Maryland History Day 2020 Breaking Barriers

Many of the topics surrounding African American life in Maryland is all about breaking barriers: from enslavement to civil rights, African Americans throughout Maryland sought to assert their rights as human beings and American citizens. The Beulah M. Davis Special Collections at Morgan State University holds a wealth of collections that chronicle individual and group efforts to breaking barriers. Some suggested topics are between World War II era and the modern civil rights movement. There are several collections that speak to equality and access to education and voting. There are finding aids available online where students can schedule appointments to review collection materials or select items can be requested, scanned and emailed to them. Special Saturday research hours are available on October 19 or October 26:

Victorine Q. Adams and voting rights
The Colored Women’s Democratic Campaign Committee [Adams collection]
G. James Fleming and the F.E.P.C.
G. James Fleming and the Baltimore Civil Service Commissioners
The Negro Press coverage of civil rights legislation [Fleming collection]
John O. Spencer, Morgan and the Lauraville neighborhood [Soper collection]
D.O.W. Holmes, Morgan College to Morgan State College
Judge Morris A. Soper and the fight to retain Morgan State College
Negro Education and the formation of early HBCU’s [Holmes collection]

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