



America's Black Forum Episode Synopsis

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This week on **America's Black Forum**:

Black Teacher Shortage

There is a dearth of Black teachers in America's grammar and high schools, and the effects are alarming. Studies show that students perform better, have fewer delinquencies, and are more likely to continue their education when they are taught by teachers of the same race. But aspiring black teachers are facing financial and mentorship challenges in pursuing their dreams. We speak to educators and administrators, like **Sekou Robertson, Principal for LEARN Charter School**, who are seeking to increase the pipeline of black teachers into our schools.

African American History Getting its Own AP Class

The College Board has piloted its first AP African American Studies course in classrooms across the country. **Nelva Williamson, history educator at Houston's Young Women's College Preparatory Academy**, is one of a handful of instructors selected to teach the course. Though it has faced opposition in some states, due to allegations that it promotes critical race theory, Williamson's students and their parents welcome the course as an opportunity to learn more about the rich heritage of the African diaspora in America.

Larry's Barber College

Master barber instructor, founder and president of LSC Enterprises, Larry Roberts Jr., explains how he turned the love for his craft into the Chicago staple: Larry's Barber College -- a renowned institution offering instruction, training, mentoring, life skills, housing and transportation for all of its students.