

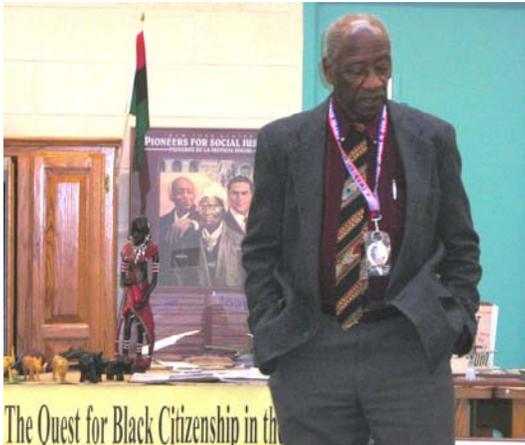
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

FEBRUARY 2009

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Taberg Residential Center is recognizing Black History Month in February with a guest lecture series.

Local community members representing the Afro-American Heritage Association, NAACP, and the Tuskegee Institute have made presentations throughout the month at the center to bring history alive for the students.



(Above) Mr. Herbert Thorpe a veteran Tuskegee Airman from WWII speaks to the students about the role of the Tuskegee Airmen in WW II and their historical significance in US Military history. Mr. Thorpe also discussed his childhood aspirations to fly while growing up in depression era Brooklyn, his involvement in the Civilian Conservation Corp, and The Tuskegee Institute.



(Above) Mr. Nathan Sellers, Jr. from the Afro American Heritage Association of Rome, NY shares selective readings and discusses his upbringing in the pre-civil rights South.



(Above) Mr. Willie Talmadge also from the Afro American Heritage Association who is legally blind and possesses several Masters degrees discusses Jim Crow laws and the Civil Rights era.



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(Above) A student poses with a traditional mask from Africa. The Afro American Heritage Associate set up display tables featuring relevant artifacts, memorabilia, and literature for the students.

(Left) Mr. Leonard Martin from the NAACP and AAHA shared stories of trips to South Africa and discussed Nelson Mandela and his triumph over apartheid.