

An Award-Winning HBO Documentary Film

Little Rock Central High School: Fifty Years Later



Film Screening
Saturday, March 20, 2010
12:30–3:30 p.m.
Free and open to the public

Join us as we revisit the turbulent 1957 school desegregation that captured the nation's attention. After the film, we will discuss its relevancy to the issues facing the Santa Barbara community today.

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
949 Veronica Springs Road
Santa Barbara, California 93105

(Directions: Take the Las Positas Road/CA-225 E exit off of US 101. Turn toward the ocean, onto Las Positas Road. Take the first right onto Modoc Road. Take the first left onto Veronica Springs Road. Church is on the right.)

To register or for further information: 805.568.3410 or awonderly@co.santa-barbaraca.us

The landmark desegregation of Little Rock Central High stands as a symbol of the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement. This film is an eye-opening look at race relations, education, and class at LRCHS today, where educational equality remains elusive.



Gloria Willingham, PhD, associate dean of academic affairs for the School of Educational Leadership & Change at Fielding Graduate University, was one of the early graduates of Little Rock Central High School and one of the first African-American students to remain there for the entire three years of high school following the 1957 events. Dr. Willingham is a scholar and practitioner of community engagement. She will be with us to recall her own experiences and to help us to identify and to reflect on parallel issues in Santa Barbara. Specific concerns are those of defacto racial segregation in classrooms and its impact on equity in student learning opportunities; issues of teen pregnancy; and the impact of socio-economic disparities on parental involvement in the educational processes. Parents, students, and concerned others are invited to participate and to ask yourself "What can I do to make a difference?"

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