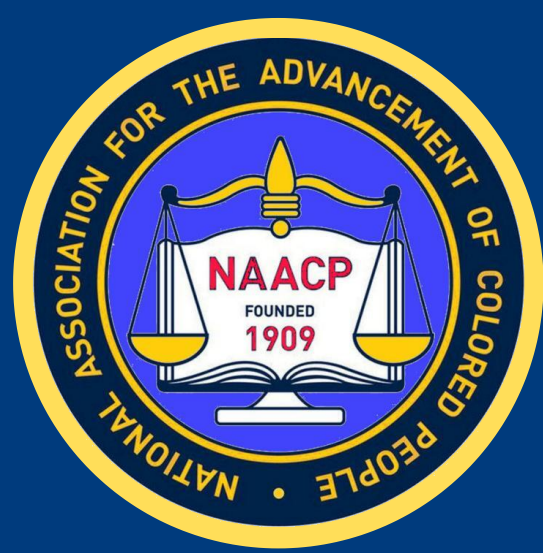


NAACP BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



Greetings Branch Members,

Happy Women's History Month!

We have seen many successes and strides as women of color

this past year until now. From having the first female Vice-President in office to the nomination and the confirmation of the first black female Supreme Court Justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson.

During the winter, we have been hard at work in the Baltimore County Redistricting efforts and the No Medical Debt Session in which legislation is being developed to protect wrongly billed patients who were supposed to receive free care and give rebates to those patients.

Delegate Benjamin Brooks is pushing a proposed bill that I suggested for a tax rebate of \$2,000 for our First Responders and health care professionals. This bill is currently undergoing review at the State Legislature level.

Once again we are ready to Spring into Action in our community starting with our Covid-19 Test Kit Distribution events this month. We encourage you to partake of the events planned for this month and for the season ahead.

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REDISTRICTING UPDATE

Background: The Baltimore County Council released an updated redistricting plan in mid-November that did not include a second majority Black county council district despite calls from advocates and lawmakers.

The Baltimore County Council approved the redistricting plan in December. Five of seven districts in the plan are majority white and another has a 46.17% white plurality. Similar to current maps, one district would be majority Black at 72.59%, according to data released by the Council. Roughly 30% of county residents are Black, according to U.S. Census data, and nearly half are people of color.

Civil rights groups opposed the council's plan, which keeps just one majority Black Baltimore County Council district. The Baltimore County NAACP, ACLU, Common Cause Maryland, the League of Women Voters of Baltimore County, and several Black voters in the county filed a lawsuit against the council's redistricting plan on December 21, 2021.

The plaintiffs argue that the map violates the federal Voting Rights Act, which bans cracking, or "fragmenting the minority voters among several districts where a bloc-voting majority can routinely outvote them," according to the U.S. Department of Justice, or by "packing them into one or a small number of districts to minimize their influence."

The court held a hearing of the Plaintiff's motion on February 15, 2022. At the hearing, Andrew D. Freeman — an attorney with the law firm Brown, Goldstein and Levy who is representing the plaintiffs — asked US. District Court Judge Lydia Kay Griggsby to block the plan and give the county council ten days to come up with a new one that includes a second majority Black district.

Freeman said that, if the county council members can't decide on a new redistricting plan during that time, one of the plaintiffs' map proposals should be enacted. He pointed to what he described as a "strong pattern of racially polarized voting."

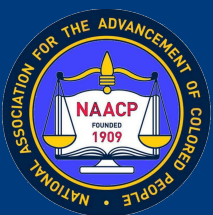
REDISTRICTING UPDATE

Judge Griggsby granted the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction. The order preliminarily prohibits the defendants from conducting future elections in the County under the County's 2021 redistricting plan. The order directs the County to adopt a redistricting map that either includes two reasonably compact majority-Black Districts or an additional County District, in which Black voters have an opportunity to elect a representative of their choice and that comports with the requirements of the Voting Rights Act by March 8, 2022. Lastly it orders the defendants to FILE the new redistricting map, on or before March 8th!!!

This is a momentous victory for our Baltimore County residents!! The change will help strengthen their voting power in the newly proposed districts. NAACP Baltimore County Branch wants to thank Debbie Jeon, Meredith Curtis, and their team at the ALCU for their partnership and hard work in pursuing this injunction for a new redistricting plan.

We also want to thank the group of mission partners that also labored in these efforts: Common Cause Maryland, the League of Women Voters of Baltimore County, Arnold & Porter and Brown, Goldstein & Levy. Lastly, we want to thank Judge Lydia Kay Griggsby for her decision that led to this action for change in our county's redistricting plan!

Next Steps: The ACLU and the NAACP Baltimore County Branch are urging our members to participate in a writing campaign to remind the Baltimore County Council execute the action to revamp the redistricting map **before March 8th.** Please go to this link: <https://action.aclu.org> to take action in this petition.



Arnold & Porter



Brown
Goldstein
& Levy

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Maryland

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of BALTIMORE COUNTY
EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.

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Holding Power Accountable

REGISTER

TO



2022
ELECTION

VOTE

★ PRIMARY ELECTION

JUNE 28, 2022

7AM-8PM



YOU CAN REGISTER IF YOU:

- Are a US Citizen
- Live in Maryland.
- Will be at least 18 years old by November 8, 2022.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

www.elections.maryland.gov

YOU CANNOT HAVE BEEN:

- Convicted of buying or selling votes
- Under Guardianship for a mental disability; found by a court unable to communicate a desire to vote
- Convicted of a felony and currently serving a court ordered prison sentence

★ Register online by June 7th at 8pm. (You will need a Maryland ID, such as your driver's license or state ID.)

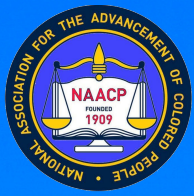
★ Early Voting for Primary Election
June 16th - June 23rd 2022 from
7am until 8pm.

★ General Election November 8, 2022 from 7am - 8pm
Early Voting - October 27th - November 3rd from 7am - 8pm



Questions? Contact the MD State Board of Elections

at 1 (800) 222-8683 or (410) 269-2840



NAACP BALTIMORE COUNTY SPECIAL EVENT



Stock trading with Cryptocurrency Fundamentals Seminar

Speaker: Lawrence Eggleston

March 9, 2022

7pm - 8:30pm

**Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81192712978?
pwd=UkRwcXhyUFNadFJncEo3N2NrM0FVQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81192712978?pwd=UkRwcXhyUFNadFJncEo3N2NrM0FVQT09)**



COVID-19 Testing Kit Distribution Event

Locations

1.

St. Matthews United Methodist Church
101 Avon Beach Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222
Date: March 12th
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

2.

Winfield PAL Center
8304 Carlson Lane
Baltimore MD 21244
Date: March 12th
Time: 9:00am - 12:00 pm

3.

Dream Life Worship Center
4111 Deer Park Rd, Randallstown, MD 21133
Date: March 12th
Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

3 Kits per Family
Bring Photo ID



**Please maintain proper social
distancing while queuing.**

**Thank you to St. Matthews, Winfield PAL and
Dream Life for your partnership and support!!**

COMMUNITY EVENT

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IN AWARDS

- * PERFORMING ARTIST
- * VISUAL ARTIST
- * VOCALIST
- * DANCE
- * DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

Talent



2022 Talent Hunt Competition

March 12, 2022



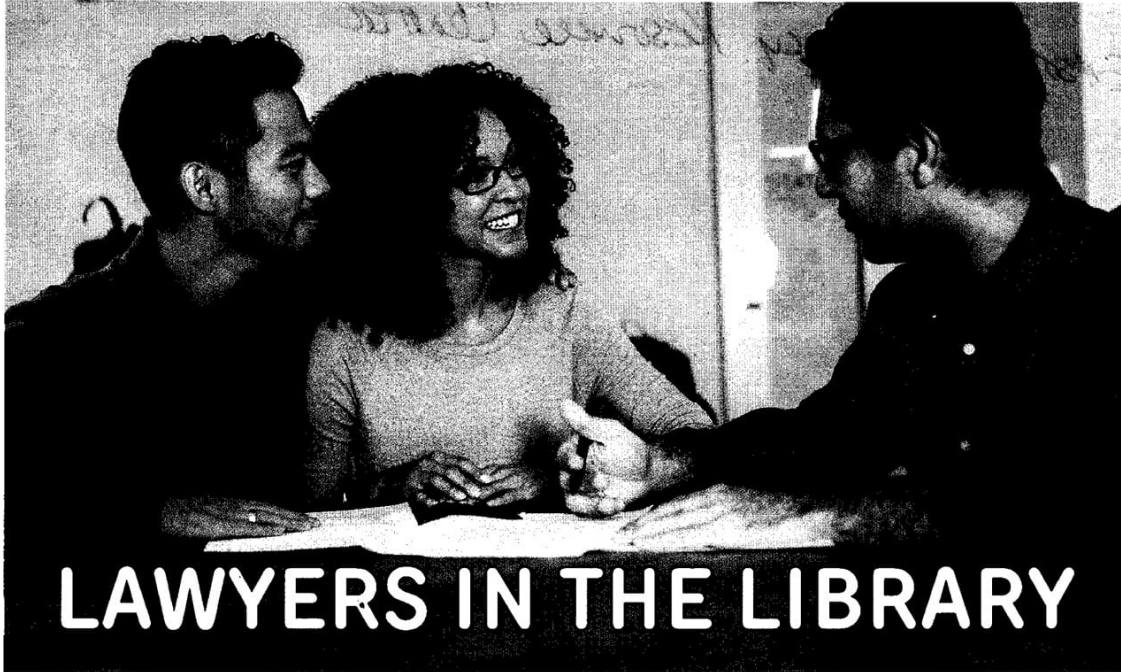
H.S. Grades 9-12

Rules and Information Session January 20 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom.
Contact Bro. Carlos Dunmoodie for session information and access
carlosdunmoodie@gmail.com (443) 545-9412

VISIT WWW.THETAMUMU.ORG FOR CONTEST APPLICATION

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Meet with lawyers from Maryland Legal Aid for free legal advice.

Please bring all relevant documents. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-served basis to financially eligible individuals.

2021-2022 Income Guidelines

Exceptions granted based upon appropriate factor(s).

Family Size	2	4
Weekly	\$816	\$1,200
Bi-weekly	\$1,632	\$2,400
Monthly	\$3,536	\$5,200
Yearly	\$42,434	\$62,404

mdlab.org/get-help-services/income-guidelines/

Arbutus

3:30-5:30 P.M. • Wednesday
April 27

Essex

3:30-5:30 P.M. • Wednesday
June 22

Lansdowne

3:30-5:30 P.M. • Wednesday
February 16

Loch Raven

3:30-5:30 P.M. • Wednesday
April 20

North Point

3:30-5:30 P.M. • Wednesdays
March 2, April 6,
May 4 & June 1

Parkville-Carney

3:30-5:30 P.M. • Wednesdays
February 23 & May 18

Randallstown

3:30-5:30 P.M. • Wednesday
May 25

Rosedale

3:30-5:30 P.M. • Wednesday
March 23

Towson

3:30-5:30 P.M. • Wednesdays
March 16 & June 15

Woodlawn

4-6 P.M. • Wednesdays
March 9, April 13,
May 11 & June 8



Women in NAACP



Leadership ✨ Empowerment ✨
Advocacy ✨



"Outstretched Hands and Open Hearts to Women and Children"



Interested? Email us at: naacpbaltimorecounty@hotmail.com



NAACP Baltimore County ACT-SO Program



ACT-SO Program

The Afro-Academic,
Cultural, Technological
and Scientific Olympics

Submit all Applications to
Mrs. Marietta English :
mrsenglish925@gmail.com



What is ACT-SO?

- It is an enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students.
- ACT-SO includes 27 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, business, and performing and visual arts.

**ACT-SO
Competition
Date: Sat.
April 30th**

**Deadline for
Applications:
April 16th**

For further details, visit us at <http://www.naacp-bcountymd.org/act-so-program.html>

Did You Know?

Welcome to "Did you know?" This is a new addition to our newsletter. In this section we will share some little known facts because to us, Black history month is EVERY month.

Did you know that an African-American invented the first home security system?

In the spirit of Black History Month and Women's History Month, we celebrate Maria Van Brittan Brown

An increase in crime and slow police response time inspired Marie Van Brittan Brown, a nurse, to invent the first home security system.

Mrs. Van Brittan Brown created three peepholes in the door to provide access for tall and average height people and children. She then set up a camera that could adjust from peephole to peephole to allow people inside the house to see who was there. A radio-controlled wireless system was used to stream the images from the camera to any television in the house. Along with the video system,



Dec. 2, 1969

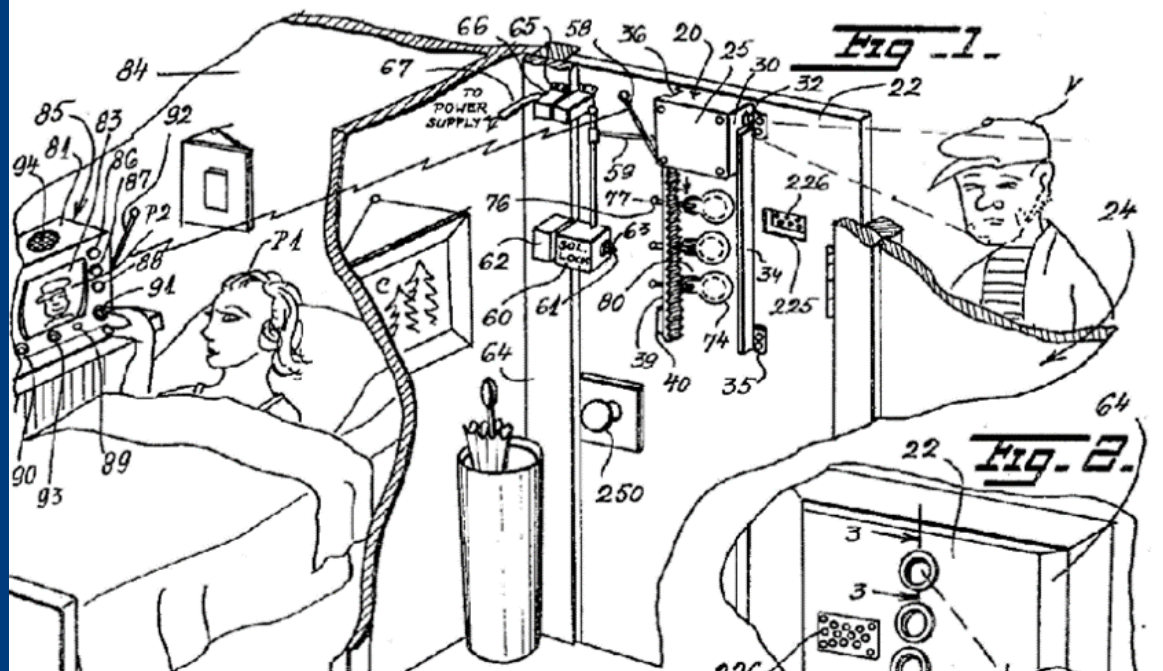
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HOME SECURITY SYSTEM UTILIZING TELEVISION SURVEILLANCE

Filed Aug. 1, 1966

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Marie and her husband, Albert Brown an electronic technician, created a two-way microphone system that allowed someone from inside the house to speak to the person outside. If the person was thought to be a threat, the police were alerted with the push of a button but if they were a welcomed guest then the door could be unlocked with a remote control.

The Browns filed a patent on August 1, 1966 but it was not approved until December 2, 1969. Although the system was originally intended for domestic uses, many businesses began to adopt Brown's system given its efficacy. Brown was recognized for her innovation in the New York Times and received an award from the National Science Committee.

Reference: "Brown, Marie Van Brittan (1922-1999) |
The Black Past: Remembered and Reclaimed".
www.blackpast.org. 11 April 2016

Did you know that an African-American invented the first "hide away bed"?

Sarah E. Goode was born in Toledo, Ohio but moved to Chicago, Illinois where she met her husband, Archibald Goode. Mrs. Goode owned a furniture store while her husband was a carpenter.

Most of the people Mrs. Goode knew including many of her customers lived in small homes and studio apartments with very limited space especially for furniture. Determined to find a solution to this problem, Mrs. Goode invented a multifunctional piece of furniture that she called the cabinet bed. The hinged sections could be easily manipulated to convert the cabinet to a bed and vice versa.

When the bed was not being used, it could be folded into a functioning roll top desk with storage for writing supplies and paper. Sarah E. Goode received a patent for her invention of the cabinet bed on July 14, 1885 making her one of the first African-American women to receive a patent. The cabinet bed led to the modern day hide away beds including the Murphy Bed which folds up behind a closet door and was patented in 1911.

In 2012, the Chicago Public Schools system opened the Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy. The school partners with IBM and focuses on science, technology, engineering, and math. Students receive professional mentors and internships and have the opportunity to graduate with industry certifications and two years of college credit.



"Goode, Sarah E. (c. 1855–1905)". The Black Past. Retrieved May 31, 2016.

"Inventor Sarah E. Goode, the first Black woman awarded a patent".
amsterdamnews.com. Retrieved 2019-08-08.

READY TO GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

The NAACP offers trainings and workshops to members throughout the year in five functional areas. Sign up to receive emails on when these trainings will occur depending on your area of interest below.

<https://naacp.org/sign-up>

LEARN HOW TO ADVANCE SOCIAL JUSTICE



Unit Parliamentary Procedures Training

Get on Track/Stay on Track: This training will detail how your meetings should be structured and the proper procedures for running them effectively.



Office of the General Counsel: Legal Redress Series 201

The Legal Landscape: Get Legal Department training and updates on ongoing legal efforts from the NAACP Office of the General Counsel.



Direct Action and Mobilization Training

Movement Building: An interactive training on the "When, Why's, and How's" of selecting, planning, designing, and leading ground campaigns that get measurable results.



Communication Training: Series 201

Recording the movement: This training will cover how to effectively incorporate film, photos, and social media in your advocacy efforts.



Volunteer Engagement Training

Growing Together: This training will provide tools and skills for Branches and Units to develop and equip new leaders as you grow your membership.



Your training and evolution starts here.
<https://naacp.org/sign-up>

SCHOLARSHIPS

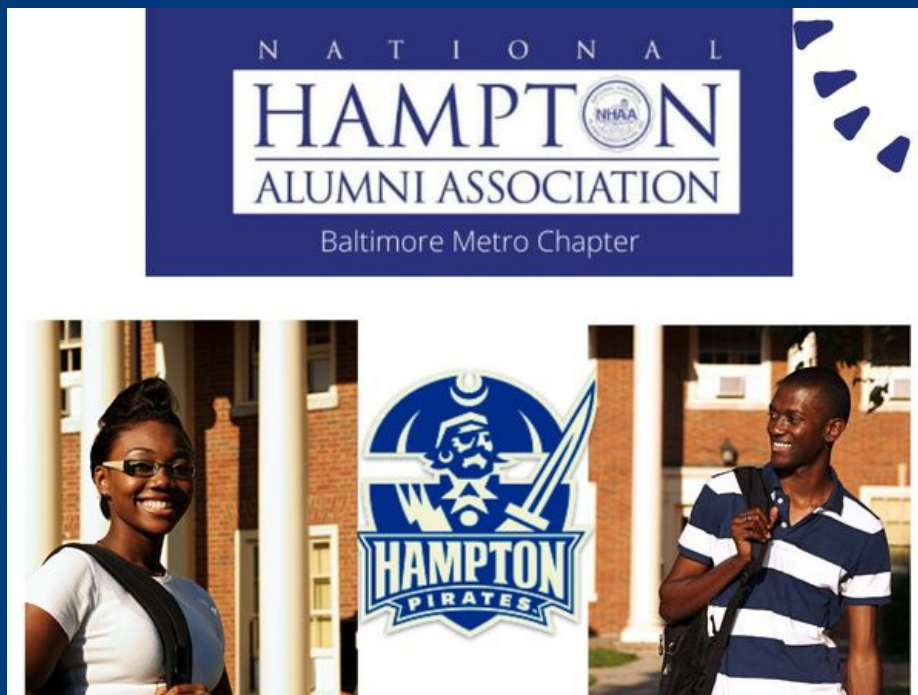


The Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival (BCAACF) is offering its annual scholarships, which are awarded to high school seniors attending a Baltimore County Public High School. The scholarship awards are granted in the amount of at least \$500, and a minimum of 5 scholarship awards are distributed each year.

Scholarship awards will be made directly to the post-secondary school that the student decides to attend. The application deadline is **April 30th**.

For more information, go to:

<https://aaculturalfestival.com/college-scholarships/>



The Baltimore Chapter of the NHAA is offering 2- \$1000 scholarships for current HU students that live in Baltimore City or Baltimore County Md.

Below is the link to apply. The application deadline is **May 20, 2022.**

www.charmcitypirates.org/scholarship

NEW! NAACP FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY



The first of its kind program, the NAACP in collaboration with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will provide a multicultural group of students the opportunity to travel to Ghana, West Africa, for an immersive, all expenses paid trip.

The 10-day excursion will take a select number of college students, young adults, and seminarians between the ages of 18 and 25 from the United States to Ghana for an experiential learning opportunity. During the trip, Fellows will:

- Build bridges with Ghanaian counterparts, understand and form a deeper appreciation of the history of Ghana as the oldest independent African state.
- Gain more knowledge about the Atlantic Slave Trade.
- Become ambassadors for social and racial justice.

Spaces are limited. Interested young people are encouraged to apply by **March 25, 2022**. To apply, go to: <https://naacp.org/amos-c-brown-student-fellowship-ghana>

Word Activity

Civil Rights

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discrimination	disfranchised	emancipation	hate crime
desegregate	equality	equal pay	struggle
freedom	boycott	justice	human rights
movement	peaceful	rights	civil

DYNAMIC OPPORTUNITIES

We are always looking for volunteers to work in any of our 11 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.

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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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