

## Exhibits to highlight the role of Black Educators in Florida before the Civil Rights Movement

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – In celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Desegregation at the University of Florida, the George A. Smathers Libraries, The Center for Race and Race Relations, the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, and the A. Quinn Jones Museum & Cultural Center are coming together to showcase the role of Black educators who advanced social justice in the four decades preceding the Civil Rights Movement. Through teaching and hidden activism, Black educators cultivated and nurtured democracy from one-room schoolhouses to universities, and the courthouse.

Visit the exhibitions to learn more about activists such as Harry T. Moore — a leader in the Florida State Teachers Association--often described as the first martyr of the Civil Rights Movement. Encounter lesser-known figures, such as Edward Davis--the Ocala principal who led the battle for the Virgil Hawkins case that desegregated the University of Florida, and Gainesville's own A. Quinn Jones, principal of Lincoln High School, who also played a pivotal role in the quest for equity long before *Brown v. Board of Education*.

The complementary exhibits are curated by Diedre Houchen, Ph.D. (Center for Race and Race Relations) and Florence M. Turcotte (Smathers Libraries). Most of the items on view are from the George A. Smathers Libraries' Special and Area Studies Collections.

### Smathers Library Gallery

*Black Educators: Florida's Secret Social Justice Advocates, 1920-1960*

On view October 22, 2018 – December 18, 2018

The Smathers Library Gallery is located on the second floor of the University of Florida Smathers Library. Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified and with occasional exceptions for maintenance.

### Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center

*The Legacy of Virgil Hawkins: The Struggle for Equality at the University of Florida*

On view October 24, 2018

The Legal Information Center is in Holland Hall on the University of Florida campus. Hours are available at <https://www.law.ufl.edu/library/contact/hours>.

### A. Quinn Jones Museum & Cultural Center

*Lincoln High School: A Metaphor of Excellence*

On view November 2, 2018

The A. Quinn Jones Museum is located at 1013 NW 7th Avenue Gainesville, FL. Hours are Sunday through Thursday 12:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday by appointment only.

A complimentary online exhibition will launch after November 2, 2018

<http://exhibits.uflib.ufl.edu/FloridaBlackEducators>

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