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Announcement: Help Recognize Important Teachers You Know!

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Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:59 AM

To: [Steve Johnston](#)

Good morning Steve,

I wanted to follow up with a more detailed email on what D.Wilson Agency is doing with UVA's Teachers in the Movement Project.

The University of Virginia would like to honor a select group of teachers who taught in the Charlotte area during segregation and the years following. D. Wilson Agency is again working with UVA's "Teachers in the Movement Project" to identify teachers to be honored. The project is led by Professor Derrick Aldridge who has secured a grant to assist in documenting oral histories from this important time. Dr. Aldridge is a native of Rock Hill, SC and has been instrumental in making sure educators who hold important histories from this area are recognized.

The importance of teachers in the civil rights movement and segregation has not been properly acknowledged or recorded. This project seeks to ensure the contributions of Charlotte's teachers are celebrated and available for years to come!

To accommodate social distancing norms and to keep our seniors safe, we will record oral histories via video conferencing and by phone in lieu of meeting in person as we have traditionally done. Given the vulnerability of seniors and the threat COVID-19 presents, capturing their oral histories is now more important than ever.

In addition to having their interview recorded as a part of a national project participants will:

- be honored by the University of Virginia
- be included on the list of honorees for 2020
- receive a visa gift card and a certificate
- receive a copy of their interviews

Dr. Aldridge is available for interviews and wants to spread the word to as many educators, or important figures during that time that should be recognized. Please submit names, phone numbers, and email addresses of teachers who taught in Charlotte or surrounding areas at any school during 1950-1980, no later than May 31, 2020 to Kimberly Wilson kwilson@dwilsonagency.com. For questions please call (704) 612-0131.

A team member from the University of Virginia will contact them or their appropriate contact. Interviews will be conducted in June 2020.

To learn more about the Teachers in the Movement Project visit: <https://teachersinthemovement.com>

To learn more about D Wilson Agency visit: <https://www.dwilsonagency.com>

We thank you for your contribution in helping us record this important history! Don't hesitate to let me know if you have questions and I look forward to receiving your recommendations!

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