

Civil Rights and Mentoring Helping Youth Take A Stand To Keep Their Seats

“ . . . The struggle for civil rights continues, and today’s students will take up previous generations’ unfinished business. When they learn about the civil rights movement, they learn more than a sequence of events and personalities. They learn about effective citizenship, democratic action and the nature of struggle. They also gain essential frames for understanding the current realities of American society. We expect our children to aspire to a better future and exhort them to be the leaders of tomorrow. By teaching about this great movement for freedom, opportunity and democracy, we give them the tools to create that future and to continue the march . . . “

Maureen Costello
Director, Teaching Tolerance

“ . . . Justice Sunday™, the observance of the MLK Day of Service, and the recognition of National Mentoring Month each occur in January and afford us a tremendous opportunity to begin the year by serving.

Mr. Carlyle Holder
President, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

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Through the **PEN OR PENCIL™ National Initiative**, NAFJ uses an evidenced based approach to connect history to today’s challenges and quest for justice. The POP curriculum provides activities which encourage mentees, their peers, their mentors, parents, civil rights scholars and icons, and criminal justice professionals to utilize and appreciate the untold and under-told stories of self-determination, courageous, relevancy, and lifelong lessons which are inspired by service