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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WELCOMES ENTIRE STUDENT BODY OF KELLMAN BROWN ACADEMY

### *Visit includes America I AM: The African American Imprint Exhibition*

Philadelphia, PA (January 15, 2009) – The entire student body from the newly relocated Kellman Brown Academy, a Jewish day school in Voorhees, NJ, will visit the National Constitution Center on Friday, January 16, 2009. Students of all ages will experience the Center’s award-winning theatrical presentation “Freedom Rising”; go on an educational adventure through the main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*; take part in one of the Center’s themed museum packages; and be among the first visitors to see the world debut of the **America I Am: The African American Imprint** exhibition.

The 200 Kellman Brown Academy students will begin their visit at 9:30 a.m. Students in grades K-3 will take part in the “Being an Active Citizen” show at 10:00 a.m. to learn ways in which they can be active citizens at home, in school, at camp, and throughout their lives. Students in grades 4-8 will learn about courts and the rule of law, and even act as judge and jury during the Center’s “We, the Jury” show at 11:00 a.m.

The students will then be among the first visitors to view the world debut of the **America I AM: The African American Imprint** exhibition, celebrating nearly 500 years of African American contributions to this country. The exhibition opened on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birth date on January 15, 2009, and runs through May 3, 2009.

**America I AM** presents a historical continuum of pivotal moments in courage, conviction, and creativity that solidifies the undeniable imprint of African Americans across the nation

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and around the world. Featuring more than 200 artifacts culled from every period of U.S. history, the exhibit includes objects, texts, religion, music, narration, and media. An interactive component of the exhibition allows visitors to leave their own video “imprints,” and this collection will grow throughout the life of the exhibition with the potential to become the largest recorded oral history project in U.S. history.

Kellman Brown Academy’s interactive and educational experience at the National Constitution Center does not end with this one-day visit. In the Spring, the Center’s staff will visit the school as part of its Traveling History and Civics program. Using historic artifacts, costumes, and engaging activities, the Center’s experienced and knowledgeable demonstrators will bring history and civics to life to teach students about our nation’s past and encourage them to stand up and take action to secure their future.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, “Freedom Rising”. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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