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Eisenhower Presidential Library to Co-Sponsor Events in Little Rock

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of this desegregation of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, the Eisenhower Presidential Library will co-sponsor three events at the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock on September 14-15. The first two events will take place in the Great Hall of the Clinton Presidential Library.

On Friday, September 14 at 9:45 a.m. students from Abilene High School and Central High School will present *Five Star Leaders: Crisis at Little Rock*. The Eisenhower and Clinton Presidential Libraries, in collaboration with the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site will debut *Crisis at Little Rock*, the second scenario for the Eisenhower Library's Five Star Leaders, an experiential learning program that began with the D-Day decision as the first scenario in 2005. This ground-breaking educational event will bring together students from Central High in Little Rock and students from President Eisenhower's alma mater, Abilene High School, Abilene, Kansas. Using original documents and dramatic recreations, students will portray 36 historical characters from the students remembered as the "Little Rock Nine" to President Eisenhower, Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Governor Faubus, and Daisy Bates in the events that led to the presidential decision to order federal troops to Little Rock to enforce integration and uphold the federal law. The public may observe the final presentations of this program at 2:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Clinton Presidential Library.

A program entitled *A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and Little Rock, a 50 Year Perspective* will be held on Saturday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. This program features Dr. David A. Nichols, author of the new book, *A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution*; Dr. Irwin Gellman, author of *The Contender: Richard Nixon, the Congress Years*, the first of a multi-volume biography of Richard Nixon; and guest of honor William T. Coleman, Jr., an associate of Thurgood Marshall at the NAACP, co-author of the *Brown v Board* brief, President Gerald Ford's Secretary of Transportation, and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Ann Brownell Sloane, daughter of the late Herbert Brownell, will serve as moderator for this program. David Nichols will sign copies of his book immediately following the program.

The third program is a professional development workshop on Civil Rights. Teachers are invited to attend the presentations to gain valuable content knowledge then learn more about classroom applications with representatives from the Eisenhower Library and Central High School National Historic Site. The workshop is free; however, reservations are required.

The Conference is free and open to the public. Registrations are required. A box lunch will be available for purchase on September 15; please reserve your lunch when you register for the conference. To register for the conference and/or workshop or for more information please contact Kathleen Pate, Education Specialist, Clinton Presidential Library & Museum, Little Rock, Arkansas, 501-244-2704 or kathleen.pate@nara.gov.

There is a fee if you wish to tour the Clinton Museum.

Additional sponsors for these events include the Clinton Presidential Library, the Eisenhower and Clinton Foundations, Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service, Arkansas Humanities Council, Abilene Community Foundation, the Herbert Brownell Memorial Lecture Series and the Annenberg Foundation.

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