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Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site News Release

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Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Launches a Youth Leadership Academy

*Promoting Volunteerism, Nonviolence, Youth empowerment and
Stewardship for the National Park Service!*

The ***Little Rock Central High School NHS Youth Leadership Academy: Agents of Change*** is a program sponsored by Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site. This program will include fifteen high school students from the greater Little Rock area. Submissions will be accepted immediately and the deadline for submissions is Monday, October 5, 2015. The selection of students will be announced on Friday, October 9, 2015.

The purpose of the *Youth Leadership Academy: Agents of Change* is to involve young leaders at the Historic Site to promote volunteerism, nonviolence, youth empowerment and stewardship for the National Park Service. Our mission is to help develop student leaders, raise consciousness in communities, and encourage creativity in education about civil and human rights. Participants will seek knowledge of themselves and the local and global community, and pass that knowledge on to others as change agents for leadership and nonviolence.

The fifteen high school students will be empowered through interactive workshops, leadership training, and dialogue with influential guest speakers in order to foster global responsibility and service to the community. One unique aspect of the *Youth Leadership Academy: Agents of Change* is the youth involvement in the planning and implementation of the program. The Academy will run from Friday, October 9 to September 2016.

Applications can be picked up at the Historic Site Visitor Center or found on the website at www.nps.gov/chsc. For more information, please contact Toni Webber at (501) 374-1957 or toni_webber@nps.gov.

Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site is located at 2120 Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive, diagonally across the street from Central High School. The visitor center is open from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Admission is free. For more information call (501) 374-1957 or email chsc_info@nps.gov.

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