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YONKERS, NY MAYOR HONORED IN THE SPIRIT OF *BROWN*

The Alliance of African American Educators of Yonkers (AAAEY), New York, will confer the *Brown* Medal for Distinguished Service to Education on the newly elected mayor, Phillip A. Amicone. For more than a decade, the Yonkers schools have been under court-ordered supervision in an effort to remove the vestiges of segregation. In his recent State of The City address, Mayor Amicone announced he intends to abolish the local board of education, in favor of mayoral control. This move will certainly chart a new course for the fourth largest school system in New York State and its relatively large population of African American and Latino children.



AAAEY uses its annual scholarship luncheon to highlight how *Brown* has been as significant in northern cities such as Yonkers, as it has been in Topeka and in the South.

CONFERENCE EXAMINES SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGICAL AFFECTS OF *BROWN*

Fifty years after *Brown v. Board of Education: Social Psychological Research Applied to the Problems of Racism and Discrimination* is the title of the conference planned at the University of Kansas, May 13-14, 2004. The sponsors for the conference include the Science Directorate of the APA, the National Science Foundation, and the American Psychology and Law Society.

REGISTRATION IS FREE and open to the public. For more information visit the [conference](#) website.

HARVARD STAGES *CRUCIBLE* IN CELEBRATION OF *BROWN*



Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* will be performed by a group of talented and dedicated students in the Law School's Ames Courtroom. The novelty of this production is to treat the play as a parable of racial segregation of a society literally divided into black and white--in contrast to the standard view of the play as a commentary on the McCarthy era.

The performance runs from April 20 through April 24, 2004. For more information visit [Harvard University](#).

MEDIA MENTIONS OF "BROWN"....

" [Latino Family Played Setup Role to Brown Lawsuit](#)" by Mary Deibel (Scripps Howard News Service)

" [NPR: Looking Back: Brown v. Board of Education](#)" (NPR)

" [Fifty Years After Brown v. Board, Segregation Not Black and White](#)" by Deborah Kong (Associated Press, Minority Issues Writer)

COMMISSIONER PROFILE

Dr. Benjamin W. Robertson, Sr., Pastor, Cedar Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Robertson began working as a pastor in 1951 at First Union Baptist Church in Richmond. Rev. Robertson and his church played a long central role in providing financial support to the struggle for equality. Church houses were for a long time among the few public buildings that could be used for large gatherings of people determined to secure the promise of the rights conferred by the United States Constitution.



"Just being in the presence of those leaders of our fight against the backdrop of a Virginia which used the '3 D Philosophy' in the courts which stated that the whites did not want to integrate because Negroes were 'Dirty, Dumb and Diseased' made the Brown decision on that wonderful day in May, 1954, a very significant move in the history of our country."

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