

# Army War College brings Black History alive

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## Army War College's youth partners bring Black History alive

Feb. 25, 2015 -- senior military officers and members of the Carlisle community took time to celebrate the accomplishments of African-Americans and honor area students for their essays on prominent historical African-American figures as part of a Black History Month observance.

Twenty middle school students from eight Carlisle area schools received certificates of achievement for their essays about the past American century of black life, history and culture, Feb. 25 at Bliss Hall, Carlisle Barracks, as part of the Carlisle Barracks month-long observation of African-American contributions to the nation.

**Black History Month essay winners, stand with Lt. Col. David Funk (top right corner), panel members and Carlisle Community leaders during Carlisle Barrack's Black History Month event, Feb. 25, at Bliss Hall.**



Col. David E. Funk, USAWC Deputy Commandant, welcomed the 200 –member audience, including the essay writers and Carlisle community members. The panel of military speakers -- Army War College students Col. Felicia Brokaw and Lt. Col. Hank Henry, PKSOI's Col. Randolph White, and faculty member Prof. Charles Allen-- also discussed the winning essays with the schoolchildren as a way of recognizing the students for their accomplishments. Brokaw said she was pleased that many of the essays exposed her to people and events she had never heard of before.

Each of the panelists spoke about a different aspect of African-American history in the U.S. Allen focused on the role and importance of education, White shared the history of men in the military --including his own family that traces back to World War I – Brokaw discussed the history of Black History Month and Henry shared some of his personal experiences.

“Things have improved drastically,” said White of the accomplishments of African Americans in uniform. “But there are still obstacles left to climb.”

“You have to value and appreciate your traditions,” said Henry.

“We all follow in the footsteps of others who have dedicated their lives to making a difference. We owe it to them to continue to make a difference.”

Wilson 6<sup>th</sup> grader Hunter Culberson, son of Lt. Col. Paul Culberson, the Dickinson College ROTC director, was acknowledged for his essay on Justice Thurgood Marshall – one of 19 notable black Americans who inspired an essay. Gabe Bonsall wrote to honor Ralph Bunche, Noble Prize Laureate, among other individuals that have not let difficult circumstances deter them from achieving their dreams.

[Click on each student's name to find his or her essay.](#)

Grace Baptist School students **Julia Dimino**

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Eagle View Middle School, student **Bhargava Motupalli**

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Good Hope Middle School, students **Mineso Kim**

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about Fannie Lou Hamer, **Max Kluger** (file:///carla700000grp/

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Lamberton Middle School, students **Maya Neiberg**

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**Sean Cornali** (file:///carla700000grp/Temp90Day

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Mechanicsburg Middle School, students **Marissa Duggan**

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Grade6-1.docx) wrote about Justice Thurgood Marshall, **Lily Pallis** (file://carla700000grp/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/Mechanicsburg/MMSGrade7-LilyPallis-Grade7-OprahWinfrey-U.S.BlackHistoryEssay-1.docx) about Oprah Winfrey, **Nick Tewell** (file://carla700000grp/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/Mechanicsburg/MMSGrade8-NickTewell-RosaParksessayforAmericanStudies.-1.docx) about Rosa Parks.

Saint Patrick School, students **Sam Bartosik** (file://carla700000grp/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/St%20Patrick/Sam%20Bartosik\_Velez%20-%206th%20grade\_Mayor%20Scott.docx) wrote about Mayor Tim Scott, **Matthew Hickey** (file://carla700000grp/Public/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/St%20Patrick/Matthew%20Hickey%20-%20Colin%20Powell.pdf) about Colin Powell, **Brendan Campbell** (file://carla700000grp/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/St%20Patrick/Brendan%20Campbell%20-%20Frank%20Petersen%20Jr.pdf) about Frank E. Petersen.

Wilson Middle School, students **Hunter Culberson** (file://carla700000grp/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/Wilson

/doc02724020150202113355.pdf) wrote about Justice Thurgood Marshall, **Casey Padgett** (file://carla700000grp/Public/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/Wilson/doc02724020150202113355.pdf) about Duke Ellington, **Gabe Bonsall** (file://carla700000grp/Public/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/Wilson/doc02724020150202113355.pdf) about Ralph Bunche.

Yellow Breeches Middle School, students **Kyle Shively** (file://carla700000grp/Public/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/Yellow%20Breeches/Ruby%20Bridges%20essay.doc) wrote about Ruby Bridges, **Kayla Lohman** (file://carla700000grp/Public/Temp90Day/Black%20History%20Month%20Essay%20Contest%202015/Essay%20Contest/Yellow%20Breeches/maya%20angelou.docx) about Maya Angelou.

Every year area school children between grades 6th, 7th and 8th are invited to participate in Black History Month essay contest hosted by the Army War College.

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