



Mountain View College
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE
PRESENTS

“A Mighty Long Way”

with

CARLOTTA WALLS LANIER

(Youngest Member of the Little Rock Nine)



February 19, 2010 | 11:15 a.m. | Performance Hall

Meet the Author Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. (limited spaces). RSVP to Office of Student Life at 214-860-8685.

In 1957, at age 14, Carlotta Walls LaNier was the youngest Little Rock Nine member to integrate Central High School. This act of courage and defiance became the catalyst for change in the American educational system.

Despite her youth, Mrs. LaNier understood the impact of education in a promising future. Inspired by Rosa Parks and the desire to get the best education available, she enrolled in Central High School. Anger and violent behavior threatened their safety and motivated President Dwight D. Eisenhower to dispatch the Army's 101st Airborne Division to protect their constitutional rights. She graduated from Little Rock Central High School in 1960.

In addition to the NAACP's Spingarn Medal and the Congressional Gold Medal, awarded to her as a member of the Little Rock Nine, Mrs. LaNier is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Northern Colorado and an inductee in the Colorado Woman's Hall of Fame and the Girl Scouts Women of Distinction.

