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Summary:

(January 18, 2005)-When Minnijean Brown-Trickey was 16 years old, she became involved in perhaps one of the most significant acts in the history of the American Civil Rights Movement. She was one of the Little Rock Nine -- the nine black American teenagers who, in 1957, defied death threats, hostile white demonstrators, and the Arkansas National Guard to attend the all-white Little Rock Central High School. Brown-Trickey will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, in Edson Auditorium about the "Return to Little Rock."

She will talk about this defining moment as well as draw upon her experiences to provide her audience with an exploration of social change, diversity, and the battle against discrimination and racism.

For her work as a crusader for the Civil Rights Movement, Brown-Trickey received the U.S. Congressional Medal, the Wolf Award, and the Spingarn Medal, among many other citations and awards. She served as a deputy assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior responsible for diversity. She is working on her autobiography, titled *Mixed Blessing: Living Black in North America*.

In addition to her evening presentation, which is free and open to the public, Brown-Trickey's campus appearance will include classroom visits and discussion sessions. This convocation is co-sponsored by the Campus Activities Council Convocations Committee and the Black Student Union.

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