

You're Invited !!

Celebrate the dedication of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Historical Marker, recognizing the development of the Lylburn Downing School (1927-1965). It was built through the efforts of the Home and School League: an organization of local Black parents and citizens. Established with financial support from the Black community, Rockbridge County, and the Rosenwald Fund, the new school eventually expanded to award high school diplomas

Lylburn Liggins Downing was born enslaved in Lexington in 1862 and attended local schools here after the Civil War. He graduated from Lincoln University's Theological Seminary, then later pastored Roanoke's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, for decades. The new, segregated school, serving Black students across Rockbridge County, was named in his honor, witnessing Rev. Downing's longtime advocacy for African American education



Sunday, June 19, 2022
Ceremony at 1:30 pm

**Gather on the Front Lawn of
The Lylburn Downing School**

*300 Diamond St., Lexington, VA
Original School ~ Community Center*

Then Celebrate Juneteenth, 1-6pm!
Next door at Richardson Park

*Food Vendors, Arts & Crafts Vendors, Music, Games,
Showcase of Walker Program Entrepreneurs*

