

An Evening with Melba Beals



Ms. Melba Beals

Melba Beals, one of the nine students who in 1955 attended Little Rock High School in an effort to end racial segregation and receive equal access to quality education, spoke at AACT High School in Reno, Nevada on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

The focus of the evening's presentations and discussion was on the importance of education and how to raise high school graduation rates. In addition to Ms. Beals, speakers included Dr. Maria Sheehan, President of Truckee Meadows Community College, Pedro Martinez, Washoe County Schools Superintendent, and Dr. Reggie Stewart from the University of Nevada, Reno.

The event was organized by Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church and co-sponsored by the Nevada Clergy Association, as well as the Northern Nevada Chapter of the NAACP.

The event was attended by Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. and his daughter Sonya Savoy for the International Community of Christ.