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**To:** Mr. Raymond Green  
**From:** Joseph P. Gutmann and Law Magnet Students  
**Date:** **March 28, 2017**  
**Re:** Naming of the Central High School Courtroom

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Dear Mr. Green:

On behalf of the Central High School Law & Government Magnet Program, we respectfully request permission to name our courtroom the "Alberta O. Jones Courtroom". We believe this honor is appropriate based on the following:

- ✓ Alberta O. Jones is an alumnus of Central High School graduating in the class of 1948½.
- ✓ Alberta O. Jones attended Louisville Municipal College for Negroes before it merged with the University of Louisville. She graduated from the University of Louisville third in her class.
- ✓ She attended the University of Louisville Law School for one year and transferred to Howard University Law School graduating fourth in her law school class.
- ✓ Alberta O. Jones was the first African American Woman to sit for the Kentucky Bar Exam.
- ✓ Alberta O. Jones was the first African American Woman to be admitted to the Kentucky Bar Association. (1959)

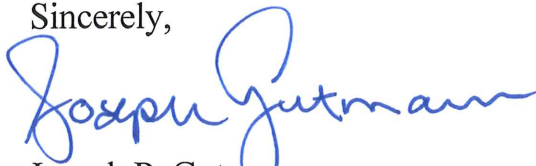
- ✓ Alberta O. Jones was the first African American prosecutor in Kentucky. She was a member of the Jefferson County Attorney's Office and assigned to handle Domestic Relations cases.
- ✓ She was Muhammad Ali's first attorney and negotiated his first contract.
- ✓ Alberta O. Jones was a champion of civil rights. She attended the March on Washington (1963) when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech. She was a leader in the civil rights movement in Louisville. She established the Independent Voters Association and worked for voter rights. She was a member of numerous civil rights organizations, including the NAACP and Urban League.
- ✓ Tragically, Alberta O. Jones was murdered in August, 1965. She was kidnapped from a car, beaten unconscious and thrown into the Ohio River. Her case has never been solved and her killer(s) has never been arrested and brought to justice.

Alberta O. Jones was a trailblazer and role model. Her dedication to education and the law was extraordinary. Her life is an example of the principles that are the foundation of our law magnet... hard work, dedication, passion, compassion, justice, effort and attitude.

Alberta's surviving sister, Flora Shanklin recently visited our courtroom and has given her families blessing and permission for us to name our courtroom in memory of her sister.

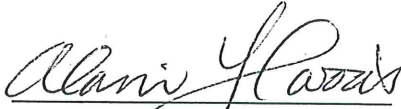
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Joseph P. Gutmann  
Director, Law & Government Magnet

"We the Students" of the Central High School Law & Government Magnet Program recommend and unanimously support the naming of the Central High School Law Magnet Courtroom the, "Alberta O. Jones Courtroom".



Alanis Harris, President  
Senior Class 2017  
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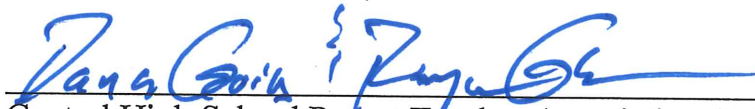


Laniyah Collins, President  
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Agree and Approved:



Central High School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Cc: Raymond Green, Principal  
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