

LEGACY: The African American Journey Transylvania County and Beyond

How do you tell an American story?



*The African American Journey
Transylvania County and Beyond*

A story of struggle,
A story of strength.

A story of horror,
A story of hope.

A story of survival
That must be told...

The story of us.

-Kwame Alexander, author

LEGACY is a story of new beginnings and endings, of suffering and celebration, of hope and disappointment, of challenges and success. It is the history of African Americans told through a 6-month series of programs that each cover different topics and is designed to encourage dialogue, interaction, and self-reflection.

Led by both black and white Transylvanians with an emphasis on local African American history, the course is a unique way to tell the true story of the lived experiences of African Americans, and to foster an understanding of the culture and accomplishments of our black community and its members.

Purpose of the Course

- LEGACY is an educational course in which participants receive a clear, honest description and analysis of Black history in America, and the role of white Americans.
- LEGACY delivers knowledge and understanding of our local black community members-- their history, their culture, their communities, and their accomplishments.
- LEGACY will provide opportunities for self-reflection about race and privilege.



LEGACY Course Structure

LEGACY will take place over six months on Thursday evenings, dates below.
Sessions will be held from 7:00-9:00 pm.

LEGACY Course Schedule

| Date | Topic |
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| August 24 | Welcome & Orientation |
| September 7 | Idea of America & Significance of Slavery |
| September 21 | Economics & Business |
| October 5 | Healthcare |
| October 19 | Culture: Art, Music, Design, Cuisine |
| November 2 | Law & Justice |
| November 16 | Sports |
| December 7 | Education |
| January 4 | Role of Churches |
| January 18 | Lives of Black Women |
| February 1 | Closing Session & Celebration |

Steering Committee: Susan Threlkel, co-chair; Edith Darity, co-chair; Dan Carter; Sim Cozart; Carter Heyward; Spencer Jones; Tommy Kilgore; Carl Mooney; Diana Refsland; Laura Sperry.



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Course Application 2023-2024

Date received: _____

By completing and submitting this application, I am committing to:

- Being an **active** participant in the Legacy course and discussions
- **Attending** sessions regularly and giving advance notice if unable to attend
- Engaging in **respectful** discussion with classmates and presenters
- Maintaining an **open-mind** towards new information and perspectives

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number and Street

City

Zip Code

Email: _____

Phone(s): _____

Information from the following section will not be shared with any other organization or entity, and will *only* be used to help diversify the class to include a variety of people from all areas of the county, walks of life, backgrounds, and demographics.

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Residential area in Transylvania County: _____

Employment: _____

Highest education completed: _____

Age: _____

Gender: _____

Over 

Course cost: \$100

Sponsorship

LEGACY is offering sponsorship to support and fund those interested in committing to the LEGACY course who would find the cost to be a barrier to participation.

Would you like to request a sponsorship? _____

Amount requested: Full amount (\$100) Other (write amount): _____

Community Goals for the Course

LEGACY aspires to create participants who are history ambassadors in the community, helping spread the word about the importance of local African American history and promote this important initiative so that it may continue into the future.

Personal Goals -- please answer: Why would you like to participate in the LEGACY course?

Return completed application to:

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Brevard, NC 28712
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