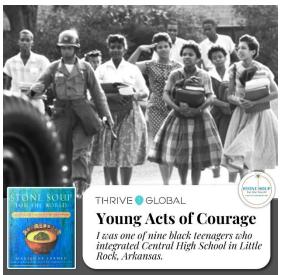


# Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Story of the Week: Young Acts of Courage, Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals Week of February 21 - 27, 2021



Sunday: Thrive Global: Young Acts of Courage
#SundayThoughts: For Black History Month with this story on
@AriannaHuff's @Thrive Global, we honor Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals
and the Little Rock Nine -- the first Black students to integrate Little
Rock, Arkansas Central High School. When Brown v. The Board
of Education made racial segregation of public schools
unconstitutional in 1954, our country began a journey to provide
equal education to all Americans. Melba was a pioneer and today,
she's a legend for those still fighting for these equal rights.

Thrive Global link: <a href="https://thriveglobal.com/stories/young-acts-of-courage/">https://thriveglobal.com/stories/young-acts-of-courage/</a>

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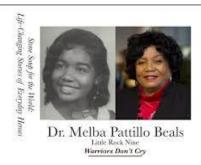


Monday: Quote: Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals

**#MondayMotivation:** When Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals was just 15 years-old, she became one of the youngest leaders of the Civil Rights Movement with the Little Rock Nine. When she graduated from Little Rock's Central High School, she pursued her education to receive a PhD. and realized her dream to become a journalist and author to tell her story so others would follow in her footsteps.

Follow us for inspirational stories about heroes, like Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals, who stand up what they believe in.

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### Tuesday: Hero Report: Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals

Watch this powerful video of Oprah Winfrey explaining how Dr. Melba Pattillo Beales and the Little Rock Nine "walked the longest walk past the vicious taunts of angry white protesters" – and Melba shares her personal experience on the first day integrating at Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

YouTube link: <a href="https://youtu.be/toensNakVyg">https://youtu.be/toensNakVyg</a>
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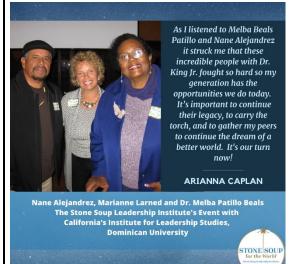


#### Wednesday: Honor Roll: Black Girl Freedom Fund

#CalltoAction Investing in the education of Black girls and young women like Melba Beals is essential for our country to move forward towards equality: racial, education, environmental and economic. The Black Girls Freedom Fund invites us to imagine what 2030 can look like if we invest \$1 billion in Black girls and young women over the next 10 years. "It's important to say to Black girls, 'You deserve a fund like this; you deserve a billion dollars.' says co-founder Salamishah Tillet.

To help build safe and healthy communities for Black girls, click here: https://lbillion4blackgirls.org/

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# Thursday: Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals at The Stone Soup Leadership Institute Event

#ThrowbackThursday: The Institute's Board member Nane Alejandrez and Founding Director Marianne Larned welcomed Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals at The Stone Soup Leadership Institute event California's Institute for Leadership Studies, Dominican University, San Rafael, CA. She inspired college students with her story - and challenges business, government leaders to do more to achieve educational equity for all of America's children.

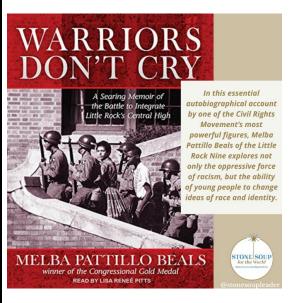
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## Friday: Young Acts of Courage

#FridayReads Read the inspiring story of how Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals of the Little Rock Nine mustered the courage, conviction, and faith to pursue her dream of a good education, while facing strong resistance from those who wanted to deprive – her just because of the color of her skin. Melba's grandmother's words gave her the strength she needed, "Make this day the best you can."

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**Saturday:** Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals' book, Warriors Don't Cry #SaturdayThoughts: In Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals' award winning memoir, *Warriors Don't Cry*, she looks back at how her integration experience forged her fate as a warrior for civil rights and taught her to have courage and patience. This book challenges us to see how the human rights of justice and educational choice are relevant today.

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