



TUSKEGEE HISTORY CENTER

# DISPATCH

Museum and Visitor Center

## AUBURN STUDENTS SURPRISE ENCOUNTER WITH LIVING HISTORY

During the final scheduled group visit of the year, Auburn University students immersed themselves in Tuskegee's rich multicultural history at the Tuskegee History Center on Saturday, November 11. Students were taken by surprise when special guest Anthony T. Lee, a Tuskegee resident and historical figure, made an impromptu visit, forging a connection to Auburn University's history.

Lee, renowned for his pivotal role in the landmark court case *Lee, et al. v. Macon County Board of Education*, was among the thirteen courageous students who integrated Tuskegee High School in 1963 and later Macon County High School in Notasulga in 1964. An instrumental figure, he, alongside student Willie Wyatt, Jr., became one of the first undergraduates to integrate Auburn University in 1964. Lee achieved the historic milestone of being the first African American undergraduate to complete all four years at AU, graduating with a degree in history in 1968.

The visit, organized by Student Affairs at Auburn University, attracted over forty participants who gained firsthand insight into the national significance of Tuskegee's civil rights history at the Tuskegee History Center. Students expressed their awe, with one stating, "This was far better than expected. The multicultural center was very well laid out. Meeting Anthony Lee will be a treasured memory forever." Another student remarked, "I had no idea just how many famous and influential people came from the Tuskegee area."



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