



NAACP BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Greetings,

Thank you to our executive branch, all our Baltimore County NAACP members who contributed and donators who contributed to our ACT-SO youth attending the National NAACP Convention. We won 3 medals at the National NAACP ACT-SO competition for writing, dance, and art. We also had one of our youth receive \$10,000 to contribute to college. Thank you to all who went to support our youth at the convention.



At the NAACP, we worked on various resolutions relating to “Search and Bark vs Search and Bite”, “Funding Disparities for Public and Private HBCU’s”, the “Need for Gun Control”, "Public Defender Caseloads and Ineffective Assistance”, and Disproportionate “Disciplining of Black Police Officers”.

We also worked on resolutions for "Honesty, Freedom to Learn and Anti-Racism in Education”, “Debt- Free College”, “Addressing Food Insecurity”, "Eliminating the Minority Shortage of Medical Workers”, “Expanding the Treatment of Sickle Cell”, “Women’s Rights to Reproductive Freedom and Health”, and “Racial Disparities in Involuntary Commitment and Hospitalization of Children.” Each resolution were presented and each delegate voted.

We met with the new Police Chief, McCullough to provide our concerns, such as increasing minority promotion and fair treatment of minority officers, adequate training for police officers, recruitment and retention concerns relating stats, youth car thefts, and continued community engagement. We look forward to working with Chief McCullough to reduce our community concerns.

The Gun Buy Back was a success. We had over 200 people who attended. We collected over 600 guns and varies gun supplies. Thank you to the County Executive Johnny Olszewski for supporting this mission and local churches. We look forward to seeing each of you at our Freedom Fund Ceremony and W.I.N Health and Wellness Fair in October 2023. The Maryland State Conference is Oct. 27 to 28 at the College of Southern Maryland. Feel free to attend all our events.

Thanks,

Dr. D. Tolson

Moving Maryland Forward

MAKING WISHES COME TRUE



Marcquetta Carey, Women In NAACP Committee Member in partnership with the Top Ladies of Distinction participated in a Prom Dress giveaway at the Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School on March 7th from 3:30 pm - 6:30pm. The Prom Dress Giveaway was an initiative to give interested young ladies (juniors and seniors) gowns to go to the prom.

About 178 evening gowns were donated. The ladies had two weeks to browse through the selection of dresses. Dresses that were left over after that period; half remained at the high school and the other half was donated to a local foster care agency. The Prom Dress Giveaway was so successful that it was deemed to have this as a yearly event at Mervo High School.

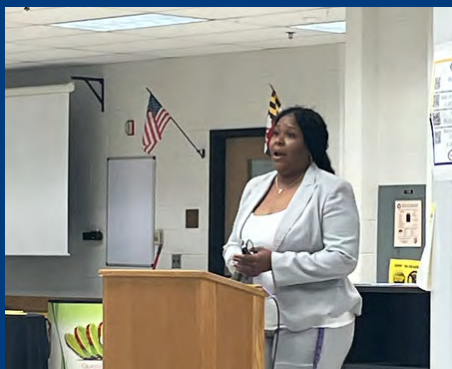
COMMUNITY NEWS

On June 16th, BCPS, through the Department of Communications and Community Outreach organized a meeting between NAACP Baltimore County and Comite Latino. This meeting aims to build relationships and work on tasks that benefit both groups. This conversation resulted from the wish of the NAACP of Baltimore County to include other minority groups in their efforts for outreach and education. During the meeting, the Comite Latino members express their gratitude for the conversation and the need to be guided by the NAACP in their advocacy growth since, as they said "you have paved the road for new groups like ours." Both groups share their concerns about the needs in Baltimore County in the healthcare area and voter registration campaigns. These initiatives will be fostered through future collaborations.

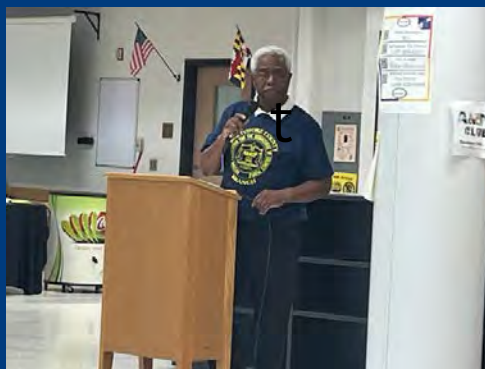


On June 1st, Parkville High School held an official ceremony to commemorate the inception of the first NAACP High School Branch in Baltimore County.

Nichelle D. Hicks, an English teacher at Parkville High School founded the branch with assistance from the NAACP Baltimore County Branch. There are 25 students representing the founding members of the branch. The students have established various subcommittees for their chapter, including ones focused on political action, youth employment and juvenile justice. The President is Kayla Taberero and Vice-President is Ja'Kiya Allen. Ms. Hicks has established a presence at the Board of Education meetings by bringing the student leadership from the branch. We would like to thank Raymond English and Ms. Hicks for their amazing efforts in establishing a branch in Parkville High School.



Ms. Nichelle Hicks



Mr. Raymond English



Ceremony attendees

NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 114th NAACP National Convention was held from July 26th - August 1st at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in Boston. The NAACP National Convention is an empowering and immersive experience held each year to celebrate our community's collective power. The Convention attracts innovative change-makers, thought-leaders, entrepreneurs, entertainers, influencers, and creatives to network and exchange ideas.

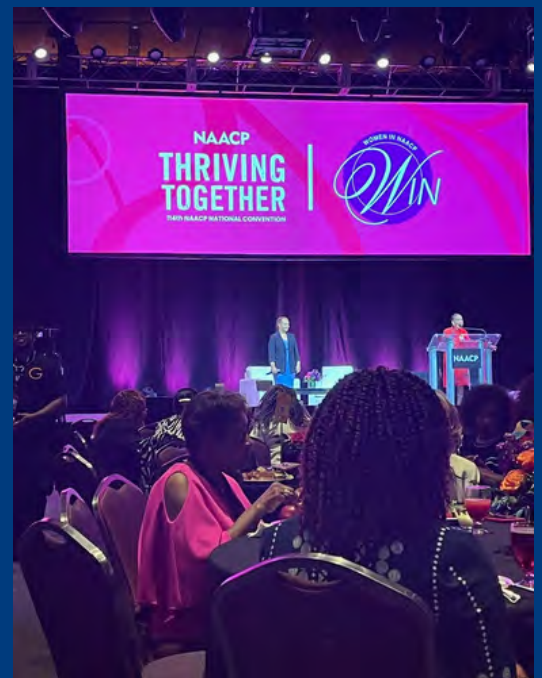
The theme was "Thriving Together." The attendees gathered together in workshops, plenary sessions, and panel discussions that included voter suppression, student debt, affirmative action, police brutality and reproductive rights.

The Convention also included a virtual career fair, the Women in NAACP Luncheon (WIN), the Springarn Awards Dinner and the Black MET Gala. The WIN Luncheon speaker was the President of the National Council for Negro Women, Reverend Shavon Arline-Bradley.

The NAACP's highest honor, the Springarn Medal was awarded to Dr. Hazel N. Dukes and presented by her friend, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Secretary Clinton commended Dr. Dukes for her many decades of service to the people of New York and dedication to bettering the lives of Black Americans across the country. Dr. Dukes is the President of the NAACP New York State Conference, NAACP National Board of Directors member, NAACP Executive Committee member and a former National President of the NAACP.



"This medal serves as a recognition of my life's work and reflects on those who have walked with me over the past 70 years. To know my name is etched in NAACP history and American history alongside the civil rights legends who came before me is a humbling honor" - Dr. Dukes

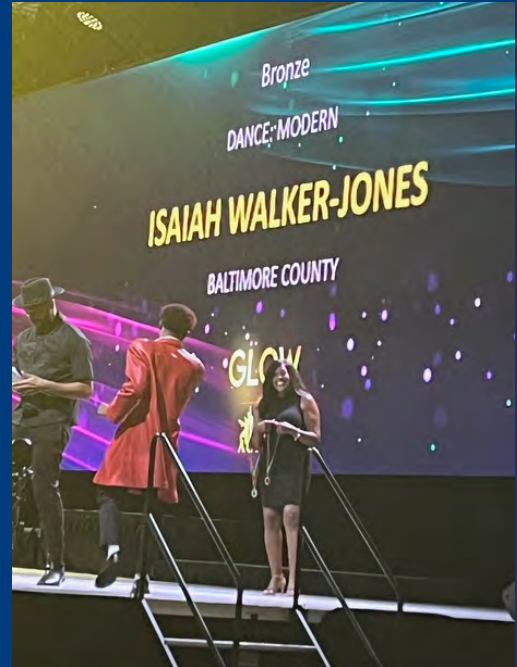


NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION

The NAACP Baltimore County Branch sent some ACT-SO youth to the National ACT-SO Competition at the Convention. They were Isaiah Walker-Jones, Couryn Branch and Hamini Lewis. Isaiah Walker Jones won the Bronze Medal for his dance performance.



President Tolson, Isaiah Walker-Jones, and Marietta English, ACT-SO Chair



Hamini Lewis won the Gold Medal for this sculpture. She also won a \$10,000 scholarship from Lacomel!



Couryn Branch won the Gold Medal for Playright. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded in various categories, while 40 young ladies earned scholarships of \$10,000 each. ACT-SO is a wonderful program for the youth. Notable ACT-SO youth contestants and winners have been John Singleton, Kanye West, Jada Pinkett Smith and Anthony Anderson.

NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Convention had over 100 prominent speakers from the political, private and entertainment industries. Vice President Kamala Harris delivered the keynote address this year. She discussed the importance of voting rights, reproductive rights and gun safety laws.



Rep. Ayanna Pressley from the 7th district in Massachusetts delivered an empowering speech on embracing our Black Joy and our Black Brilliance. She also provided highlights on Boston's civil rights history such as being the first chartered branch of the NAACP and citizens that fought for justice and voting rights.



Rapper Meek Mills was a speaker in a panel discussion titled "Hate Has No Home: Racism, Anti-Semitism and Building Bridges to Fight All Hate."



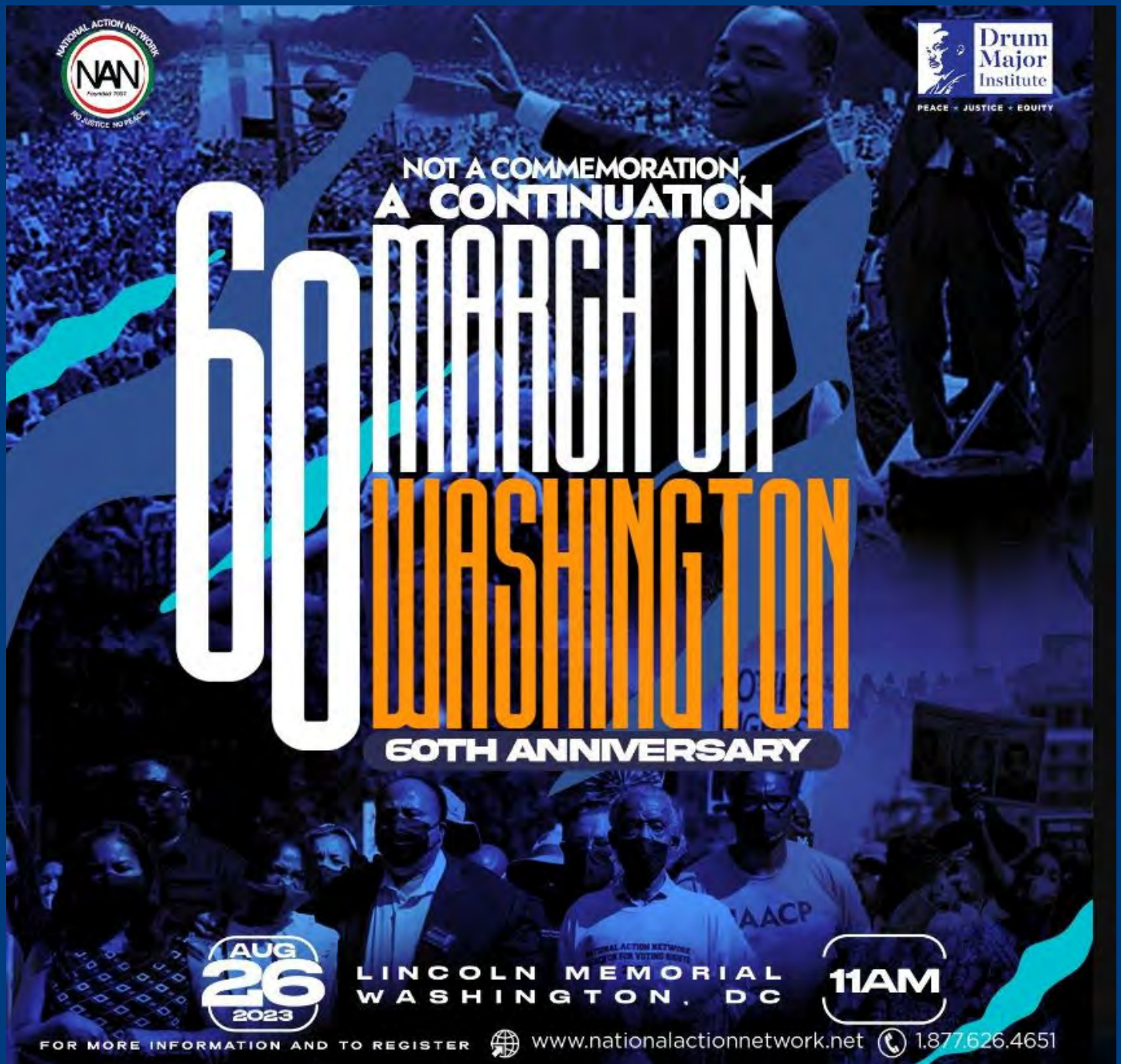
We gathered collectively to foster our intergeneration approach to advocacy. Main stage discussions, luncheons, and the experience hall connected activists, allies, and entrepreneurs from varying backgrounds who are all committed to the same thing: thriving together. We will reconvene again next year in Las Vegas for our 115th National Convention. We'll see you in Vegas!

Women's Empowerment Brunch



The Women in NAACP (WIN) had a grand time at the Women's Empowerment Brunch at the Gwynn Oak United Methodist Church on May 6th. The event was sold out!! We want to thank the women CEOs (Sierra Walker, April Denise Whitehead, Stephanie Poplar, Chanelle Burt, and Shawntay Johnson) that provided gems of wisdom and knowledge on their career journey in becoming business owners. We were enlightened by how they mastered the corporate game. We want to thank the United Way for sponsoring the event, CA Design space for catering and the WIN ladies for organizing this marvelous event!!

THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

A promotional poster for the 60th Anniversary March on Washington. The background is a collage of images: a large crowd at the top, a portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. in the center, and a group of people at the bottom. The text is overlaid on this background. In the top left is the National Action Network (NAN) logo with the tagline 'NO JUSTICE NO PEACE'. In the top right is the Drum Major Institute logo with the tagline 'PEACE + JUSTICE + EQUITY'. The main text reads 'NOT A COMMEMORATION, A CONTINUATION' in white, followed by '60 MARCH ON WASHINGTON' in large white and orange letters, and '60TH ANNIVERSARY' in white on a dark blue bar. At the bottom, it says 'AUG 26 2023' in a white circle, 'LINCOLN MEMORIAL WASHINGTON, DC' in white, and '11AM' in a white circle. At the very bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER' followed by a globe icon, the website 'www.nationalactionnetwork.net', and a phone icon with the number '1.877.626.4651'.

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Rev. Al Sharpton, the King Family convene 60 National Organizations as partners at the March on Washington on Saturday August 26th. The program starts at 11:00am. Bring your family and friends for this 60th Anniversary as we continue to fight Civil Rights! Please view the flyer on the next page regarding bus transportation. For more information about the march, please go to the National Action Network website at: <https://tinyurl.com/JointheMarchonWashington>

THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK



60th Anniversary of March on Washington A Continuation of Dr. King's Work

Saturday August 26, 2023

The Greater Baltimore Chapter of NAN

The March ON Washington Bus trip includes round trip
Bus Transportation and refreshments.

Call: 443-922-3705



email: lyoung1125@gmail.com



Buses will leave from Baltimore, MD:

New Shiloh Baptist Church

2100 N Monroe St, Baltimore, MD 21217

5:30 a.m. and returning 5:30 p.m.



Round trip tickets are \$30.00

BLACK CAUCUS EVENTS

LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS OF MARYLAND



2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP & TOWN HALL

JOIN US TO HEAR WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED FOR BLACK MARYLANDERS IN THE 2023 SESSION, ENGAGE WITH LEGISLATORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND DISCUSS WHAT'S NEXT!

BALTIMORE COUNTY



RSVP TO ATTEND
bit.ly/LBCMDbaltimorecounty

TUESDAY AUGUST 29TH | 6:00PM-8:00PM
WEST TOWSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6914 N. CHARLES ST. TOWSON, MD 21204

HOSTED BY THE BALTIMORE COUNTY BLACK CAUCUS MEMBERS



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DELEGATE
ADRIENNE JONES
DISTRICT 10



SENATOR
BENJAMIN BROOKS
DISTRICT 10



SENATOR
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SENATOR
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DISTRICT 44



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YOUTH PICKLEBALL CLINIC



Randallstown
Community Center

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

1PM-3PM

Ages: 12-17

Free to the community!

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410-887-0698

COMMUNITY EVENTS



27th Annual



Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival, Inc.

2ND ANNUAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD EXPERIENCE



AARON HILL TRIO FT. VOCALIST AMA CHANDRA & MICAH SMITH
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SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH

FEATURING

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Opening of the Economic Empowerment Zone

DJ Tent Experience
Education Village
Historical Village
Gospel Stage
Youth Entertainment Pavilion
Health & Wellness Pavilion
Children's Champion Zone
Youth Entrepreneurship Zone

400 WASHINGTON AVE, TOWSON, MD 21204 | START 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM




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FREEDOM FUND CEREMONY

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AWARDS GALA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
MARTINS WEST
1 P.M. - 5 P.M.

FOR INFO CONTACT:
RAY ENGLISH 410 303 7401 RENGGLISH1104@YAHOO.COM

"Still We Rise - Choosing To Fight Forward"

TICKET PRICE: \$100

If you are interested in being a sponsor and would like your organization or business services advertised in the awards program, please email Raymond English for more information at: renglish1104@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY FAIR

WOMEN IN NAACP

presents

Community Resources, Health, and Wellness Fair

October 21, 2023

11:00a-4:00p

Showcasing Community Support
Services, Health, and Wellness vendors
serving Baltimore County's
African-American businesses

Randallstown Community Center
3505 Resource Drive
Randallstown, MD 21133

****Vendors MUST register through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/communityresourceshealthfair)
[communityresourceshealthfair.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/communityresourceshealthfair)**

Eventbrite

NAACP

*In collaboration with Baltimore County NAACP Health Committee

The Women in NAACP and the Health Committee are hosting the Community Resources, Health and Wellness Fair to promote health and wellness, housing, job, fitness and community services. Bring your family and friends! Vendors who are interested and want more details can go to: www.communityresourceshealthfair.eventbrite.com. Check out www.naacp-bcountymd.org and go to our Committee Page to learn more about our committees. Also check out the Health Corner that the Health Committee posts on our social media platforms daily.












MARYLAND STATE CONFERENCE



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NAACP MSC Candidate Team 2023:

Moving Maryland Forward

President	1st Vice President	2nd Vice President	3rd Vice President	Treasurer	Asst. Treasurer
 <p>Rev. Kobi Little MSC Member at Large President of Baltimore City Unit. Served as MSC 1st VP & Political Action Chair. Responsible for revitalizing the MSC legislative program; provides consistent resources & programmatic support across the state.</p>	 <p>Faith Blackburne - Proctor 3rd VP of MSC Political Action Chair of Montgomery Co. Unit. NAACP Life Member, Served as MSC Convention Chair. Over 40 years leadership experience.</p>	 <p>Dr. Danita Tolson Member of MSC WIN Committee served as MSC Health Chair. President of Baltimore Co. Unit Under her leadership the White House recognized Baltimore Co. Unit for COVID outreach.</p>	 <p>Tifani Fisher MSC member at Large President of Allegany Co. Unit. Large community presence with various organizations & focus on Historical preservation. Supported Western MD units with COVID outreach.</p>	 <p>Joshua Harris 1st VP of MSC VP of Baltimore City Unit. Community advocate, leader, & visionary committed to equitable policy solutions & institutional change with working experience in financial management.</p>	 <p>Shawna Stringfellow VP of Garrett County Served as GCNAACP Treasurer BS in Accounting. Dedicated to community involvement & growth, volunteers with numerous organizations and groups.</p>
Secretary	Asst. Secretary	EC Member At Large	EC Member At Large	EC Member At Large	<p>Substantial support for our Youth & Adult units</p> <p>We follow the rules with Integrity, Honesty, Respect, Transparency, & Accountability</p> <p>Powerful MD that makes us ALL proud</p>
 <p>Betty Johnson MSC Secretary Cecil Co. Unit Secretary & Health Committee Chair. NAACP Golden Heritage member with over 40 years of volunteer service.</p>	 <p>NaShona Kess 2nd VP of Baltimore City Unit. Served as Legal Redress Chair. NAACP Nextgen Graduate; Licensed Maryland attorney.</p>	 <p>Melissa Wright Powell Member of MSC WIN Committee. Served as 1st & 2nd VP of Randallstown Unit. Former UMES College Chapter President.</p>	 <p>Vicki Jones President of Harford Co. Unit. Proven record of cultivating business relationships. City Council Member of Havre de Grace.</p>	 <p>Cherri Branson 3rd VP of Montgomery Co. Unit. NAACP Silver Life member. Over 20 years of service as oversight counsel with U.S. House of Representatives Committees.</p>	

We are a team taking a Unified Stance for Statewide Change!

Our goal is to represent the Maryland State Conference as a whole! We are committed to building relationships and will offer real, substantial support for ALL our Youth & Adult units. Our team will advocate for the smaller branches and provide open communication and better access to resources not just on a state level but nationally as well! We follow the rules with Integrity, Honesty, Respect, Transparency, & Accountability. Maryland will be strengthened into a more powerful state that makes us ALL proud!

The NAACP Maryland State Conference (MSC) is the state branch overseeing all 25 county branches in Maryland. Issues that are beyond the local branch level are escalated to this branch. The Maryland State Conference are holding elections at their Convention in October. Additional details will be provided closer to the date. Please view the 2023 candidates for your awareness and support. If you are interested in learning more about the MSC, please visit <https://www.naacpmaryland.org/>.

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OCTOBER 27 - 28



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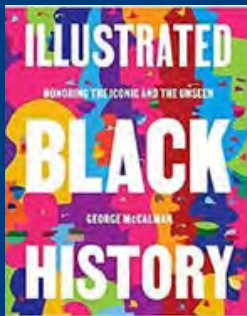
The 2023 NAACP Literary Image Award Winners



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by Dolen Perkins-Valdez



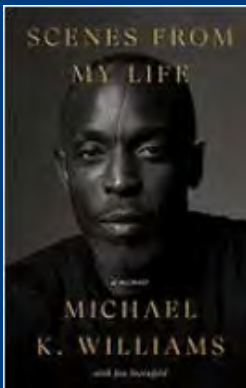
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by Viola Davis



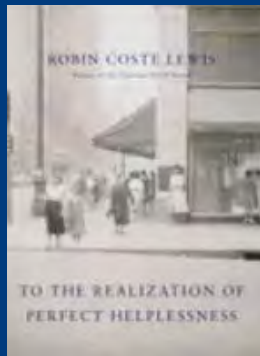
Illustrated Black History: Honoring the Iconic and the Unseen by George McCalman with April Reynolds



Black Joy: Stories of Resistance, Resilience, and Restoration by Tracey Michael'e Lewis-Giggetts



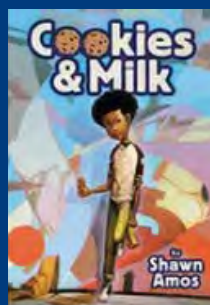
Scenes from My Life: A Memoir by Michael K. Williams with Jon Sternfeld



To the Realization of Perfect Helplessness by Robin Coste Lewis



Stacey's Remarkable Books by Stacey Abrams



Cookies & Milk by Shawn Amos

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