

'Know your history' mobile exhibit comes to Hampton U.

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Rodney J. Reynolds, publisher of **American Legacy magazine**, was on Hampton University's campus Wednesday.

His visit here pertained to the American Legacy magazine "Know your History" **mobile museum tour**. The magazine is no longer in production; however, the exhibit showed covers and topics that the quarterly had done over 15 years since 1995.

While aboard the motorized archive, visitors could see covers with African-American icons including Rosa Parks, Sammy Davis Jr., Jackie Robinson, Muhammad Ali, Bessie Coleman and the Tuskegee Airmen.



The exhibit also has memorabilia of black history like a baseball display with the crowning piece being a crisp white baseball jersey that reads "Robinson" in blue letters on the back. Along with the keepsakes on display visitors could view videos that cover **African-American military units** and their contributions to wars throughout history.

Caryn Fuller, the mobile museum, docent had this to say about the exhibit: "The American Legacy magazine was meant to promote black history and educate the readers on the more obscure events that took place in black history. The magazine is no longer in production but the exhibit is meant to bring awareness and encourage people to learn more about black history."

Nashid S. Madyun, director of the **Hampton University Museum and Archives** and publisher of International Review of African American Art, said, "Rodney J. Reynolds certainly represents and elevates the optimism in the American Dream. For decades, he has been able to bridge the many sectors of African-American heritage and the American legacy through in depth retrospectives in music, humanity, and visual culture, with a passion and integrity that commands recognition. Having a long list of awards pales in comparison to the remarkable ability and consistency he has shown in chronicling the complex tapestry of the African Diaspora and its American path.

"He is truly an American treasure."

The "Know your history" mobile exhibit was on display in front of the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, Reynolds was the guest on **The Caldwell Café** at 6:30 p.m. in the Scripps Howard School TV studio.

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