Our Legacy Past…Present…Future?

Past

Rosa Parks
Born: February 04, 1913
Contribution:

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On December 1, 1955, forty-three year old Rosa Parks boarded a Montgomery, Alabama city bus after finishing work as a tailor's assistant at the Montgomery Fair department store. As all black patrons were required to do, she paid her fare at the front of the bus and then re-boarded in the rear and took her seat. After a few stops, the seats in the front of the bus became full and a white man who had boarded, stood in the aisle. The bus driver asked Parks to give up her seat to the Caucasian passenger yet she refused. The driver called the police, and she was arrested. The arrest of Parks sparked a city wide bus boycott. Blacks all over the city joined in and after 381 days of boycotting, the buses were desegregated once and for all. Rosa became the secretary of the local chapter of the NAACP and worked to help improve conditions for African Americans. In 1987, she founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development to help young people. Rosa Parks was awarded several medals for her heroic acts which include: the Spingarn Medal, the S.C.L.C. annual Rosa Parks Freedom Award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and in 1999 she received the Congressional Gold Medal.

Present

Dr. Condoleezza Rice
Born: November 14, 1954
Contribution:

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Dr. Condoleezza Rice has served as President George W. Bush's *National Security Advisor, Secretary of State, Senior Director of Soviet and East European Affairs in the National Security Council and Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.* Rice was born in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1974, at the age of nineteen, she received her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Denver. She graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She earned her master's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1975 and her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver in 1981. In 1981, Rice became a professor of political science at Stanford University. She received two awards for teaching, the Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching (1984) and the School of Humanities and Sciences Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching (1993). Rice was a Hoover Institute fellow from 1991 to 1993. From 1993 to 1999, she served as Stanford University's Provost. She is the author of numerous articles on foreign policy and international affairs, and three books, *Uncertain Allegiance: The Soviet Union and the Czechoslovak Army* (1984), *The Gorbachev Era* (1986), and *Germany Unified and Europe Transformed* (1995). Rice also co-founded the Center for a New Generation, a support fund for schools, in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park, California.

What Will You Contribute To The Legacy?

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