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Saint Augustine's College kicks off its Black History Month celebration

Saint Augustine's College President Dr. Dianne Boardley Suber was the keynote speaker for the school's formal opening ceremony for Black History Month.

More than 300 students, faculty and staff members gathered in the Seby Jones Auditorium Feb. 6 to hear Suber speak.

Suber, who grew up in Florida during the Jim Crow era, told students about her upbringing during that time. Despite the discrimination blacks faced, Suber said she and her friends grew up with a good life – one that was fun and safe.

"I participated in the changing of the guard, but I had a good time; I had a prepared time," Suber said.

For the black students of today, preparation is a key element in how they'll move forward, Suber said.

"To the degree that you are prepared is based on your ability to embrace your history, to understand that which went before was good," she said.

A reception in Suber's honor followed the program.

The opening ceremony is the first event in the school's month-long celebration of Black History Month.

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