

THE ROBERT RUSSA MOTON MUSEUM



Because of You, With You

A gala recognition of the
Davis Plaintiffs and
Moton 2011 Donors

April 22, 2011
6:00 – 9:00 P.M.



Mission of the Robert Russa Moton Museum

The Robert Russa Moton Museum is committed to the preservation and positive interpretation of the history of civil rights in education, specifically as it relates to Prince Edward County and the role its citizens played in America's struggle to move from a segregated to an integrated society.



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APRIL 22, 2011

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Thank you for joining the board and staff of the Robert Russa Moton Museum tonight for *Because of You, With You: A gala recognition of the Davis Plaintiffs and Moton 2011 Donors*.

The children of *Dorothy Davis et. al. v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, Virginia, et. al.* assembled more plaintiffs (117) in challenge to public school racial segregation than did the four other cases (Delaware, Kansas, South Carolina, and Washington, D.C.), of *Brown v. Board* combined. *Davis* was also the only case of the five initiated by students—following the unanimous two-week Moton Student Strike launched April 23, 1951.

For this brave act of citizenship the people of Prince Edward County are forever grateful.

Tonight is with appreciation also to the donors, four million-plus dollars strong, who have gotten us to this point in permanently commemorating the story of Prince Edward County's 13-year transition from segregated to integrated public education.

Your support helps us preserve the story of the Moton Student Strike, the *Brown* decision, Virginia's Massive Resistance, the extended closing of the Prince Edward County Public Schools, the operation of the Free Schools, and the reopening of the public schools via *Griffin*.

Our program includes a Tim Reid directed dramatization of the events of April 23, 1951, and a keynote by Dr. Christopher Howard, beneficiary of Barbara Johns' bold act and husband to Barbara Noble, herself a child of apartheid-era South Africa.

We complete the evening with a round of appreciation for the student plaintiffs of *Davis*, Prince Edward County's twentieth-century minutemen answering the eternal call for freedom and justice. The response will be given by *Davis* Plaintiff Professor John A. Stokes.

Again, thank you for making this evening possible. Thank you for preserving our history.

Sincerely yours,

Lacy Ward, Jr.

Lacy Ward, Jr.
Director

Dr. Christopher B. Howard

Dr. Christopher B. Howard, the 24th President of Hampden-Sydney College, is one of the youngest college presidents in the United States. Hampden-Sydney, a liberal arts college for men, has been in continuous operation since classes began in 1775 on its historic campus 60 miles southwest of Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Howard is a distinguished graduate of the US Air Force Academy where he earned a BS in political science and received the Campbell Award (previously known as the Draddy Award), the highest academic award in the country presented to a senior football player. A Rhodes Scholar, he earned his Doctorate in politics at Oxford University and a MBA with distinction from the Harvard Business School.

Prior to his appointment as President of Hampden-Sydney College in 2009, Dr. Howard served as Vice President for Leadership & Strategic Initiatives at the University of Oklahoma where he also served as the Director of the Honors College Leadership Center and a President's Associates Presidential Professor.

Dr. Howard was named a 2010 African-American Trailblazer in Virginia History by the Library of Virginia. He was featured in an Associated Press story published by *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, the *Washington Times*, the *Miami Herald*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, among numerous others. Dr. Howard was the subject of separate articles in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, *The Dallas Morning News*, and *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. He was featured on NPR's *All Things Considered* and interviewed on CNN, PBS, and PRI.

Currently he is:

- A founder, former chairman, and current trustee of the Impact Young Lives Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides scholarship and travel opportunities for South African university students of color.
- A Senior Advisor on African Affairs at The Albright Stonebridge Group, an



international advisory firm for *Fortune 1000* companies.

- A member of the National Council of Advisors of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1965. The Center is the only organization that systematically examines past successes and failures of the Presidency and relates its findings to present challenges and opportunities.
- An Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellow. The Aspen Institute fosters values-based leadership and provides a neutral and balanced venue to discuss and act on critical issues.
- A member of the Higher Education Working Group on Global Issues of the Council on Foreign Relations, an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher dedicated to being a resource for its members, government officials, business executives, journalists, educators and students, civic and religious leaders, and other interested citizens in order to help them better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other countries.
- A member of the Committee on Policy Analysis and Public Relations of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

- A trustee of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.
- A graduate of the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents. A trustee of The Association of American Rhodes Scholars.
- A member and noted expert on the millennial generation, management, and leadership for the International Speakers Bureau.
- One of the few college or university chief executives in the US invited to join Young Presidents Organization (YPO).

In areas related to business,

- Dr. Howard has co-authored a new book with David Snider, *Money Makers: Inside the New World of Finance and Business*.
- He is a member of the OLO Systems Advisory Board and was formerly on the Board of Directors of Converge, an IT de-manufacturing firm.
- He served as the youngest member of the annual *US News & World Report*—Harvard University “America’s Best Leaders” selection committee.
- He served in General Electric’s Corporate Initiatives Group.
- He has worked in sales, marketing, international project management, strategic planning, internal consulting, and business development at Bristol-Myers Squibb.
- He has also served as the acting Managing Director of Endeavor South Africa, a global initiative that supports entrepreneurs in the developing world.
- Dr. Howard is a regular guest on Ali Velshi’s CNN television program, where he participates via Skype in roundtable discussion and commentary as a member of the “Stream Team.”

In the military,

- An Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, he was called to active duty during 2003 in Afghanistan where he was awarded a Bronze Star.
- He serves as the Reserve Air Attaché to Liberia.

He is married to the former Miss Barbara Noble from Johannesburg, South Africa, and has two sons: Cohen and Joshua.

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6 PM Reception and Previews of Moton 2011: Galleries II-VI

7 PM Program begins

Master of Ceremonies..... Lacy Ward, Jr., Director, Moton Museum

Welcome Robert Hamlin, President, Moton Museum

Invocation Rev. J. Samuel Williams, Jr., 1951 Student Striker

Remarks..... Tim Reid, Award Winning Director

Strike: April 23, 1951

Introduction of Speaker..... Joy Cabarrus Speakes, 1951 Student Striker

Keynote..... Dr. Christopher B. Howard, President, Hampden-Sydney College

Recognitions Dr. J. Michael Utzinger, Chair
Program Committee, Moton Museum

Drexel Harris, Director
Human Resources–Energy, Dominion Resources

Response Professor John A. Stokes, *Davis* Plaintiff

Closing Remarks Mr. Ward

Dorothy E. Davis, et. al. v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, Virginia, et. al.

PLAINTIFFS

Dorothy E. Davis
Bertha M. Davis
John Davis (father)

Andrew Lewis Woolridge
Wilbert Alexander Woolridge
Aubrey Leslie Woolridge
Leslie Woolridge (father)

Robert Goode, Jr.
Miriam O. Goode
Amanda Goode (mother)

Roosevelt Owens Hicks
Inez O. Hicks (mother)

Alphonzo S. Bigger
Katie H. Bigger (guardian)

Joy Annetta Cabarrus
Emma H. Morton (guardian)

Grace Elizabeth Brown
Walter N. Brown
Carrie Brown (mother)

Warren Lee Davis
Willie H. Davis
Rosa Bell Davis (mother)

Mary Rebbecca Hall
Harry S. Hall (father)

Dorothy Elizabeth Berkeley
Frankie Louise Berkeley (mother)

Lottie Celeste Willis
Daisy M. Willis
Robert A. Willis
Louise Willis (mother)

Avis Scott
Evelyn Scott
Thomas H. Scott (father)

Elridge Moton
Jacob Moton
Mary Moton (mother)

Clarence W. Womack
Aubrey D. Womack
Amelia Womack (mother)

Catherine Neal
Lee Emmett Neal
Viola W. Neal (mother)

Mary E. Streat
Jannie Streat (guardian)

John Arthur Stokes
Carrie Stokes
Alice M. Stokes (mother)

Elizabeth Womack
Bert S. Womack (father)

Metteaner S. West
Myrtle V. West (mother)

Mary E. Couch
Thomas Hall (guardian)

Edward Leon Walker
Mabel Gertrude Walker
Theophilus Walker (father)

Adline Dennis
Isaiah Dennis (father)

Jeanel E. Richardson
Anita Louise Richardson
Nellie J. Richardson (mother)

Vernethia C. Saunders
Rowland D. Saunders (father)

Burnell Johnson, Jr.
Kate Johnson (mother)

Mattie Jean Miller
Sophonie Miller (mother)

Juanita Hargwood
Elsie Hargwood (mother)

Mary L. Spencer
James Spencer
Sallie Spencer (mother)

Helen L. Sims
Rebecca A. Sims
Louise Sims (mother)

Henry Scott, Jr.
Henry Scott (father)

Stella Watkins
John L. Watkins (father)

Peter Jasper Jones
John Paul Jones
Jasper W. Jones (father)

John Monroe
Harry Monroe
Richard Monroe
Herman Monroe (father)

Dorothy Alice Jefferson
Carrie Irene Jefferson
Mosley Jefferson (father)

Rosetta E. Randle
Ethel L. Randle
Martin R. Randle
Alma Randle (mother)

Leigh Edward Hicks
Sara Elizabeth Hicks (mother)

John Junius Walker
Maude Estelle Walker
Maude E. Walker (mother)

Alexander Fowlkes
Alice Fowlkes (guardian)

Leroy McCormick
Alice Fowlkes (guardian)



**In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia,
Richmond Division Civil Action No. 1333 Filed: May 23, 1951**

Calvin A. Vaughan
Mattie Vaughan (mother)

Mary Lizzie Carey
Anna Bell Carey
Irene Carey
Nelson Carey (father)

Hal Verner Allen
Hal Edward Allen (father)

Deloris Hicks
Marjorie Hicks
C.W. Hicks (father)

Ethel D. Harris
Virginia Harris (mother)

Loretta Booker
Joseph E. Booker (father)

Herman Alexander Allen
Florence Gertrude Allen
Margaret G. Allen (mother)

James Henry C. Allen
Margaret G. Allen (grandmother)

Barbara Rose Johns
Joan Marie Johns
Robert Johns (father)

John Watson, Jr.
John Watson, Sr. (father)

Barbara Jean West
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Alice Goins
Pinkie Rowlette (guardian)

Bessie Williams
Mildred Williams
Frank Williams (father)

Bertha E. Earley
Susie Earley (mother)

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Rachel J. Thompson
W. Howard Thompson (father)

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Olivia Wiley (mother)

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Charlie Dupuy (father)

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Eddie Bigger (father)

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Helen Virginia Epps (mother)

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Mary Trent (mother)

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Agnes Farrar (guardian)

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James Brown (father)

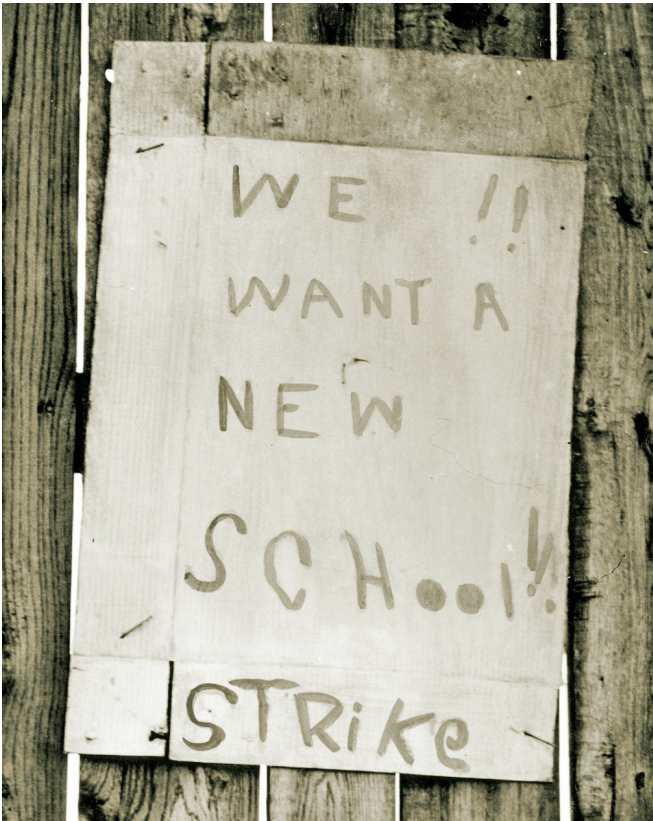
VS. DEFENDANTS:

County School Board of Prince
Edward County, Virginia,
and T. J. McIlwaine, Division
Superintendent of Schools of
Prince Edward County, Virginia

**COUNSEL FOR THE
PLAINTIFFS:**

Oliver W. Hill, Martin A.
Martin, Spottswood Robinson

Remarks



COURTESY RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

WHEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of Prince Edward County closed the public schools in 1959, the memories of the walkout reminded the nation of its continuing obligation. The Attorney General, Robert Kennedy, working with great Virginians like Colgate Darden and Reverend L. Francis Griffin, made possible the Free Schools and then the Supreme Court decision upholding the right of public education. In organizing the Free Schools, the inspiration of the 1951 student walkout was always with us.

WILLIAM J. VANDEN HEUVEL
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO AG ROBERT F. KENNEDY

THE MOTON MUSEUM PRESERVES an important part of the civil rights history of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States so that future generations can learn from the past and be inspired to challenge injustice in the present and future. I have long supported efforts to tell the full story of Virginia's role in the struggle for equal opportunity in our nation, and Moton has undertaken a commendable effort to preserve and positively interpret the history of civil rights in American education.


JIM WEBB
UNITED STATES SENATOR

THE MOTON MUSEUM PROVIDES a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the history of civil rights in education in Prince Edward County and the role its citizens played in America's struggle to move from a segregated to an integrated society. The students who joined together to take a stand against the sub-standard conditions of their segregated school formed the first group protest of the Civil Rights Movement. You are to be commended for helping to preserve our civil rights history.

MARK R. WARNER
UNITED STATES SENATOR

A SIGNIFICANT TURNING POINT in the history and advancement of the American Civil Rights Movement occurred in Prince Edward County 60 years ago at the Robert Russa Moton High School. Barbara Rose Johns and her fellow students took a courageous stand for justice and equality, and as a result, helped improve the lives of millions of people who followed in their footsteps. The Moton Museum preserves this important moment in our civil rights history and reminds all of us of our continued commitment to our nation's founding principles of freedom and equal opportunity for all.

ROBERT HURT
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE



ROBERT RUSSA MOTON HIGH SCHOOL in Prince Edward County, Virginia is a hallowed place. Here, 60 years ago, the seeds of equality and freedom sprouted in the hands of Barbara Rose Johns and her fellow students as they stood up for their equality and opportunity for all. In doing so, they helped our nation to overcome the institutional barriers that wrongly divided our people, and they established this rural Virginia community as one of the most sacred locations of the civil rights movement, akin to Rosa Parks' bus in Montgomery and the National Mall in Washington D.C. where a man with a dream inspired us all.

BOB McDONNELL
GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

SIXTY YEARS AGO, THE STUDENT STRIKE at Moton High School challenged citizens to recognize that individual liberty relies upon common equality. The student strike remains a testament to the strength, courage and unwavering determination of all those who participated. The museum will ensure that the remarkable contributions of these students will never cease from memory. The museum will serve as reminder of the importance of standing up for the fundamental principles of freedom and equality that make our Nation strong. It is my hope that the museum will inspire future generations to uphold these sacred ideals and help fulfill America's promise.

BILL BOLLING
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

THE MOTON MUSEUM REPRESENTS a link to a history that I did not learn about in high school or college. There were stories about challenges minorities faced to achieve the same rights that each of us considers the norm, but those stories were always about groups of people who seemed far away. They were characters in a story; there was no face on them as individuals. When I was first elected to the Virginia General Assembly as a Delegate in 1991 was the first time that I really heard the story of the walkout from Moton. Having now heard story after story of families that learned to deal with situations the best they could, I better appreciate that this was not only a part of their history, but also a part of ours. Ours, as it is every Virginian's, because Virginia is not simply made up of those that are written about in history books. It is not just about those that are honored by statues or that have schools named in honor of them. No, history is about all of us.

FRANK RUFF
SENATE OF VIRGINIA

THE 1951 WALKOUT BY STUDENTS from the Robert Russa Moton High School in Prince Edward County, Virginia symbolized to me a turning point in history and the beginning of an awareness of inequality that had existed for years and the starting point for desegregation. One never knows where history will be made or how but it certainly was made in this small country school by a few determined students who knew in their hearts that the way they were being treated wasn't fair. A woman on a bus, students in a school, a man with a dream—all were shining stars of a movement, a movement that would begin as a small statement but would end in a world changing event.

JAMES EDMUNDS I
VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Remarks edited from statements submitted on the 60th anniversary of the Moton Student Strike.

Remarks

THE MOTON MUSEUM BRINGS BACK MEMORIES of that day of April 23, 1951, when my sister, Barbara Rose Johns, enlisted the help of her classmates, Carrie Stokes, John Stokes, John Watson, Irene Taylor, et. al., and led 450 students on strike for a better school—because of the deplorable conditions there—including the three tarpaper shacks that were cold in the winter and leaked all year round.

MRS. JOAN JOHNS COBBS
DAVIS PLAINTIFF

BOB SMITH IS PRECISE as he sets the stage for our actions on page 32 of *They Closed Their Schools* (1965) when he writes “One of the first students Barbara Johns thought of was John Stokes. Any planning would have to include him, and he and his sister, Carrie, would have to be in favor of the plan.” Our mission was to strategize, design and carry out schemes to successfully accomplish tasks that had never ever been attempted. I still feel humbled, blessed and honored that Barbara felt this way. Of the five cases in *Brown v. Board*, including Kansas, Delaware, Washington, D.C. and South Carolina, our Virginia case is the only case that was led by students.

PROFESSOR J. A. STOKES
DAVIS PLAINTIFF, AND
AUTHOR OF *STUDENTS ON STRIKE*

AN EXCERPT OF THE RESOLUTION adopted by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors on July 8, 2008, and read aloud on July 21, 2008 on the courthouse lawn at the Illumination Ceremony for the Light of Reconciliation:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned members of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, believe that the closing of public schools in our county from 1959 to 1964 was wrong; and we grieve for the way lives were forever changed, for the pain that was caused, and for how those locked doors shuttered opportunities and barricaded the dreams our children had for their own lifetimes; and for all wounds known and unknown; we regret those past actions.

WILLIAM G. FORE, JR., CHAIRMAN
PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS





Our Schools, Our Vision

WHEN BARBARA JOHNS and her fellow Moton High School students challenged the deplorable and unequal conditions they daily confronted in their school in April, 1951, they set in motion a remarkable chain of events that culminated in the end of racial segregation in America. Years later, Hampden-Sydney College has rejected the silence of its past and re-dedicated itself to educating “good men and good citizens” — moral individuals committed to public service who will fight injustice and advance the cause of freedom as the Moton students did sixty years ago.

CHRISTOPHER B. HOWARD, PRESIDENT
HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

LONGWOOD’S MISSION IS TO TRAIN citizen leaders for the common good. The Moton students of 1951 epitomize citizen leaders and serve as shining examples to our students of how ordinary citizens have the power to create extraordinary change in our democracy. Our students visit the museum with classes in a variety of disciplines; they conduct research projects that explore this history; and they serve as volunteers at museum events. Upon graduation, many of our alumni go on to teach young people throughout Virginia about the Moton school strike and its impact on our nation.

PATRICK FINNEGAN, PRESIDENT
LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS embrace the past; recognizing the historical significance of the 1951 student walkout, while preparing students as responsible citizens for the future. The educational program is best defined by the school division mission statement “...to meet the intellectual, personal, social, and vocational needs of all students.” This 60th Anniversary celebration is a unique opportunity for our community to reflect on the significant progress that has been made, and to be thankful for the efforts of all who have made this progress a reality.

K. DAVID SMITH, ED. D.
PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS

RUSSELL L. DOVE, CHAIRMAN
PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

THERE ARE FEW HISTORICAL EVENTS that have helped shape American culture more than the 1951 student walkout in Prince Edward County. In teaching the history of this event to our students, Fuqua School focuses on four lessons we believe are central to the event itself and to our subsequent collective experience: change can be brought about through focused, deliberate action, even through the action of young people; idealism, energy, passion and commitment are qualities that empower leaders; institutional change, while complex, is possible; dialogue opens doors to understanding that can bring people together. As the former Prince Edward Academy, Fuqua School not only teaches the history and lessons of the student walkout, but also the changes that have taken place within its own walls.

RUTH MURPHY, PRESIDENT
FUQUA SCHOOL

*Remarks edited from statements submitted on the
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