall always linger in every mind.
We may go East or we may go West,
We'll find old Douglass to be the best.

III

If it wasn't for the faculty what would it be?
Just a lonely building filled with no glee.
If we be cooperative that will be fine
Then our dear school can shine and shine.



Student Patrol – 1952

Front Row: Kathleen Coe, Ophelia Rust, Principal George W. Liverpool, Margaret Brown, Robbie Berry

Middle Row: Glenwood Moore, Johnny Coe, James (Buddy) Anderson, Norman Coe

Back Row: Franklin Jackson, Carl Ford, William Jones, James Marcellus, A.B. Coe, George Washington

Guest Speaker Kevin Douglass Greene **Great-Great Grandson of Frederick & Anna Murry Douglass**



Mr. Kevin Greene has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community. Kevin was born in Paris, France, and celebrates the same birth month as his great-great grandfather. A native of Seaside, California, Kevin retired from the U.S. Army in 2003 and currently resides in Cumberland City, Tennessee. During his 20 years of active duty in the Army, he served as a role model for soldiers and civilians alike. Throughout his military

career, Kevin devoted his spare time to promoting self-worth, pride, and education in young people through various programs and sharing the legacy of Frederick Douglass, a former enslaved human, husband, father, abolitionist, and statesman.

In 2006, Kevin graduated from Middle Tennessee State University. He has received several awards including the Army's Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Saint Barbara Field Artillery Medal, The National Federation of Black Veterans Network, and honorary membership with the rank of brigadier general. Kevin has presented to multiple organizations and educational institutions throughout the United States and many countries around the world. He is currently a human resource specialist, with 16 years in the Department of Veterans Affairs and over 35 years of Federal service. Kevin has grown in his knowledge and convictions igniting a new passion for a very old problem of this world: to end enslavement, human trafficking, and racism. Kevin has teamed up with very likely allies, his family; he is a senior advisor with the Frederick Douglass Family Initiative and a supporter and speaker with Hands Across Philadelphia organizations. Together this coalition actively promotes the Million Abolitionists Project, to distribute Frederick Douglass books to young people around the world.

**WELCOME TO
OUR JOURNEY,
OUR LIFE,
OUR STORY,
(Y) OUR HISTORY**

Brief History of Douglass High School

Douglass High School was built during segregation and was Loudoun County's first and only Black high school from 1941 to 1968, when segregated education ended in the County.

For years, delegations of parents and patrons met with the Loudoun County School Board to request adequate facilities and additional teachers for their children. They were repeatedly told there were no funds to purchase land, while funds were found to purchase additional land for white schools. Undeterred, the parents worked together and, with the help of Jeanes Supervisor, Gertrude Alexander (Supervisor of Black Teachers), formed the County-Wide League in 1938 to consolidate and strengthen their efforts. The community raised \$4,000 through donations, bake sales, and the assistance of William "Willie" Hall who obtained a loan so that a school site could be secured. With that money in hand, the League was able to negotiate and purchase the land the school now sits on from William S. Gibbons, to build an accredited high school. The League hired well-known civil rights attorney Charles Hamilton Houston to help persuade County officials to allocate funds for the new school. The School Board agreed to fund the high school if the League sold the land to the School Board for \$1.



Douglass High School was opened for the 1941-1942 school year. An addition was built in 1954, and another addition (including the gymnasium) in 1960, to comprise the building as you see it today. Douglass High School closed its doors in 1968, with full integration but wonderful memories remain.

The County-Wide League

The Loudoun County-Wide League was formed in November 1938, with the help of Gertrude A. Alexander, the Jeanes Supervisor for the Black schools. The League, comprised of members of the various Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) for Black schools, banded together to have a collective voice seeking better educational facilities, teacher tools, and teacher salaries. It is unclear when the League disbanded; it is mentioned in School Board minutes through 1959. Below is a list of the Officers appointed at the first meeting in 1938, and those who signed the Deed transferring the land to the School Board in December 1940:

President, John Wanzer, and Signer of Deed
Vice President, Elizabeth Quisenberry, and Signer of Deed
2nd Vice President, Annie Ferrell
Secretary, Charles H. Willis
Asst. Secretary, Eva Sanford and Signer of Deed
Treasurer, Irene Roberts
Chaplin, Reverend W.E. Williams
Publicity, Edythe O. Harris
Howard Clark, Signer of Deed
Fred Lewis, Signer of Deed
Robert Ambers, Signer of Deed
John Washington, Signer of Deed

**Thank you to all those who were a part of
The County-Wide League
for your dedication and perseverance for better schools.**



Timeline

- 1938** November - The County-Wide League Forms
- 1939** November - The County-Wide League purchases property from William S. Gibbons for \$4,000, with \$1,400 down and a \$2,600 Promissory Note
- December - William Hall secures a loan for \$2,600, clearing the title to the property
- 1940** February – The County-Wide League secures the assistance of Charles Hamilton Houston, civil rights attorney
- March – The Loudoun Branch of NAACP is formed
- December – The County-Wide League transfers the property to the School Board for \$1
- 1941** February – Taylor Manufacturing Company awarded the contract to build Douglass High School
- September 3 – First day of school for students attending Douglass High School
- 1942** January – Douglass High School receives accreditation for the 1941-1942 school year
- 1954** Douglass High School is expanded with additional classrooms
- 1960** Douglass High School is expanded to add a gymnasium and classrooms



Front: Violet Jackson, Connie Roberts, Janet Lee, _____, Glorinda Douglass, Charlotte Lee, Frances Williams, Janet Smith

Back: Barbara Timbers, _____, _____

The Douglass High School Commemorative Committee
would like to thank
Loudoun County School Board
Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
Town of Leesburg
Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Service
and
Loudoun County Public Schools Department of Support Services
for their support of the renovation project



BOOK CLUB

Pres. Charlotte Scott
Sec. Peggy Dodson
Treas. Gladys Young

1954

Vice Pres. Laura Johnson
Asst. Sec. Evelyn Berry
Chaplin-Beatrice Morris

Douglass High School Commemorative Committee May 2021 to May 2023

The Douglass High School Commemorative Committee was appointed by the Loudoun County School Board on May 11, 2021. The Committee was tasked with determining how the history and importance of Douglass High School should be shared and to recommend commemorative components for School Board action in conjunction with the school renovation. The committee is comprised of 17 members, representing organizations throughout Loudoun County.



Erica Bush and Charles Avery, Co-Chairs

Charles Avery, Loudoun Douglass High School Alumni Association (DHS Class of 1968)
Erica Bush, Loudoun Douglass High School Alumni Association (DHS Descendent)
Dwight Brooks, Loudoun County School Board Appointee (DHS Class of 1965)
Gladys Burke, Loudoun County Heritage Commission
Valerie Bush, Loudoun County School Board Appointee (DHS Alumni Descendent)
Tammy Carter, MLK 'I Have a Dream' Committee
Carlotta Coates, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Appointee (DHS Alumni Descendent)
Gertrude Ashton Evans, Loudoun County School Board Appointee (DHS Class of 1966)
Margaret Good, Loudoun Preservation Society
Glory Anderson Howard, Loudoun County School Board Appointee (DHS Class of 1962)
Joyce Jackson, Loudoun County School Board Appointee (LCHS Class of 1966)
Mary Hall Randolph, Leesburg Town Council Appointee (DHS Class of 1961)
James Roberts, Black History Committee (DHS Class of 1956)
Larry Roeder, Edwin Washington Society
Larry Simms, Loudoun County School Board Appointee (LVHS Class of 1967)
Sylvia Smith, Loudoun County School Board Appointee (LVH Class of 1966)
Michelle Thomas, NAACP-Loudoun Branch

DHS = Douglass High School
LCHS = Loudoun County High School
LVHS = Loudoun Valley High School

Douglass High School Commemorative Committee Members



Front Row: Larry Simms, Erica Bush, Tammy Carter, Mary Hall Randolph, Charles Avery

Second Row: Gertrude Ashton Evans, Margaret Good, Carlotta Coates, Valerie Bush

Third Row: Joyce Jackson, Gladys Burke

Fourth Row: Sylvia Smith, Larry Roeder

Back Row: Glory Anderson Howard, Dwight Brooks, James Roberts

Not Pictured: Michelle Thomas

Mission Statement

The mission of the Douglass High School Commemorative Committee is to identify, collect, preserve, and display, memorabilia, documents, photographs, oral history, digital records, and other materials that commemorate and honor the rich legacy of past and present generations who fought to overcome systemic racial challenges to ensure African American children in Loudoun County could receive an accredited secondary education; as well as work with local diverse community organizations to promote and maintain the rich heritage of the historic Douglass High School.



1968 Yearbook Editors

Douglass High School Commemorative Committee Subcommittees:

- Amphitheatre/Outdoor Seating Subcommittee:** James Roberts, Valerie Bush
- Dedication Subcommittee:** Valerie Bush, Gladys Burke, Carlotta Coates, Mary Hall Randolph, James Roberts, Larry Simms
- Front Plaza and Sculpture Subcommittee:** Larry Roeder and Tammy Carter
- Kiosk/Computer Screen Subcommittee:** Carlotta Coates, Valerie Bush, Tammy Carter
- Mission Statement Subcommittee:** Joyce Jackson, Glory Anderson Howard
- Mural, Gym & Courtyard Subcommittee:** Larry Simms, Larry Roeder, Joyce Jackson
- Oral History Subcommittee:** Larry Simms
- Paver and Quote Subcommittee:** Carlotta Coates, Gertrude Ashton Evans, Tammy Carter
- Reconciliation Subcommittee:** Larry Simms, James Roberts, Charles Avery, Erica Bush, Dwight Brooks, Tammy Carter, Gertrude Ashton Evans, Mary Hall Randolph, Larry Roeder
- Sculpture Subcommittee:** Larry Roeder, Tammy Carter
- Thomas Balch Library & School Administration Exhibit:** Gertrude Ashton Evans, Larry Roeder, James Roberts, Dwight Brooks, Larry Simms
- Time Capsule Subcommittee:** Valerie Bush, Larry Roeder, James Roberts
- Timeline Subcommittee:** Gertrude Ashton Evans, Gladys Burke, Dwight Brooks
- W&OD Trail Sign Subcommittee:** Dwight Brooks, Tammy Carter



Student Participation Association- 1966

Front Row: Brenda Bowles, Claudia Thomas, Charlotte Johnson, Pauline Newman, Joyce Christian, Sheila King – Teacher, Marjorie Turner

Back Row: Gertrude Ashton, Cynthia Washington, William Pollard, Galen Brooks, Louis Haley, Jacalyn Grant

Douglass High School Consortium Information

In October 2022, the Loudoun County School Board endorsed individual Memorandum of Understanding with three Loudoun County Public Schools-related historical organizations which include dedicated space in the newly renovated 1941 section of Douglass High School. The three organizations are:



Loudoun Douglass High School Alumni Association (LDAA), comprised of the students and descendants of students who attended Douglass High School from 1941 through 1968, has firsthand knowledge of and experience with the fight for equal education for Blacks in Loudoun County;

The Loudoun County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and



NAACP
Loudoun Branch



The Edwin Washington Society (EWS) is comprised of volunteers working to preserve the history of Black education throughout segregation

These organizations agree to collaborate and partner together in telling of life stories in segregated Loudoun County, Virginia. Although the three entities have much in common, there is much diversity. Each organization brings a wealth of history and knowledge that compliments the others to ensure histories are documented.



Loudoun Douglass High School Alumni Association (LDAA)

In 1984, a small group of former students who attended the Loudoun Training School (20 Union Street, Leesburg) and/or Douglass High School (DHS) got together for dinner. While socializing, members from the Class of 1953 came together with an idea to start an alumni association aimed at providing scholarships to students and financial assistance to charitable organizations in Loudoun County. As a result of the 1984 discussion, the Loudoun Douglass High School Alumni Association (LDAA) was established in 1985 and became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As a fledgling organization, LDAA was only known to those who attended DHS. In establishing a newly formed organization, it seemed natural to have only those who attended or graduated from either school be members of the association or serve as members of the Board of Directors.

However, we use the term “alumni” very loosely. We are a diverse and inclusive organization, and we include anyone who has a connection to either school. All students, graduates, community members, and descendants are encouraged and welcome to join LDAA.

LDAA focuses its efforts on enhancing the lives of young adults by providing opportunities to further their education. Specifically, our mission is to foster an engaged and passionate community by sharing the rich history of DHS. In addition to preserving the legacy of DHS, we provide financial support – via scholarships.



Arnold Ambers, Class of 1960

LDAA, as part of a multi-organization consortium, is the lead curator for The Historic Douglass High School Education and Development Campus. Through this role, we will ensure the history of DHS and our stories are told accurately. LDAA looks forward to providing leadership as the primary curator at The Historic Douglass High School, a cultural destination where we will document and showcase the relevance of Douglass High School in the history of Loudoun County.



Loudoun Douglass High School
Alumni Association –...

ldaa1941.org

Edwin Washington Society

The Edwin Washington Society is named after the first Black teenager in Loudoun County whom we documented as having sought an education while keeping his job, though we know there must have been many more. Our biggest efforts are (1) the Edwin Washington Project documenting segregated education and its impact, (2) the opening of a research center in the Douglass High School building, (3) the Bulletin of Loudoun County History, which since the 1950s has covered all aspects of local history, (4) a digital map of all Loudoun schools built before 1968, soon to be expanded to cover other areas as well, and (5) a database to allow easy searching for relevant historical data. Other projects are planned.

We work closely with Loudoun County Public Schools to preserve and protect a collection of historical documents. We also conduct research in archives across the nation to better understand our subject matter and are a member of the Country-School Association of America (CSAA). To preserve the legacy of Douglass High School, built in 1941 as the only dedicated high school building for Blacks in the County, we helped form the Consortium, along with the Loudoun Douglass High School Alumni Association and the Loudoun Branch of the NAACP. Nonaffiliated private citizens can also participate with us.

Please join us as a volunteer at our new research center in The Historic Douglass High School Education & Development Campus.



Front Row: Samuel Thomas, Lynwood Owens, Louis Carter, Willard Clark, Perry Thomas, Hilton Lloyd, Harvey Daye, Wiley Trent
Middle Row: Lina Bowers (Teacher), Addie Trammel, Marian Hales, Judith Chinn, Margaret Stewart, Betty Simms, Barbara Evans, _____,
_____, Delores Thomas, Edna Bowles, Marion Anderson, Yvonne Thornton, Audrey Simms
Back Row: Harry Lloyd, _____, James Simms, Carolyn Tolbert, Barbara Smith, Shirley Gaskins, Margaret Smith, Ruth Craven (Teacher)

The Loudoun Branch of the NAACP

The Loudoun County Branch of the NAACP was chartered on March 24, 1940, around the issue of equal education. At the urging of Attorney Charles Hamilton Houston (Dean of Howard University School of Law, Legal Counsel to the NAACP, and later, mentor to Mr. Thurgood Marshall), a local beautician (Marie Medley) sent away for its charter and became the first president of the Loudoun County Chapter of the NAACP. Members and leaders worked together with the previously established County-Wide League to convince the School Board to build a high school, provide bus transportation, and obtain equal pay for the Black teachers of the County.

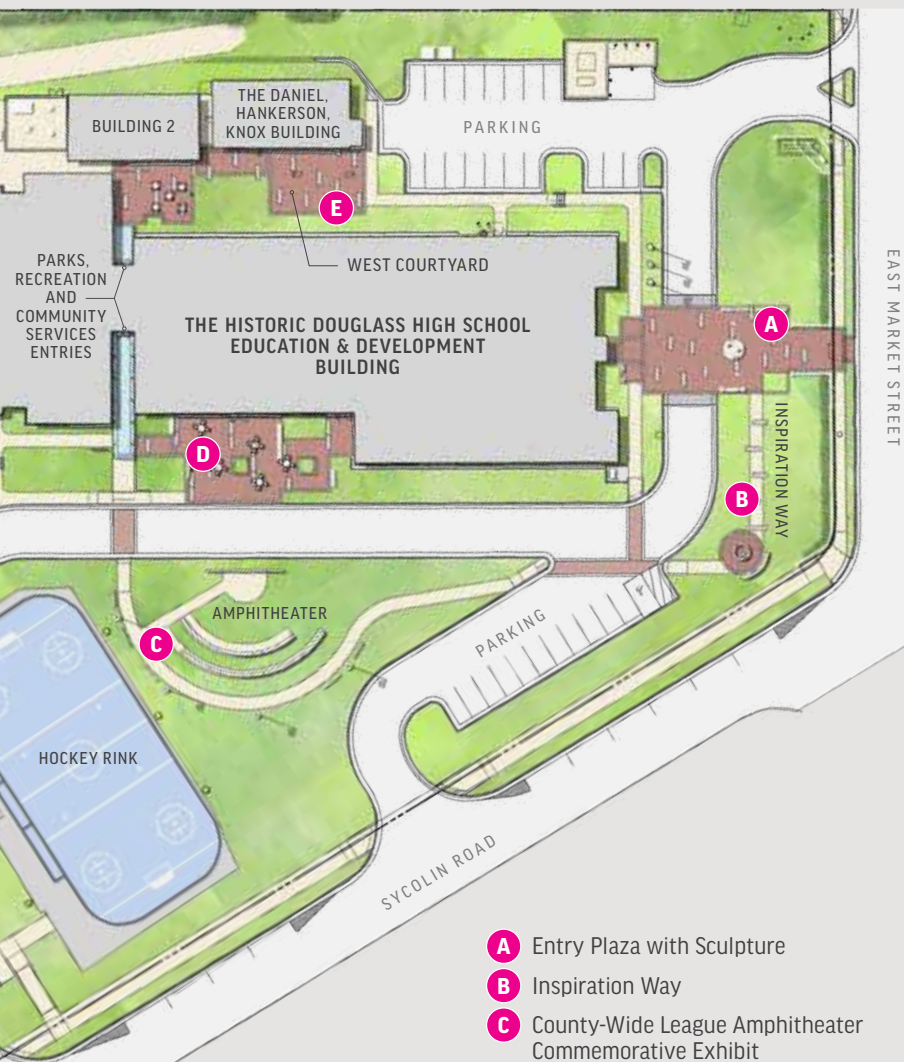
We are committed to dismantling racism and disrupting inequality to create a society where all people can truly be free. Our work includes civic engagement, systemically building racial equity, and supporting policies and institutions that prioritize the urgent needs of Black people, who are most impacted by race-based discrimination. NAACP Loudoun Branch is a volunteer-based non-profit. We provide scholarships to high school graduates of color, support and promote local programs to preserve and expand Black-owned small businesses and work to ensure equality of rights for all persons.

COSMETOLOGY



Front Row: _____, _____, _____, Helen Grant, Darlene Lewis
Second Row: _____, _____, _____, Dorothy Scott, _____, Deborah Lloyd,
_____, Dorothy Ewell, _____
Back Row: _____, _____, _____





THE HISTORIC DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT CAMPUS, EXTERIOR MAP

- A** Entry Plaza with Sculpture
- B** Inspiration Way
- C** County-Wide League Amphitheater Commemorative Exhibit
- D** East Courtyard: Frederick Douglass Bench
- E** West Courtyard: The Daniel, Hankerson, Knox Building Commemorative Exhibit
- F** Sports Mural
- G** Bernice Sewell Carroll Pavilion
- H** Fulton Gross Field



“A smile or a tear has no nationality;
joy and sorrow speak alike to all nations,
and they above all the confusion of tongues,
proclaim the brotherhood of man.”

FREDERICK DOUGLASS



VARSITY

VIA Group I District Champions

1966



FRONT ROW: William Tracy, Garland Trammell, Moley Davis, Harry Johnson, John Bryant. 2nd ROW STANDING: John Wilson, Warren Helm, Wayne Ambers, Louis Halsey, Samuel Corbin, Elliott Pollard, (NOT PICTURED, Reginald Evans). COACHES: William Washington, and Fulton Cross. RECORD: District (6-4) Overall (9-6).

DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL



1941-1968

ENVISION

INSPIRE

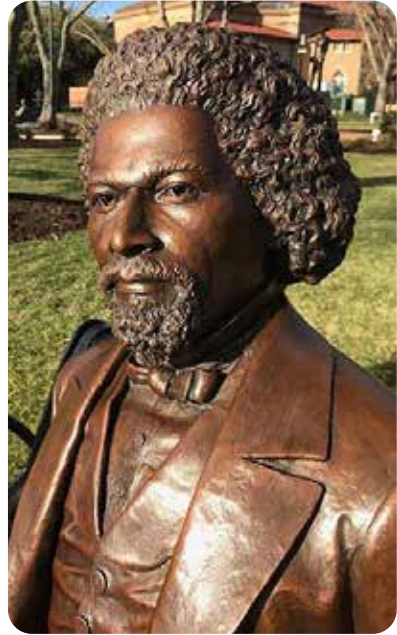
ENCOURAGE

BELIEVE

ACHIEVE

Frederick Douglass on Bench

By Jon Hair, Sculptor



"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." Frederick Douglass

Jon Hair has fulfilled over 125 Public Art Commissions in his 22 years as a sculptor. His clients include the U.S. Olympic Committee, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Computer Sciences Corporation, the Cities of Beijing and Shanghai, The Emmys Hall of Fame, 46 colleges and universities, and many more. He has been an art director, designer, musician (he says jamming with Jimi Hendrix

was a high point), and an advertising entrepreneur. In 2000, Mr. Hair added sculptor to his list of skills and has created more than 100 public monuments for universities, cities, and corporations.



Mr. Hair was engaged to create a sculpture of Frederick Douglass located in the east courtyard of The Historic Douglass High School Education & Development Campus.

“Game Time” Sports Mural

By Jason Tetlak, Artist



Jason Tetlak of Jacksonville, Florida, was selected by the Douglass High School Commemorative Committee to install this mural on the outside wall of the 1960 gymnasium. The mural focuses on the idea of people coming together to enjoy themselves in a friendly competition. Figures and icons representing various sports that were played at Douglass between 1941 and 1968 are depicted in the mural. The mural breaks the surface into smaller shapes that are filled with eye-catching colors.

Mr. Tetlak is a world record-setting mural artist who has worked on over 40 public art projects in ten states. He was also a featured artist for the Basel House Mural Festival in Miami, Florida, and started a local public art initiative in Jacksonville, Florida, that has helped revitalize the Murray Hill neighborhood by installing more than 15 murals. Mr. Tetlak was chosen by the Arts & Humanities Council of Tuscaloosa, Florida, to be the first artist to paint a mural as part of their mural project and was recently the first artist to ever paint a mural for the Corpus Christi Mural Festival as well. Mr. Tetlak has had murals voted “Best Public Artwork” in Jacksonville, Florida, on three occasions, and set a Guinness World Record for the largest 3D painting. Additionally, Mr. Tetlak has worked with comedian Josh Blue who won Last Comic Standing on NBC, he was featured on ESPN for his red-reveal mural with NFL quarterback Baker Mayfield.



1961

Upward Struggle

By Jeffery L. Hall, Sculptor

This sculpture, which will be placed in the front plaza, represents the historic struggle for equal education and the resilience of the Black community.



Local artist Jeffery L. Hall is a world-renowned sculptor. His ceramic and bronze creations have been shown internationally and his architectural sculptures adorn government buildings, churches and estates including commissions for the U.S. Capitol building, the Park Potomac building, the Turkish Embassy residence, and the Washington National Cathedral.

Shop/Band Building Mural

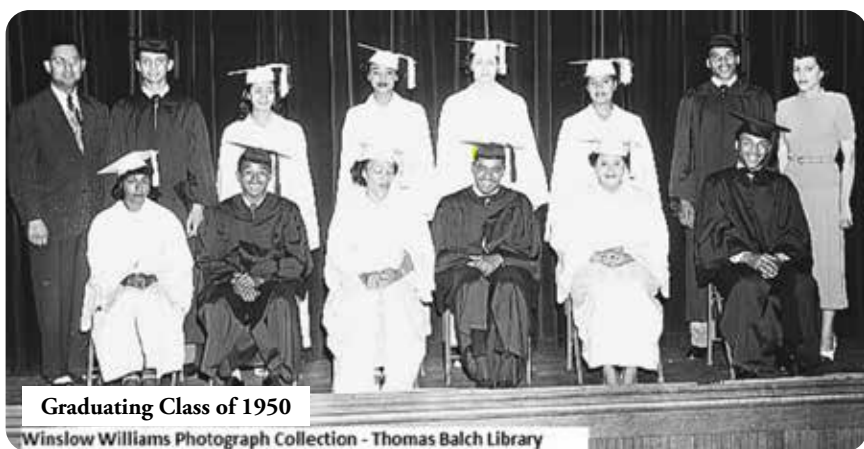


This photo was painted as a mural inside the shop/band building now named the “Daniel, Hankerson, Knox” building. The brick building is located on the western side of the campus, west of the high school. The photo was found through the research efforts of the Edwin Washington Society, in the Virginia State University Archives, several years ago and was labeled as coming from Loudoun County.

The mural was created by Robert Mayhew, artist, with SUI (Signs Unlimited, Inc.).

Teachers and Staff Commemorated in the Building & Campus

1941 Rooms:	Norman & Betty Camp Eleanor Smith & Luther Smith Marie B. Briscoe George Barrett Otha Butler Ruth Craven
1960 Gymnasium:	Adam Craven & Ruth Hodges
Band/Shop Building:	Isaac J. Daniel, Charles E. Hankerson, Moses D. Knox
Pavilion:	Bernice Sewell Carroll
Sports Field:	Fulton Gross
Amphitheater:	County-Wide League
Principal Benches:	George W. Liverpool, Principal, 1941-1948 Ulysses L. Oliver, Principal, 1948-1952 Stephen M. Sydnor, Principal, 1952-1963 James B. Woodson, Principal, 1963-1968



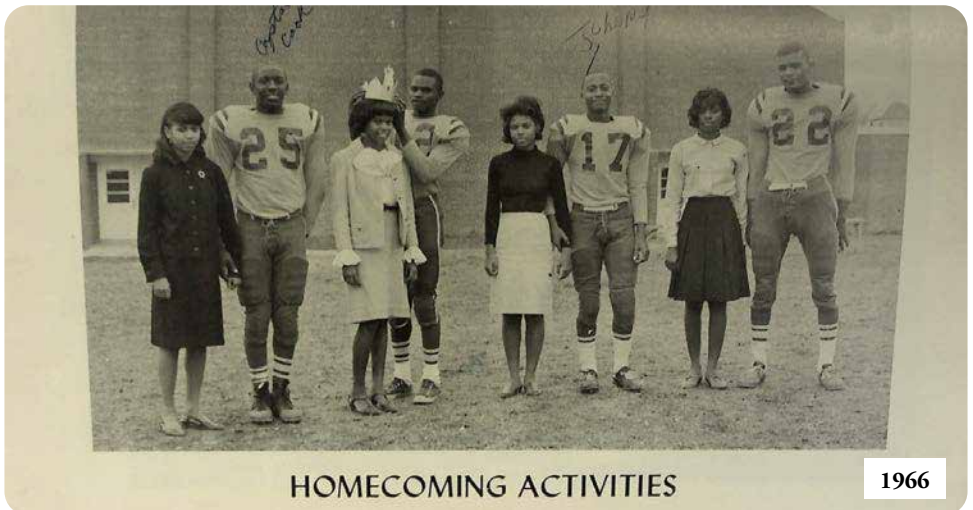
Front Row: Elaine Thompson, Congo Thomas, Helen Howard, James Harris, Helen Anderson, Walter "Plute" Bolden
Back Row: Principal Ulysses Oliver, Carl Ford, Marlene Mae Cooke, Rosetta Jackson, Margaret Brown, Alberta Johnson, James Marcellus, Teacher Ruth Craven

Time Capsule



A time capsule was placed under the stage in the 1941 portion of the building on February 27, 2023. It contains submissions from each of the organizations represented on the Commemorative Committee and each Committee member.

The time capsule is to be opened in 2072.



Patricia Thomas and Sterling Cook (25), Shelia King and Sammy Corbin (12), Phyllis Jackson and John Myrick(17), Gloria Reid and Louis Haley(22)

Updated State Historic Marker



In April 2022, the Loudoun Douglass High School Alumni Association and Loudoun County Public Schools worked collaboratively to correct inconsistencies in the original marker that was installed on the Douglass High School campus in 1980. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources provided a new marker which was just installed in 2023.

BASKETBALL



1965

Coch: Mr. Gross -- Asst. Coch: Mr. Washington

Front Row: Raymond Turner, Steve Scott, Larry Johnson, _____ Brown, Wayne Ambers, _____, _____, Garland Trammel, Boise Davis, Anthony Ford, Elliott Pollard

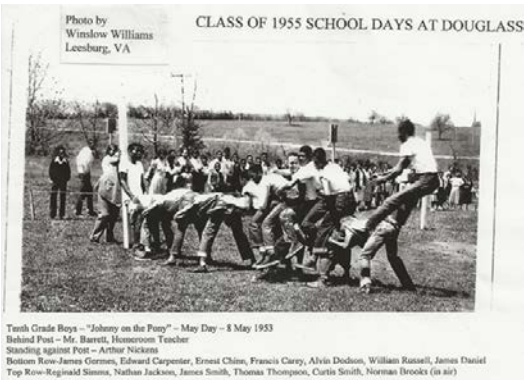
Back Row: James Thornton, Dwight Brooks, Raymond Douglas, William Tracey, Louis Haley, Reggie Evans, Dennis Lucas, Michael Turner, John Carter, William Pollard, Sammy Corbin, Montye Brown

Loudoun County Parks, Recreation & Community Service Playground



County of Loudoun Parks, Recreation & Community Services, in conjunction with Loudoun County Public Schools’ vision to restore and preserve the history and cultural significance of Douglass High School, is telling a story in the onsite playground. This playground replacement is a themed experience that embraces the global impact and contributions African Americans have made as a part of American history. Custom structures have been designed to embody an authentic play experience through intentional educational components. The “Hall of Heroes” is inspired by the architecture of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and is in the center structure that sets the tone for the themed

playground concept. The play structure is designed to be visually appealing, ADA-accessible, multi-generational, educational, and a fun experience. The exterior captures the struggle and hope of African American people through etched images, which can be similarly explored. Additional themes include civil and social progress, innovation and technology, and arts and entertainment.



**“Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much”**

- Helen Keller

8th Grade, 1968



Sponsor: Mr. Weatherly

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F.B.L.A.



Future Business Leaders of America

Front Row: Front Row: Lillie Ceasar, JoAnn Furr, Mary Reid, Connie Walker, Jacqueline Washington, Glory Anderson
Second Row: Joan Clark, Peggy Stewart, Patricia Trammell, Bonita Coates, Edith Daye, Beatrice King, Geraldine Cox, Patricia Hall
Third Row: Evelyn Harris, Ester Dean, Mary Stewart, Francine Mallory, Carolyn Bunn, Peggy Lloyd, Barbara King, Rosalee King

Thank you to special guests of the Douglass High School Commemorative Committee

Helen Grant Avery
 Nathan Bailey
 Charlotte Scott Coates
 Alvin Dodson
 Sean Johnson
 Jaxon Roberts
 Janet Smith Wiggins



Jaxon Roberts,
Grandson of James Roberts
(Class of 1956)



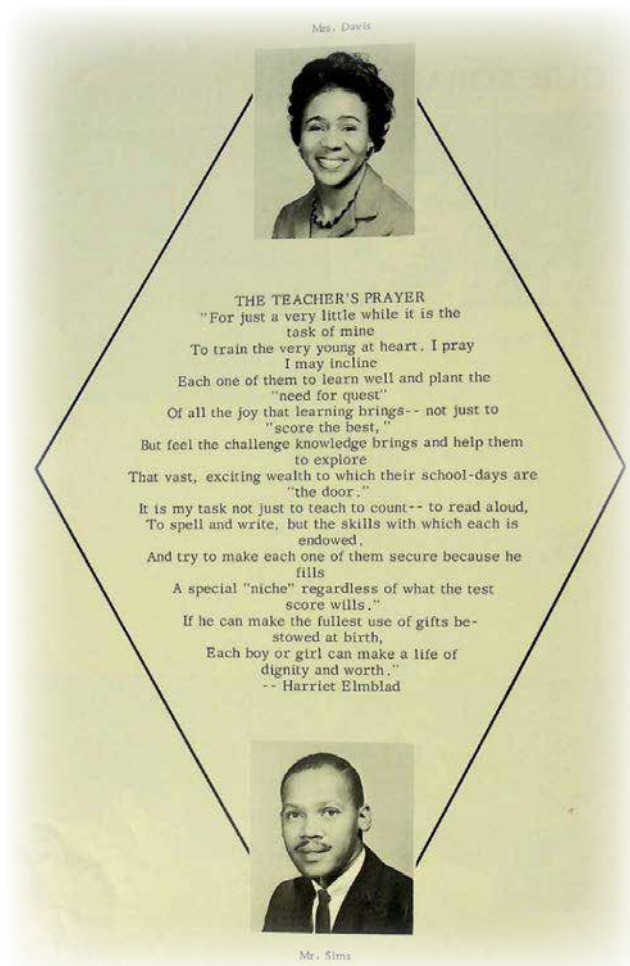
Sean Johnson,
Son of Erica Bush & Grandson of
Barbara Jean Sheppard Alumni

Thanks to Oral History Interviewees

Larry Simms, Interviewer

Corey Gray, Videographer

Arnold Ambers
 Guthrie Ashton
 Charles Avery
 Dwight Brooks
 Sheila Bryant Coates
 Barbara Jackson Coe
 Sterling Cook
 Mary Lee Payne Crabbe
 Alvin Dodson
 Barbara Evans Scott
 Gertrude Ashton Evans
 Edith Campbell Ferrell
 Loretta Hall
 Ollie Swann Hall
 Charles Hankerson
 Warren Helm
 Joyce Jackson
 Louis Jett
 Lionel Lansdown
 Arthur Lloyd
 Mackley Lucas, Jr.
 Virginia Murray McCorn
 Richard Moore
 Mildred Thompson Nichols
 Mary Lee Roberts Perry
 Herbert Randolph
 Mary Hall Randolph
 Gerald Reid
 James Roberts
 Carolyn Rust Ashton
 Adolph Sims
 Alvah Sims
 Reggie Simms
 Albert Smith
 Winifred Middleton Thornton
 John Tolbert
 Shirley Sims Washington
 William G. Washington
 Gwendolyn Coleman Whiting
 Janet Smith Wiggins



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Thomas Balch Library
Virginia State University Special Collections and Archives
Courtesy of WSSU Archives

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Carolyn Rust Ashton
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Theresa Ford
Loretta Hall
Charles Hankerson
Joyce Jackson
Laverne Mallory

Mary Lee Roberts Perry
Herbert Randolph
Mary Hall Randolph
Stanley Reid
Charles Roberts
James Roberts
Carolyn Elizabeth Russ
Pauline Newman Scott
Betty Williams Shellman
Larry Simms
Paulette Sanford Taylor
Janet Smith Wiggins
Darlene Williams



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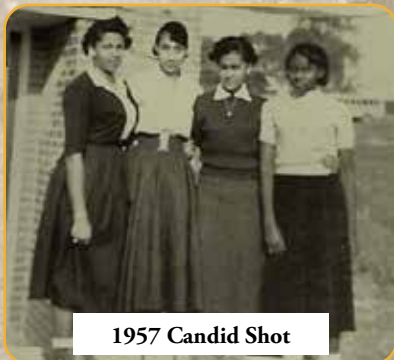
Douglass School Renovations Design Team

1200 Architectural Engineers PLLC
Arreya Digital Signage/Presentations, Inc.
Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners, LLP
Convergent Technology Design Group
Gilbane Building Company
Global Engineering Solutions/Salas O'Brien
Jensen Hughes
LSG Landscape Architecture
Moya Design Partnership
Rinker Design Association, PC
SUI (Signs Unlimited, Inc.)



1958 Candid Photos

Historic Douglass High School Education & Development Campus Tour and Facility Information



1957 Candid Shot



Dramatics Club 1960

Facility Rentals and Contact Info

The Historic Douglass High School Education and Development Campus offers a variety of spaces available for drop-in and reservation through the Douglass Community Center directly at 703-771-5913 or DCC@loudoun.gov. The onsite reservable spaces include two classrooms, two conference rooms, one multipurpose room, a gymnasium, an auditorium, a stage, an amphitheater, and a picnic pavilion. We can't wait for you to enjoy all that this wonderful campus has to offer!

CHOIR



1965

Miss Diane Young, Instructor

Front Row: Miss Diane Young, Teacher, Joyce Napper, Linda Moore, Joann Bentley, _____, Evany Strickland, Janet Lee, Pauline Newman

Second Row: Teresa Tate, _____, _____, Helen Grant, Geraldine Steward, Gloria Douglass, Lucy King, Linda Thomas

Third Row: Betty Douglass, Ellen Reid, _____, Kathy Hill, David Thomas, Jackie Gray, Lacey Hayley, _____

Back Row: _____, Pierce Jackson, _____, Lionel Lansdown, Alvin Robinson, James Trammell, _____, _____

Additional Campus Tour Opportunities

Monday, May 22, 2023 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 27, 2023 – 11:00am to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – 11:00am to 1:00 p.m.

For additional tour information beyond May 28th, contact

The Historic Douglass High School Consortium: douglassconsortium@gmail.com
Loudoun Douglass High School Alumni Association: info@LDAA1941.org

NINE-B



Front Row: William Pollard, Wayne Smith, Mackley Lucas, Albert Howard, Anthony Myrick

Second Row: Carrie Berry, Jacqueline Gray, Mary Lee Payne, Jacqueline Grant, Wayne Grant, Joyce Ramey, Cynthia Washington, Joyce Grant, Howard Lee King, Teacher Ms. Jones

Third Row: Faye Lucas, Elaine Hampton, Carolyn Holmes, Rosemary Grooms, Grace Lynn Sims, Sylvia Smith, Joyce Jackson, Gertrude Ashton,

Back Row: Peggy Murray, Geraldine Lane, Jacqueline Lane, ? Moore, Marion Haley, Larry Simms, Linwood Randolph, _____, Lena Wiley.



1954

Front Holding Ball: David Thornton and Nathan Jackson

Back: James Smith, Arthur Douglas, Max Simms, Isaiah Jones, James Smith, Reggie Simms, James Daniel, Harvey Daye, Charles Johnson, James Hughes, James Roberts, Willard Clark, Charles Bryant, Curtis Hatcher, Guthrie Ashton



19 Feb 1954

Thelma Simms, Alvin Dodson



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