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THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1965

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INTEGRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL HERE BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

The Pocahontas School Board
in session at the High School
Monday night made the decision
to integrate Pocahontas High
School beginning with the fall
term, 1963. Classes are to be in-
tegrated in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.
On Tuesday night, Elementary
School Principal James Wells
and Board Members Bill Wofford
and Bob Flagg met at the Poca-
hontas Negro School and discuss-
ed integration plans with par-
ents of Negro students who will
be involved.

The Board anticipates that at
least 5 Negro students will begin
school in September at the local
high school.

For several years Negroes of
high school level were transport-
ed daily by bus to Newport to
attend school.

Board members discussed possi-
bility of integrating grade
school students, also, but Negro
parents decided that they had
rather have their children attend
the Negro Grade School here.

50th

Anniversary of School Desegregation

Special Dinner Event

Looking Back to See More Clearly

On Saturday, September 26, 2015, the Eddie Mae Herron Center and the BRTC Corporate & Community Education Department invite you to be part of a special dinner event to remember the 50th anniversary of local school desegregation. This event will honor Randolph County's African American students, who in the fall of 1965, enrolled in the formerly segregated public schools at Pocahontas, Biggers-Reyno, and Sloan-Hendrix.

This fall, 50 years ago, almost 40 Randolph County African American students enrolled for the first time in local public high schools, whose doors were previously closed to them. This was a result of the 1964 Civil Rights legislation forcing schools to integrate. The evening will feature a return to Pocahontas by many of the integrating students and their families, as well as a presentation by Grif Stockley of Little Rock, an award-winning author, historian, and attorney known for his lifelong commitment to civil rights.



When: Saturday, September 26
6:00 p.m.

Where: Randolph County
Development Center
BRTC Campus
Pocahontas, AR

Cost: \$25.00

For more information, contact
the Eddie Mae Herron Center
Museum at 870-892-4433.

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