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Burlington Vicinage Celebrates Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, the Burlington Vicinage Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Advisory Committee will sponsor free public programs throughout the month.

On Friday, Feb. 13, "Paul Robeson: Princeton's Native Son" will be presented. The presentation will feature Shirley Satterfield and Dr. Cecelia Hodges. Satterfield was part of the Princeton Plan that integrated two elementary school. She also participated in the 1961 sit-ins in Greensboro, North Carolina and sat at the Woolworth's lunch counter with the Greensboro Four. Hodges has performed in various one-woman productions locally and abroad and appeared in the Oprah Winfrey film "Beloved."

On Friday, Feb. 20, the New Jersey Orators Burlington-Willingboro Chapter will recite excerpts from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, Nelson Mandela's "I'm Prepared to Die" speech, Dr. Benjamin Carson's commencement speech, Severn Cullis-Suzuki's speech to the United Nations and poems by Eliose Greenfield.

Students in the New Jersey Orators range in age from 7 to 18. They are practiced in leadership skills and public speaking.

On Friday, Feb. 27, a screening of Episode 5 "Rise! The Road to Civil Rights" from the PBS documentary "The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross" with Henry Louis Gates Jr. will be shown. The episode examines the long road to civil rights from World War II to King's assassination.

All programs will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the jury assembly room of the Burlington County Courthouse, 49 Rancocas Rd., Mount Holly.

The Burlington Vicinage will continue to observe Black History Month with a video presentation that will play continuously throughout the day to highlight the New Jersey Manual Industrial Training School.

The New Jersey Manual Industrial Training School was an African-American residential, educational, and vocational facility in Bordentown City and is known as the "Tuskegee of the North."

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