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Students to hear African-American history in person

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Retired WRTV (Channel 6) anchor **Barbara Boyd**, who broke ground as the first African-American woman to anchor television news in Indianapolis, and **Carl Hines**, a jazz musician and retired math teacher, are headed back to school with 200 other history makers this month.

The two Indianapolis residents are among 200 chosen nationally by The HistoryMakers -- the nation's largest African-American video oral history archive -- to return to local schools Sept. 17 and address students.

They will be part of the "Back-to-School with the HistoryMakers" initiative, which is aimed at inspiring young people and discouraging violence.

For their part, Boyd and Hines will visit Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School, where they will offer views on the city's recent history and the challenges it faces and discuss history beyond the Indianapolis city limits.

Boyd is expected to address female students Sept. 17, while Hines will talk to male and performing arts students. He also plans to make some music with them.

Other participants in the initiative include former U.S. Sen. and Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun, former U.S. Rep. Louis Stokes of Ohio, civil rights activist C.T. Vivian and actress Marla Gibbs, who played maid Florence Johnston on the TV sitcom "The Jeffersons."

The program is part of The HistoryMakers' 10-year anniversary celebration.