Chronology of Brown v. Board of Education
May 17th, Commemorative Programs
Sponsored by the Brown Foundation 1989 - 2015

1989 (the year of our first public program)
Title: 35 Years on the Road to Equal Rights
Keynote: Mrs. Rosa Parks
Music Video: The Neville Brothers

1990
Title: Desegregating the American Mind
Keynote: Mrs. Katie Hall, former Congresswoman and author of
the King Holiday legislation.

1991
Title: Desegregating the American Mind II, Race Relations, Equity
and Civil Rights for the 21st Century
Keynote: Dr. Terrance Roberts-member of the “Little Rock
Nine”
Concert Performers: Sweet Honey In The Rock

1992
Title: Remembering Brown and the Civil Rights Movement
Keynote Performers: Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, actors

1993
Title: Desegregating the American Mind, Equalizing the Equation
for Children and Families
Keynote: Dr. Debbye Turner, DVM, Miss America 1990 and
Henry Hampton, Executive Producer of “Eyes on the Prize”

1994
Title: The Civil Rights Movement Revisited 1954-1994
Keynotes:
Ernest Green, member of the “Little Rock Nine"
Attorney Jack Greenberg, legal co-council in Brown case
Julian Bond, Civil Rights Activist & Chair NAACP
Music: Antioch Baptist Church Choir
1995
Title: Examining the Impact of *Brown v. Board of Education* on the Civil Rights and Human Rights Movement
**Keynote:** David DuBois, son of W.E.B. DuBois one of the NAACP founders
Music: Faith Temple Church of God Choir

1996
Title: Lift Every Voice
**Keynote:** Martin Luther King III (son of the late civil rights leader)
Music: Lisa Henry and Jazz Ensemble

1997
Title: Voices of Strength Interpreting the Role of Women in *Brown v. Board of Education* and Civil Rights History
**Keynote:** Federal District Court Judge Paul Brady, author of *A Certain Blindness.*
Music: Washburn University Jazz Ensemble

1998
Title: Desegregating the American Mind for the 21st Century, Issues for Educating 21st Century Kids
**Keynote:** Sharon Robinson, author and daughter of the late baseball great Jackie Robinson
Music: Saxophonist, Bryne Donaldson

1999
Title: Desegregating the American Mind, Creating a Shared Vision for Safe and Inclusive Schools
**Keynote:** Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. and Charlotta Lanier, member of the “Little Rock Nine”
Music: St. Mark AME Church Choir

2000
Title: Keep Your Eyes on the Prize
**Keynote:** Christine King Farris, sister of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Music: Topeka Jazz Workshop
2001
Title: Marching Toward Justice
Keynote: * Juan Williams, author and journalist for NPR and 
* Federal Judge Damon Keith
Music: Washburn University Harpist

2002
Title: Walking with the Wind: A Memoir to the Movement
Keynote: Congressman John Lewis
Music: Carol Boyd, Soloist

2003
Title: American Patriot: African Americans in the Military From the Revolutionary War to Dessert Storm.
Keynote: Gail Buckley, author and daughter of singer Lena Horne

2004
Grand Opening - Brown v. Board of Education National Park
Keynotes included: *President George Bush, 
*U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, 
*Congressional leadership from the House and Senate, 
*Gayle Norton, Secretary of the Interior, 
*Fran Mainella, Director of the National Park Service 
*Governor of Kansas, Kathleen Sabelius 
*Music: Michele Williams, Destiny's Child, Birmingham's historic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Choir, Ft. Riley Military Band

2004 Continued
Evening Play Production: “Now Let Me Fly” featured:
* Roger Aaron Brown from ABC’s The District, 
*James McDaniel from NYPD Blue, 
*Bill Kurtis from A & E Television and
* the late Yolanda King, daughter of the late Martin Luther King, Jr.
2005 Title: Voices of the Legacy
Keynote: Former U.N. Ambassador, Andrew Young
Music: Gospel and R&B, Recording Artist Kelly Hunt

2006
Title: A Stand for Social Justice
Keynote: Mark Morial, President of the Urban League, former Mayor of New Orleans
(The Little Rock Nine were present to receive our award for their history making role in advancing civil rights)

2007
Event: Crowns A Portrait Of Black Women In Church Hats
Nationally renowned play by actress and playwright Regina Taylor

2008
Event: “Commemorating 54th of the Brown Decision & Celebrating the 20th of the Brown Foundation”
Keynote: Ted Shaw, Columbia University Law School
Master of Ceremonies: Richard Roundtree, Actor and Activist
Mistress of Ceremonies: Christel Thornton, Journalist
Music: Oleta Adams, Grammy Award Winner

2009 Title: The Road to Brown – in recognition of Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall, the NAACP Legal Team and the families who stood with them

Keynote: Judge Julie Robinson U.S. District Judge
Special recognition of Houston and Marshall

2010 Title: Historic Connections – Commemorating the African American and Jewish Community Legacy of Working Together for Social Change

Featuring: Anne & Emmett, written and directed by Janet Langhart Cohen, including a talk back with Mrs. Langhart Cohen and her husband former U.S. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen.
2011 Title: Commemorating the 57th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

Featuring: The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States of America and Dr. Sharon Malone, wife of the Attorney General and sister of Vivian Malone Jones, one of two African American students who integrated the University of Alabama.

2012 Title: Commemorating the 58th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

Featuring: Basketball legend and civil rights advocate William “Bill” Russell.

2013 Title: Our Musical Heritage – Commemorating the 59th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education


2014 Title: A Tribute to the Seminal Events of the Civil Rights Movement

Featuring: Danny Strong, screenwriter for movie The Butler And Carolyn Maull McKinstry, survivor 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing in Birmingham, Alabama.

2015 Title: Remembrance and Reconciliation

Featuring: Peggy Wallace Kennedy, the daughter of the late George Wallace former segregationist Governor of Alabama whose mission is changing legacy and fostering reconciliation.