

It is quite an esteem honor and a privilege to have been elected as President of The Rock Island County (RICO) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Your elected officers for 2021-2022 are as follows:

Ms. Bonnie J. Ballard, President  
Dr. Tiffany Stoner-Harris, First Vice President  
Ms. Tammy Reed, Second Vice President  
Ms. Bridgett Edgeworth, Secretary  
Ms. Linda Rudolph, Treasurer

As President, the Board and I will ensure the continuation of the established Legacy of the Rock Island County Branch while initiating and implementing additional initiatives in order to better serve the needs of all citizens residing in Rock Island County.

We will be sure to abide by and embrace our Mission, our vision and most importantly the established objectives of the Branch. Therefore, our mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. Our Vision is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race. The objectives of our Branch shall be as follows:

- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of Rock Island County
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes securing civil rights
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights.
- To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination.
- To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof; and, to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP'S Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

I want us to be conscious of the world that we live in; with that, let us be conscious and cognitive of the needs of Rock Island County communities. We need to be ready to advocate and support the RICO Communities one city at a time. We want to develop training modules as a means to reach out to our parents, children, citizens, providing knowledge and understanding of how they can better function

in this society. When a community is exposed to the educational ways and means of how to better their situations, a community will become better educated in processing life skills and will become more comfortable with living a better life in the community.

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I am thanking all of you in advance for your advocacy in pushing for inclusiveness and equity for all people and, for striving to eradicate conscious bias in all walks of life throughout the RICO Communities, one city at a time.

Respectfully yours,

Bonnie J. Ballard, President  
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