

# NAACP BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWSLETTER

#### **WE'RE ON THE MOVE!**

**SPRING HIGHLIGHTS** 



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This spring, the Branch organized a dynamic series of events giving our members the opportunity to hear from our community leaders. The speakers included Speaker pro tempore Adrienne Jones, President Willie Flowers (NAACP MD State Conference), Sevetra Peoples (Baltimore County Health Department ), Attorney J. Gordan Wyndal (attorney for Korryn Gaines), Rep. John John Sarbanes and Vinny DeMarco (Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative).

We also participated in community events that addressed the issues in the health and public school sectors. As we continue to fight on matters of upmost importance, share with others about our branch. You are the voice that can make the difference in our communities. Thank you for your continued support in NAACP's mission.

# NAACP NEWS COVID-19 VACCINE MOBILE CLINIC





The NAACP Baltimore County Branch organized a Max the Vax Covid-19 Vaccine Mobile Clinic in May. It was a collaborative partnership between NAACP Baltimore County, Baltimore County Health Department, Coppin State University and Dream Life Worship Center. The Covid-19 Vaccine Mobile Clinic was held on Saturday May 8th and May 29th from 10am-2pm at the Dream Life Worship Center in Randallstown MD.









Councilman Julian Jones, Delegate Benjamin Brooks, District 4 Outreach
Coordinator from the County Executive's Office Kirk Mitchell, Branch
President Dr. Danita Tolson, and Pastor Robinson from Dream Life Worship
Center spoke during the opening ceremony on May 8th.

# **COVID-19 VACCINE MOBILE CLINIC**





The nursing students from Coppin State University and the Baltimore County
Health Department nurses assisted and administered Pfizer vaccines.

Approximately 30 people got vaccinated for the first shot on
May 8th and 48 people received the second shot on May 29th!

It was an unprecedented effort.





We extend our heartfelt thanks to our institutional partners for coming together in the mission to fight Covid-19. Special thanks to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Delta Sigma Theta Sororities for their volunteer efforts.

We would also like to recognize the following members of the NAACP Baltimore County branch: Dr. Danita Tolson, Stacey Shannon-Morrison, Gerald Morrison, Lillian Thomas, Raymond English, Marietta English, Ursula Bishop and David Blenman (from the Baltimore County Fire Department) for their participation, donations and logistic efforts at the event.

# BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FORUM

The Baltimore County Public Schools held a virtual community forum to address school overcrowding and facility improvements on May 27th at 6:00pm. The objective was to receive input from the public in regards to these issues and improvements to the county's school facilities.

The Multi-Year Improvement Plan for All Schools (MYIPAS) is a ten year capital planning process that will identify needed improvements to Baltimore County's School infrastructure. MYIPAS is scheduled to present its final report late this Summer or early in the Fall. This report will recommend capital improvements for all Baltimore County public schools in Education Adequacy and Equity, Facilities Condition and Capacity Utilization. Phase Two of MYIPAS will recommend improvement options for elementary and middle schools in these three areas.

#### **Facilities Condition**

The top four middle schools with critical facility conditions issues are in the Northwest and Southwest Areas. They are Catonsville, Deer Park Middle School, Lansdowne Middle School and Northwest Academy for Health Sciences. About 5 of the top 10 elementary schools with facility condition needs are located in the Northwest Area. In the Southwest Area, Winfield Elementary School is ranked 7th among those elementary schools with the greatest need for facilities improvements.

## **Capacity Utilization**

Most middle schools in the Northwest Area except Deer Park Middle School are slightly below surplus capacity. Deer Park Middle School currently has a slight capacity surplus of 104% with a projected 2026 capacity surplus to be the same. In the Southwest Area, Catonsville Middle School and Windsor Mill Middle School are ranked 2nd and 5th respectively 12 out of 21 elementary schools in the Northwest Area are saddled with a capacity surplus. In the Northwest Area, Owings Mills and Summit Park have the highest capacity surplus at 139% and 140% respectively.

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In the Southwest Area, Featherbed Lane Elementary School ranked 9th among elementary schools with a 120% capacity surplus.

### **Educational Adequacy and Equity**

In the Northwest Area, Deer Park Middle School and Northwest Academy for Health Sciences ranked 2nd and 7th while in the Southwest Area, Lansdowne Middle School and Catonsville Middle School ranked 4th and 5th respectively among middle schools needing the most attention in Educational Adequacy and Equity. Approximately 10 of the top 30 elementary schools with the most critical needs are in the Northwest Area.

In the Southwest, Johnnycake Elementary School ranked 3rd among all elementary schools with critical needs in educational adequacy and equity. About 5 of the top 10 elementary schools with educational adequacy and equity needs are located in the Northwest Area.

Without a doubt, these assessment findings make it abundantly clear, that Northwest and Southwest Area schools have been marginalized and neglected during decades of policies and politics that have consistently favored and benefited schools in other areas of the county. Upon reviewing the 2021 County budget, we witnessed evidence that equitable distribution of capital funding maybe gaining some traction in addressing long standing needs of all schools

Starting with the 2021 County budget, nine Northwest Area schools and five Southwest Area schools will receive funding for capital improvements and some school will be completely replaced. We sincerely hope the MYIPAS process will eliminate systemic inequity in distribution of resources to schools in the Northwest and Southwest Areas.

# **Community Events**

# JUNETEENTH 2021

A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

THROUGH WORDS, IMAGES,

**MOVEMENT AND SOUND** 

## JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL FAMILY EVENT

PERFORMANCES, TRIVIA, RAFFLES, SWAG BAGS AND MORE!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021 / NOON TO 1:30 PM** 

Swag Bags are available for pickup (while supplies last): Winfield PAL Center (west side) or Hillendale PAL Center (east side)

Saturday June 5, 2021 from 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

#### **ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqduCupzsqG9w7Xz zQr1z9l3qX5GZm8r4x

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Event.



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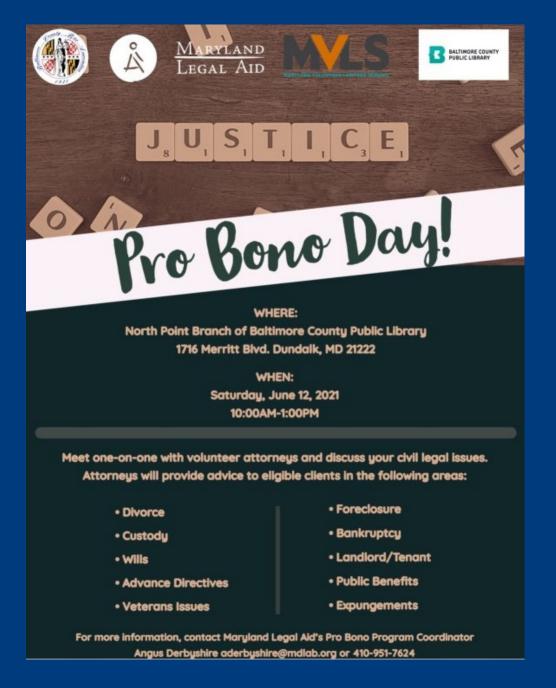
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# **Community Events**





# **UPCOMING NAACP EVENTS**





# **NAACP Scholarships**



NAACP scholarships range in dollar amount, academic interests, and age.

Whether you are a graduating high school senior or early in your

professional career.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Applicants must:

- Be a member of the NAACP. If you are not a NAACP member, join today.
- Be African American or a person of color.
- Be currently enrolled full-time or accepted to an accredited college or university in the U.S.
- Be a graduating high school senior, undergraduate student, or graduate student for applicable scholarships.
- Possess a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 system.
- Demonstrate interest in a relevant field of study where applicable.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE**

Open Date: May 20, 2021 Close Date: June 18, 2021

Review Period Closes: July 30, 2021 Award Notices: August 9, 2021

Award Disbursed: August 13, 2021- August 20, 2021

\*List of Scholarships are on the next page.

# **NAACP Scholarships**



## **List of Scholarships**

- The Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship
- Building Beautiful Futures Scholarship
- Empowering Imagination Scholarship
- Grit Scholarship
- Happy Day Scholarship
- Hubertus W.B. Willems Scholarship
- Institute for Integrative Nutrition
   Scholarship
- Katherine McIntyre Scholarship
- The NAACP Creative Sole Scholarship powered by Vans
- Smile Direct Club Scholarship

For more information and to apply, go to: https://naacp.org/findresources/scholarshipsawards-internships/scholarships

# 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

# Join the NAACP on Social Media! Like us on:







@NAACPBalt County

# File a Complaint

If you need to file a complaint. Please send an email to Gerald Morrison, Labor and Industry Committee Chair, geraldmorrison@ yahoo.com

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