

Former Sheriff Speaks on Race Relations



Bolles Middle School Bartram Campus Head Josh Bauman with Former Jacksonville Sheriff Nathaniel "Nat" Glover and Bolles Middle School Bartram Campus social studies teachers Kellie Marks and Allison Greene

Former Jacksonville Sheriff Nathaniel "Nat" Glover visited the Bolles Middle School Bartram Campus on Jan. 26 to speak with Kellie Marks and Allison Greene's eighth grade civics students about his experience facing racism and how he focused on uniting people during his career to inspire change.

Glover is the first Black sheriff of a major city in the Deep South since the Reconstruction era. At age 17, Glover unknowingly headed into Ax Handle Saturday, a harrowing encounter with racism that Glover says committed him to a lifetime of fighting for justice. He joined the Jacksonville Police Department in 1966 and rose through the ranks before being elected sheriff in 1995. He was a mayoral candidate in 2003 and served as the 29th president of his alma mater, Edward Waters University. His memoir, "Striving for Justice: A Black Sheriff in the Deep South," was released in 2023.