

NAACP BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



It has been an honor to serve as the Baltimore County NAACP President for the last few terms. First, thank you to the executive committee, the Baltimore County NAACP members and all the Baltimore County NAACP supporters. We have worked together over the years to uphold the mission and vision of the National NAACP on speaking on and ensuring the community has political, social, economic and educational equality and justice. We have accomplished many of the goals of the strategic plans I set when I started. I applaud everyone's efforts.

Under my leadership, we accomplished 2 successful Gun Buy Back Events in 2023 and 2024, successful annual ACT-SO competitions, W.I.N events, such as the luncheons, the annual health fairs, testimony on the Anti-lynching Bill, spoke at the Korryn Gaines rally with Attorney W. Gordon. We supported the Prescription Drug Affordability, worked with the 4more related to redistricting, voter registration, increased membership and visibility in the community, spoke at the Board of Education, worked on virtual sessions to educate the community on financial development and purchasing homes, affordable housing, attended the Police Accountability meetings, and attended the Police Equitable Policing meetings to name a few.

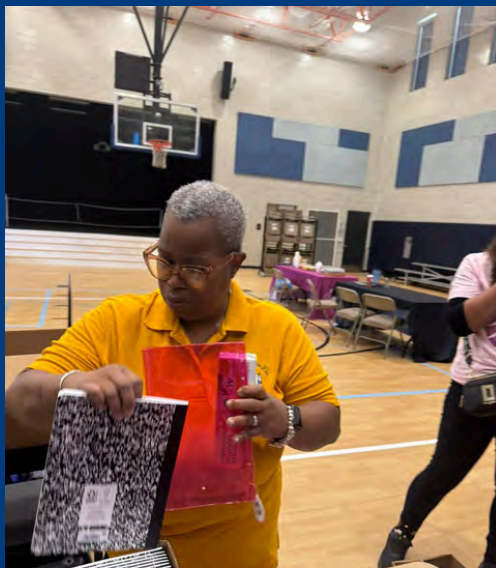
It was also an honor to witness the, first woman Police Chief, Chief Hyatt, first African American Police Chief, Chief McCullough, and African American Fire Chief, Chief Dixon, during my term. During my term recently, I submitted a letter to reactivate the Towson University NAACP Chapter. I believe three of my most memorable times were: starting the Parkville High School NAACP, Pikesville High school contacting us to start a NAACP chapter, and our youth bringing home several medals from the NAACP National Convention from the ACT-SO competition.

Thank you to the community who recognized us and the good work we were doing in the community and provided awards and recognitions throughout the years. I wish the Interim President, Mr. Roland Patterson my support, as I go on to run for County Council Woman for District 2. I continue to look forward to serving the community in another capacity and look forward to the support. I believe Mr. Patterson and Baltimore County NAACP will continue to carry the torch. The strategic plans placed will continue. I believe the Baltimore County NAACP will continue to be visible in the community.

Thank you again for letting me serve as President,

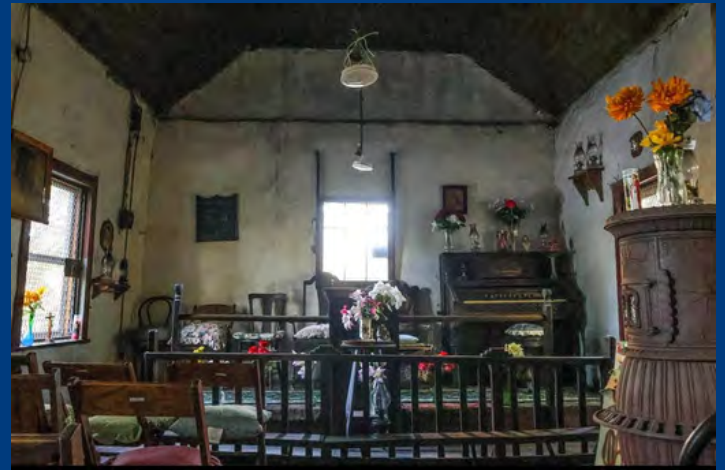
Dr. Danita Tolson

WIN BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE



The Women in NAACP (WIN) Back-to-School event on August 23rd at the Middle River Recreation Center was a resounding success with the help of Nu Sigma Sigma's, Sigma Gamma Rho delegates, Senators, our branch and other supporters. About 250 book bags were distributed, both at the rec center and White Marsh Mall. We extend a heartfelt thanks to the generous donations provided from these stakeholders.

PARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDITION



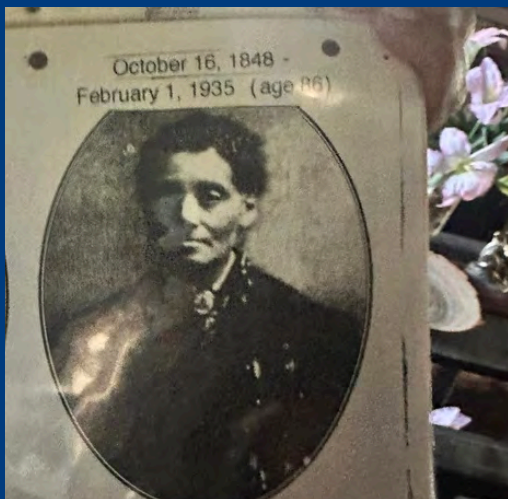
Dowden Chapel

The NAACP Parkville High School participated in cleaning the grounds of Dowden Chapel and Cemetery. This is a hidden historical gem right in Baltimore County. The Harvey family has owned this land since 1849. It was a meeting place, an **Underground Railroad** stop, a church, and a school, where the first black Baltimore County school teacher, **Margaret Gwynn**, taught.

For the last 77 years, the Harvey family has preserved their family cemetery. Special thanks to Senator Carl Jackson in collaborating with the NAACP Parkville High School to support this endeavor. The NAACP Parkville High School are committed to preserving the legacy of our people. They plan to organize a fundraiser to install a security system in the chapel. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser, please contact Nichelle Hicks at: nichelledhicks@gmail.com and Korei Bailey, President at: koreib2008@gmail.com.



This is the headstone of an enslaved ancestor



Margaret Gwynn



Senator Carl Jackson and NAACP Parkville High School Chapter

YOUTH DAY AT ANNAPOLIS



Desiree, Raymond, Leana



Upper row from left to right: Sianna, Raquel, Mimi, Praise, Lola

The NAACP Parkville High School Chapter attended the Senator Nathaniel Exum Youth Day in Annapolis on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the Maryland General Assembly campus. This event provided high school students with the opportunity to learn about the legislative process, participate and experience the power of civic engagement. Students took on the roles of legislators, sponsored legislation, voted on bills, and gained a firsthand glance at how the government functions.

Raymond Jones, Secretary of the NAACP Parkville High Chapter shared the experiences of the chapter members at the leadership event where they participated in a mock congressional simulation. Raymond explained how they were assigned to different committees to debate and vote on proposed bills, gaining insight into the legislative process. Korei Bailey, President of the NAACP Parkville High Chapter, echoed Raymond's experience, emphasizing the importance of youth leaders engaging in such simulations to better understand the daily work of elected officials.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR



The Health Committee held the third annual Community Resources, Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 25th. It was a huge success, they had a variety of 30+ vendors, 70 walk-in participants, and four people became new branch members at the event. They marketed via social media, word of mouth, TV news station and Eventbrite, which drew people from as far as Washington D.C. They also had a special appearance from Councilman Julian Jones. Connections were made with the community, and several for future partnerships will be established. We want to thank Evelyn Johnson for representing the membership committee. A special thanks to Sharnice Coleman and Marcquetta Carey for their hardworking efforts in marketing the event and organizing all the vendors.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR





Dr. Kotiah - Mercy Hospital



The Health Committee hosted a webinar commemorating Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Thursday, October 30th. It was well attended. We had 40 participants join the zoom session to hear what Dr. Sandy Kotiah, Baltimore's most sought-after Oncologist had to say about early detection and treatment.

Ms. Madeline Long was the second speaker that is a Breast Cancer survivor. The third speaker was Ms. Starlene McKelvin. She has been a Nurse Practitioner for 15 years. She is also the CEO of New Destiny Health Services. It provides Primary and Mental Health Services. She is also a Breast Cancer survivor. The session provided valuable health information and resources. We would like to thank Dr. Tolson and the Health Committee for orchestrating this event.



Ms. Starlene McKelvin, CRNP

POWER OF THE COLLECTIVE: NAACP SPEAKS OUT



Mr. Roland Patterson Jr., President, participated in the Randallstown County Executive Candidates Town Hall on Wednesday, October 29th. The Baltimore County Council candidates that are campaigning in the 2026 Elections are illustrated above. Mr. Patterson asked the candidates on how they would fix the six year old traffic disparity problem and the housing discrimination issues, which we are about to sue on. Other issues that were discussed important to the Baltimore County residents included: disparities in policing, county redistricting and its impact on legislative dynamics, creating opportunities for young people, and education. The candidates outlined their visions for a more transparent and accountable county government.





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W.I.N Committee



HOLIDAY DRIVE

The WIN Committee is partnering with Senator Carl Jackson on a wonderful initiative to provide wrapped toys to schools this holiday season. We are reaching out to request your support in making this fantastic project a reality.

Your generous donation will enable us to gift a toy to an elementary student. We would be incredibly grateful for your contribution to this meaningful cause!

Thank you for your support,

WIN Committee

We accept donations just scan the Zeffy QR Code below

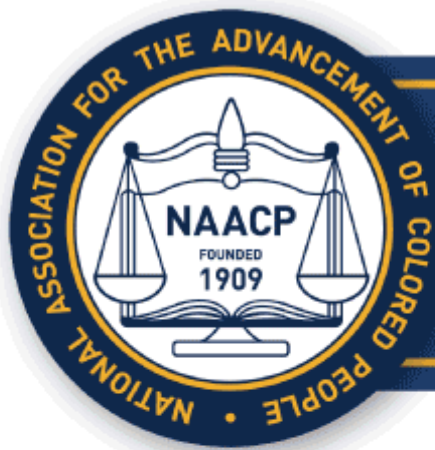


CARL JACKSON

8TH District Senator

“PEOPLE FIRST”





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12:30 PM - 4:00PM

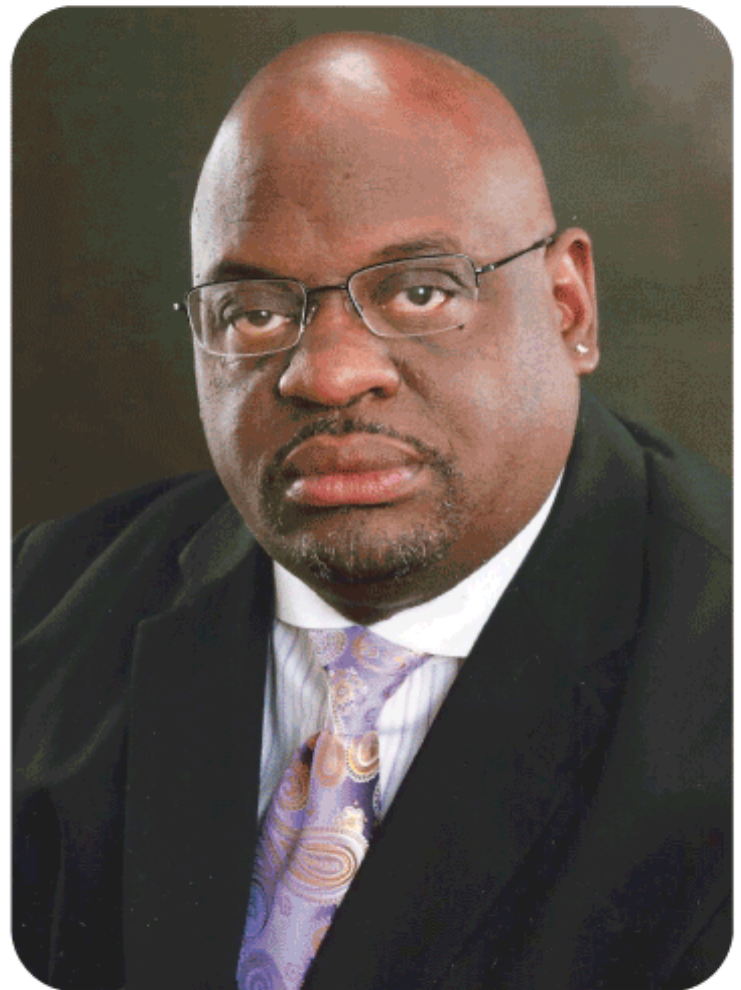
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- EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD
- COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
- KEEPER OF THE FLAME AWARD
- TRAILBLAZER AWARD

HONOREES

ROLAND N. PATTERSON, JR., DANNY BLOUNT,
DANYELLE SMITH, KATRINA LEONARD,
BISHOP BARRY CHAPMAN, PETA N. RICHKUS,
AND CHIEF JOSEPH W. DIXON



GUEST SPEAKER
MR. DARRYL GREEN

SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

ADMISSION: \$125

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE





Shop consciously this holiday session!! Visit the naacpstore.org for the latest NAACP gear. Also check out the [Buy Black Gift Guide](#) on the NAACP website.

DYNAMIC OPPORTUNITIES

We are always looking for volunteers to work in any of our 10 committees, please visit our website to learn more about them at: <http://www.naacp-bcountymd.org/committees.html>.
Email us: naacpbaltimorecounty@hotmail.com

JOIN US

Our General Body meetings are every first Wednesday at 7:00pm. For the zoom link, refer to our monthly emails or go to the events page on our website below.

www.naacp-bcountymd.org

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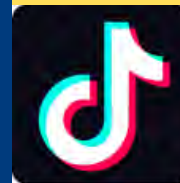
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File a Complaint

If you need to file a complaint. Please submit the complaint to Roland Patterson, Legal Redress Committee Chair via the link below:

[NAACP Complaint Form](#)

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