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JSU's Hamer Institute Teaches Children about Civil Rights Movement

(JACKSON, Miss) — The Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy at Jackson State University will be hosting a week-long workshop on the civil rights movement for 20 middle and high school students from the Jackson Public School District. The workshops will be held July 23–28 at Ayer Hall on the main campus.

The workshop's theme, "The Southern Civil Rights Movement: The Pivotal Role of Young People," will explore the history of the southern civil rights movement, focusing on the contributions and sacrifices made by young people during the 1950s and 1960s.

The sessions will examine how American democracy is an evolving concept, changing throughout history due to the demands of citizens of all ages. The students will learn about the achievements of ordinary people who stood against oppression and struggled to bring full civil rights to all Americans.

"The young people of the '50s and '60s can serve as role models for today's youth," says Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore, a founder of the Hamer Institute in 1997. "Today's young people can see that violence is not the answer by examining the remarkable achievements of the young people from another era."

For more information, call McLemore at (601) 979-1561.

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