



## History Painting Update

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I don't know if you've been following Colin Quashie's blog and watching his progress on our history painting. He definitely is making progress. The painting uses the Greensboro sit-in at the Woolworth's lunch counter as the context for featuring many significant figures in North Carolina's African-American history. Colin's composition is centered around the four NC A & T students who started the sit-ins—Joseph McNeil, David Richmond, Franklin McCain, and Jibreel Khazan (born Ezell Blair, Jr.). He is painting them as servers at the counter because of their sacrifice in service to others during the civil rights protests.





Franklin McCain

The people at the lunch counter and behind them will be other historical figures in North Carolina. George Henry White is considered the last African-American Congressman (1897-1901) of the Reconstruction era, for example, and Harvey Beech was one of the first African-Americans to enroll at UNC Law School (after a successful lawsuit by Thurgood Marshall).



George Henry White and Harvey Beech

Visit [Colin Quashie's art blog](#) to see more photographs of his work in progress and biographies of the people included so far. It is fun to watch the work as it unfolds, and Colin's descriptions of the process are interesting.