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"We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

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PROGRAM

All sessions will be held in Gaige Auditorium.

May 2

Morning Session

9:30 Opening Remarks
Rita Clark-Chambers
Assistant to the President, Rhode Island College
9:45 Introduction of Kenneth Clark
Willard F. Enteman
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Rhode Island College

"Anticipated and Unanticipated Consequences of the Brown Decision"
Address
Kenneth Clark
Social Psychologist
Expert Witness for NAACP Legal and Educational Defense Fund in Brown
Panel
Jack Greenberg
Director and Counsel, NAACP Legal and Educational Defense Fund
James Nabrit, III
Counsel, NAACP Legal and Educational Defense Fund
Virgil Wood
Pastor, Pond Street Baptist Church
Former Dean and Director, African American Institute, Northeastern University

Afternoon Session

2:00 Opening Remarks
Introduction of Charles Willie
William Robinson
Professor of English, Rhode Island College

"Educational Equality 30 Years After: Access and Achievement"
Address
Charles Willie
Professor of Education and Urban Studies, Harvard University
Panel
Frank Walker
Coordinator, Office for Civil Rights in Education, Rhode Island Department of Education
Joyce Stevos
Social Studies Area Supervisor, Providence School Department
President, R.I. Urban League
Richard Donovan
Director of Networks
Professor of English, Bronx Community College

Moderator
Melvin Hendrix
Director, Afro-American Studies, University of Rhode Island

4:00 Reception
Faculty Center
All participants, guests, students and faculty are cordially invited to attend
May 3

Morning Session

10:00  Opening Remarks
      Introduction of Herbert Hill
      Charles Walton
      Senator, R.I. State Senate
      Director, Urban Educational Center

      “Civil Rights and Organized Labor:
      Responsibilities and Political Consequences”
      Address
      Herbert Hill
      Professor of Industrial Relations and Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin (Madison)

      Panel
      Herman Coleman
      Executive Director, R.I. National Education Association

      Edward McEnroy
      President, R.I. American Federation of Teachers
      and Rhode Island AFL-CIO

      Moderator
      Dan Weisman
      Director, Labor Studies, Rhode Island College

Afternoon Session

2:00  Opening Remarks
      Gloria Henriquez
      Rhode Island College Undergraduate
      Advisory Board, Urban Educational Center

      Introduction of Mary Berry
      The Honorable Edward C. Clifton
      Providence Municipal Court
      Advisory Board, Urban Educational Center

      “Partnerships, Coalitions and Policies for
      Civil Rights”
      Address
      Mary Berry
      Professor of Law and History, Howard University
      Commissioner, U.S. Civil Rights Commission

      Closing Remarks
      Willard F. Enteman
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