

# Black History Event in New York City

By Chris Dudley

Saturday February 28, 2009, the Rev. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network welcomed more than 100 participants from the Deaf community to its first Black History Month Celebration in the Deaf Community. The program was hosted by the House of Justice Deaf Club, NYC Deaf and HH Parents Association, and Black Deaf Advocates NYC Chapter. Emcee was Tanya Ingram, Chair of HOJ Deaf Club.

Guest speaker was the Rev. Herbert D. Daughtry Pastor of the House of Lord Church, Brooklyn and a prominent 46 year participant in liberation, self determination and human rights struggles. Forum presenter was Thomas Samuels, Deaf historian and advocate for the rights of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals who guided the participants on a historical journey from the villages of Africa to the shores of America culminating in recognition of educational and professional Black Deaf achievers. Donna Miles, HOJ Deaf club, followed with a picture slide show of the Washington, DC Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration and the Presidential Inauguration. Interpreting was provided by National Alliance of Black Interpreters-NYC chapter and music was provided by D.J. Moe Skillz.



Former NBDA President Thomas Samuels



Thomas Samuels, Rev. Herbert D. Daughtry & Tanya Ingram



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