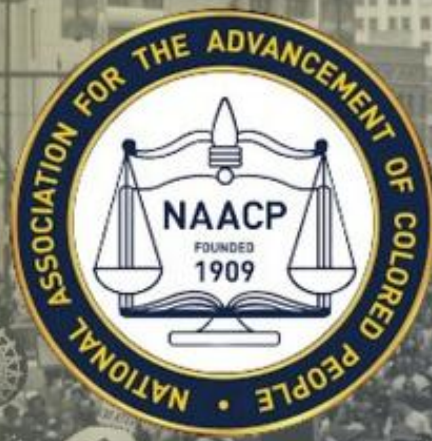
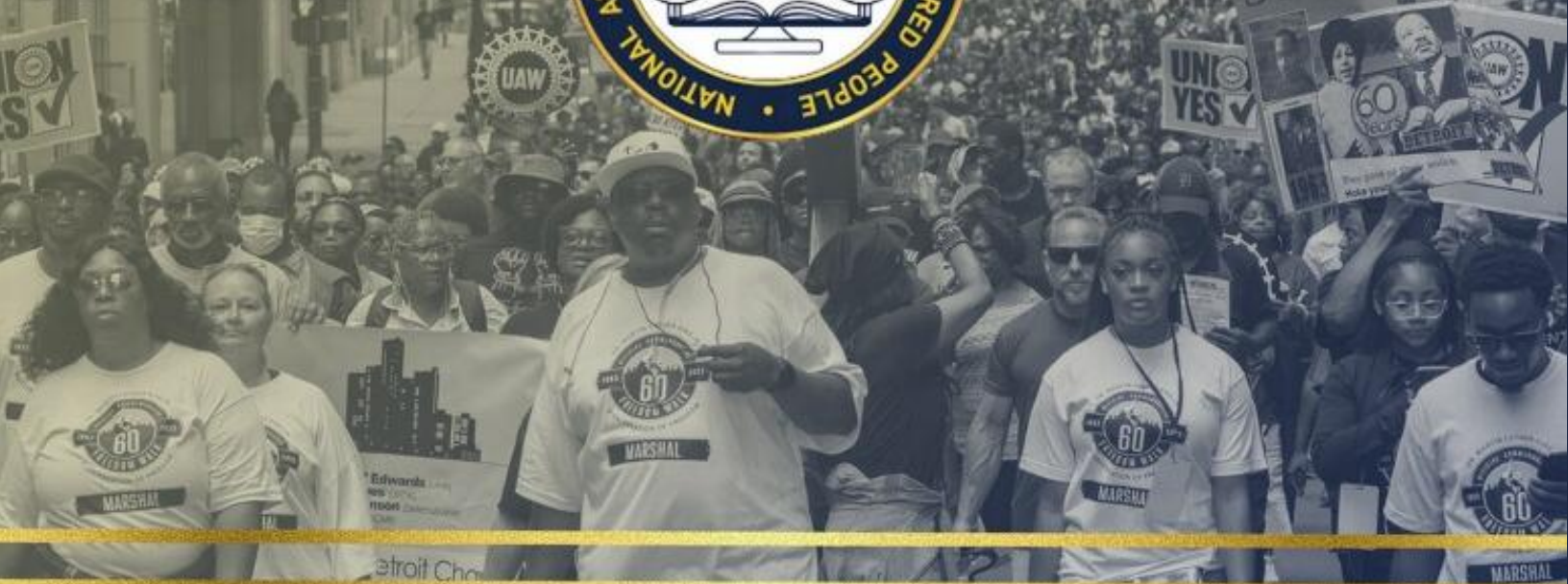


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Brandon Marcel - Flutist

Welcome and Introduction of Master of Ceremonies

Fonda Brewer

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LaVonte Heard

*Welcome - NAACP President
Youth Council President*

President Harold A. Pope
President Jazmine Yarber

Introduction of Lt. Governor Gilchrist

President Harold A. Pope

Message from Lt. Governor

Lt. Gov Garland Gilchrist

Mission and Vision of the Lansing Branch NAACP

Toya Williams

History of the Freedom Fund Dinner

Michelle Miles

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Versey Williams

Dinner Served

Become a Member

Lori Adams Simon

Fallen Freedom Fighters Tribute

Haywood Edwards

Special Tributes

State Senator, Sarah Anthony

Youth Council Presentation

Toni Wheeler

Presentation of Lansing Branch NAACP Awards

Brenda Henderson
President Harold Pope

Acknowledgement of 2023 NAACP Scholarship Recipients

Dr. Nicole Beard

Musical Selection

LaVonte Heard

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Yvonne White, Michigan State
Conference President

Keynote Speaker Address

Derrick Johnson, NAACP
National President & CEO

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Call to Action

Winston Williams

Closing Remarks

President Harold A. Pope

Benediction

Dr. Lee June

Welcome Message from President Pope



Fellow Lansing NAACP Freedom Fighters,

The Lansing Branch NAACP's Officers Executive Committee and Members welcome you to our 57th Freedom Fund Dinner-themed "Thriving Together."

We thank you for your continued support and participation in tonight's event.

We are excited for our first in-person event since COVID-19 prevented us from doing so over the last three years. It was challenging as many of our Freedom Fighters passed away, lost their jobs, and suffered many difficulties due to the pandemic.

Today, we face politicians who believe they can write their narratives on right and wrong. They are willing to say whatever they want to get elected. We also have politicians, legislators, and educators who wish to rewrite history by making it seem like slavery was nothing more than an internship. We face people willing to eliminate and ban books from the education system to support their false narratives. We cannot sit by idly and watch these individuals destroy our nation. We must continue fighting for freedom by uniting and voting in record numbers as we did in 2020. We cannot fight this fight alone so become a member as we have so much work to do and need every Fighter available.

Congratulations to our 2023 Awardees:

Auset Pope - Up and Coming Youth Leader

Advance Peace Lansing - Community Service Organization

Lori Adams Simon - Branch Member

Senator Sarah Anthony - Trail Blazer

Fonda Brewer - Lansing Image Award

Dr. Patrick Edwards - Educator of the Year for Secondary Education

Christopher Rollins - Educator of the Year for K-12

Yolanda Bennett - President's Award

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients, Brandon Foster, Nia Long, James McCurtis, III, Jeriah Rollins, Reginald Tyson, and Zavier Williams, as we wish them continued success in pursuing higher education.

Finally, we thank all of you for believing in and Fighting For Freedom. We could not have done this without you, our sponsors, friends, awardees, and scholarship recipients. We genuinely appreciate our keynote speaker, National President and CEO Derrick Johnson.

We look forward to continuing with "Thriving Together."

Harold A. Pope, President
Lansing Branch NAACP

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57th Freedom Fund Dinner Chair and Co-Chair

"Thriving Together"



We are truly honored to be this year's Lansing Branch NAACP 57th Freedom Fund Dinner Chair and Co-Chair. This year's theme is "Thriving Together" which is the absolute reflection of what the branch's leadership has been working to achieve.

We are so blessed tonight as we have our National President and CEO, Derrick Johnson as our Keynote Speaker. He has been a veteran activist who has dedicated his career to defending the rights and improving the lives of Mississippians and now the nation. Elected as the National President and CEO by the executive committee of the National NAACP Board of Directors on October 21, 2017. He continues to be an outstanding leader of the Association and a role model to all Freedom Fighters.

We continue to highlight our youth as we have the youth council here with us tonight along with the six scholarship recipients. We will also have a surprise presentation as our youth have done an excellent job in growing and representing the NAACP here in Lansing. These young members are more than our future, they are our "NOW!"

We have a full and exhilarating evening as our program includes award presentations to recognize outstanding community leaders who continue to make a difference here in our tri-county area.

Lastly, we like to recognize the efforts of those members of the 57th Freedom Fund Dinner committee who put the work and commitment into making this event the success that it is. Bringing this back to an in-person event was not as simple or easy as it would seem, and it is without a doubt our pleasure to have worked with such a focused team.

Harold A. Pope, Chair
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the 57th Annual Freedom Fund Celebration. As my home community, your chapter holds a special place in my heart.

Your theme, "Thriving Together" is fitting for these historic times. I am pleased to join you in welcoming national President and CEO, Derek Johnson to Lansing. I applaud your efforts to bring the community together in support of the Lansing Branch and its mission to promote social justice in our communities, schools, and workplaces.

Thank you for reminding all of us that freedom should never be taken for granted. I hope you have a memorable evening.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to join the Lansing Branch of the NAACP in welcoming you to the Thriving Together 57th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner. I would also like to give special recognition and thanks to Mr. Harold Pope for making this event possible.

During this time that has highlighted racial and economic disparities, I am proud to participate in this empowerment event. For over 100 years, the Lansing Branch of the NAACP has helped individuals secure voting rights, develop as leaders, and pursue a college education. The theme of "Thriving Together" could not be more appropriate for these challenging times. I applaud your continued commitment to the greater good and am grateful for the chance to join you in the fight for justice and equal opportunity for all in our great State.

Whether in schools, workplaces, our communities, or the halls of Congress, the NAACP has stood at the forefront here in Michigan and across our nation in the fight to advance policies and practices that expand human and civil rights and economic security. The tremendous advocacy and support over the years is a testament to the leadership of the Lansing Branch of the NAACP and its members.

Once again, I appreciate the opportunity to welcome you to the Lansing Branch of the NAACP's Thriving Together Annual Freedom Fund Banquet. I wish you all a memorable and inspirational evening and look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to join the Lansing Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as it celebrates its 57th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner.

The theme tonight, "Thriving Together", is a reminder of the power of connection as members of a shared community. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us were physically separated from our friends and loved ones. Now, as we return to in-person activities, such as tonight's, we should reflect on how we can use the power of our shared community to support the mission of political, educational, social, and economic equality for all persons.

Tonight, let us celebrate and recognize the Lansing Branch NAACP for their 57th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner. I send my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Sarah Anthony, State Senator
Michigan's 21st State Senate District



Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist

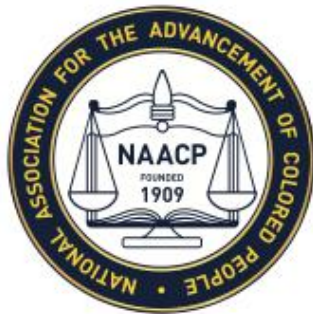
Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist has dedicated his career to solving problems. An engineer by training, he uses thoughtful innovation, progressive reform, and efficient modernization of policies and programs to make the work better for hardworking families. From spearheading campaigns for equality and justice to harnessing technology to solve real problems, his focus has consistently remained on serving the public and getting things done.

He brings a lifetime of experience to the task, receiving his first computer at age five and setting up a computer lab in a Detroit community recreation center using computers that he built himself at age 16. Lt. Governor Gilchrist studied computer engineering and computer science at the University of Michigan, graduating with honors, and later had a successful career as a software engineer at Microsoft, helping to build SharePoint into the fastest-growing product in the company's history.

Lt. Governor Gilchrist spent the next several years of his career as a social entrepreneur and community organizer who helped people in communities across America realize their full economic and political potential. Upon returning home to Detroit, Lt. Governor Gilchrist worked in local government to make sure build systems that made the government more responsive, transparent, and accountable to city residents. This experience prepared him for a key priority: to bring Michigan's state government fully into the 21st century on every level.

As part of the Whitmer Administration, Lt. Governor Gilchrist has sought to address injustice and inequity across our state at every level. From co-chairing the Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration to helming the Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities, these task forces have taken actions that saved lives and protect our most vulnerable populations. Lt. Governor Gilchrist's approach to addressing these disparities is deeply rooted in fact-based practices, science, and connecting with individuals across Michigan.

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist and his wife, Ellen, reside in Detroit where they are raising their twins, Emily and Garlin III, and daughter, Ruby.



DERRICK JOHNSON

PRESIDENT AND CEO

On October 21, 2017, the executive committee of the NAACP National Board of Directors elected Derrick Johnson President and CEO. Derrick Johnson formerly served as vice chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors as well as state president for the Mississippi State Conference NAACP.

A longstanding member and leader of the NAACP, Mr. Johnson will guide the Association through a period of re-envisioning and reinvigoration.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Johnson attended Tougaloo College in Jackson, MS. He then continued onto Houston, TX to receive his JD from the South Texas College of Law. In later years, Mr. Johnson furthered his training through fellowships with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the George Washington University School of Political Management, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He has served as an annual guest lecturer at Harvard Law School, lending his expertise to Professor Lani Guinier's course on social movements, and as an adjunct professor at Tougaloo College.

Mr. Johnson is a veteran activist who has dedicated his career to defending the rights and improving the lives of Mississippians. As State President of the NAACP Mississippi State Conference, he led critical campaigns for voting rights and equitable education. He successfully managed two bond referendum campaigns in Jackson, MS that brought \$150 million in school building improvements and \$65 million towards the construction of a new convention center, respectively. As a regional organizer at the Jackson-based non-profit, Southern Echo, Inc., Mr. Johnson provided legal, technical, and training support for communities across the South.

In recognition for his service to the state of Mississippi, the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court appointed Mr. Johnson to the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission, and the Governor of Mississippi appointed him Chair of the Governor's Commission for Recovery, Rebuilding, and Renewal after devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Johnson founded One Voice Inc. to improve the quality of life for African Americans through civic engagement training and initiatives. One Voice has spawned an annual Black Leadership Summit and the Mississippi Black Leadership Institute, a nine month training program for community leaders.

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Director of Music
LaVonte L. Heard

Founder & Chief Executive Officer of Transcendence Performing Arts Center- Website:
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Heard has been lauded all over the world for his versatility in the Classical Repertory as well as his "fiery" Gospel performances. "A thundering tenor" is how he was described by a well-wisher, after his performance of "You Are Good" with the Jeremy Winston Chorale in Hamburg, Germany.

Since then, Heard has performed in numerous concerts with major orchestras all over the United States, South America, Europe, and Asia. Heard is a proud member of Exigence Vocal Ensemble, founded by Dr. Eugene Rogers and the Jeremy Winston Chorale International.

He is also affiliated with the American Choral Directors Association, National Association of

Teachers of Singing, National Association of Negro Musicians, the Arts Council of Greater Lansing, and the Earl Nelson Singers Company of Lansing, MI. A dedicated Educator, Heard served in the Lansing School District as a music teacher and then the Arts Program Development Specialist. Heard is a sought after clinician having done masterclasses all over the world, reaching youth of all backgrounds. Heard transitioned out of Lansing Schools into the private sector in 2019 and founded Transcendence Vocal Arts Institute, which has grown in emphasis to become the Transcendence Performing Arts Center in Lansing MI. Heard's students have been heard in Concert Halls around the world including Carnegie Hall, American Church in Paris, and the Municipal House in Prague, Czech Republic. Heard will be the primary Voice Instructor in the TPAC Voice Studio, conduct Transcendence Singers and priZm Chorale, and teach Recording for Singers. He will also co- teach TPAC Gold Company as a part of the Pandemic Partnership Program. LaVonté L. Heard is a graduate of The Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio (USA) where he studied with sopranos, Lee Hoffman and Dr. Kathleen Allen. He began graduate work at Louisiana State University where he studied with mezzo-soprano, Dr. Lori Bade. Mr. Heard is also a graduate of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI where he received the Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership.



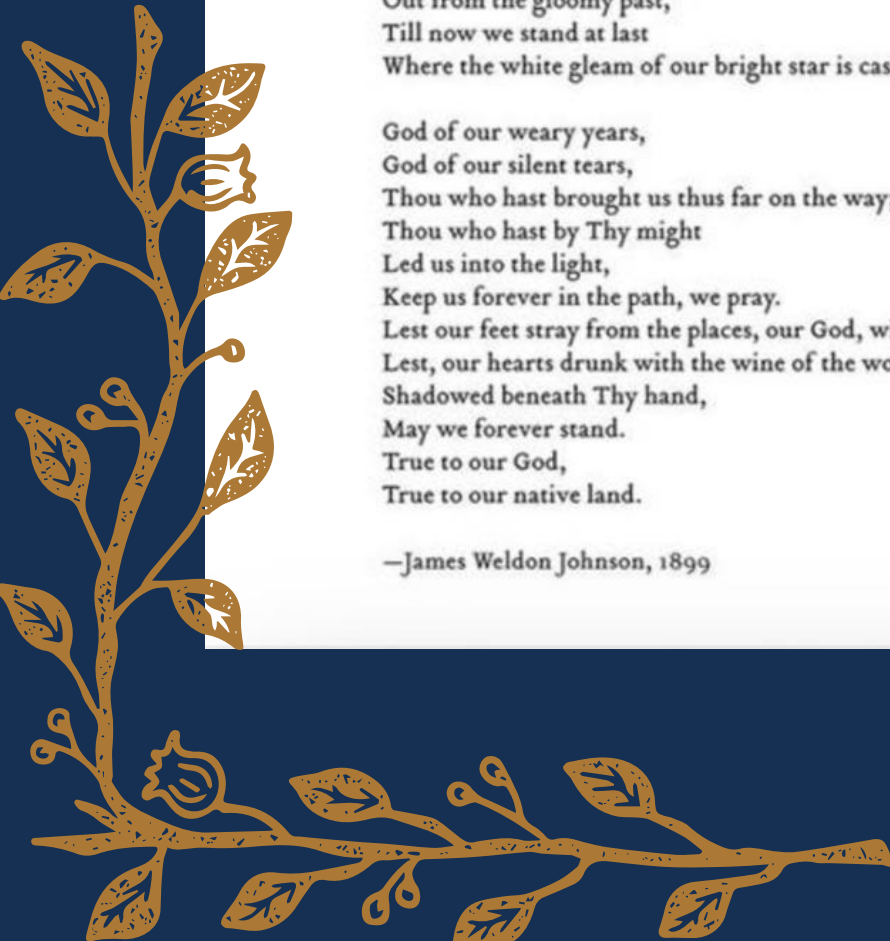
Lift every voice and sing

Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.

—James Weldon Johnson, 1899



Brandon Marceal



Flautist Brandon Marceal has swiftly become a standout figure in the realm of progressive jazz music, infusing his performances with a distinctive essence that resonates deeply with audiences across the United States. Through his captivating melodies, Marceal doesn't merely play music; he crafts intricate conversations that traverse musical boundaries, inviting listeners into a realm brimming with harmonious frequencies and soulful connections. His artistry exudes a soothing and sensual quality, leaving an indelible mark on those who experience his performances.

An exceptional milestone in Marceal's journey came when he clinched the title of "Sunday's Best Musician" in Ben Tankard's 2020 competition, an achievement that speaks volumes about his immense talent. His evocative flute can be heard gracing Tankard's 2021 release, "Shine," further solidifying Marceal's prominence as an artist. Notably, Marceal's influence extends beyond genre confines, as he gracefully infuses Gospel, Contemporary Jazz, and hip-hop/R&B with his unique touch, earning him a reputation as a musical boundary-pusher.

After dedicating decades to nurturing his passion for the flute, Marceal has honed the art of using intonation to give his instrument a voice that mirrors his own personality. His mastery over the flute transforms it into a vessel through which he communicates his emotions and thoughts, forming an intimate bond with his listeners.

At present, Marceal's single "Waay Up" graces the airwaves of SiriusXM Watercolors and local jazz radio stations, cementing his presence in the music scene. With every note he plays, Brandon Marceal continues to reshape and redefine the boundaries of contemporary jazz, leaving an indelible imprint on the hearts and minds of those who encounter his music.

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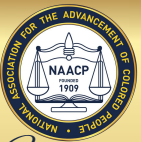
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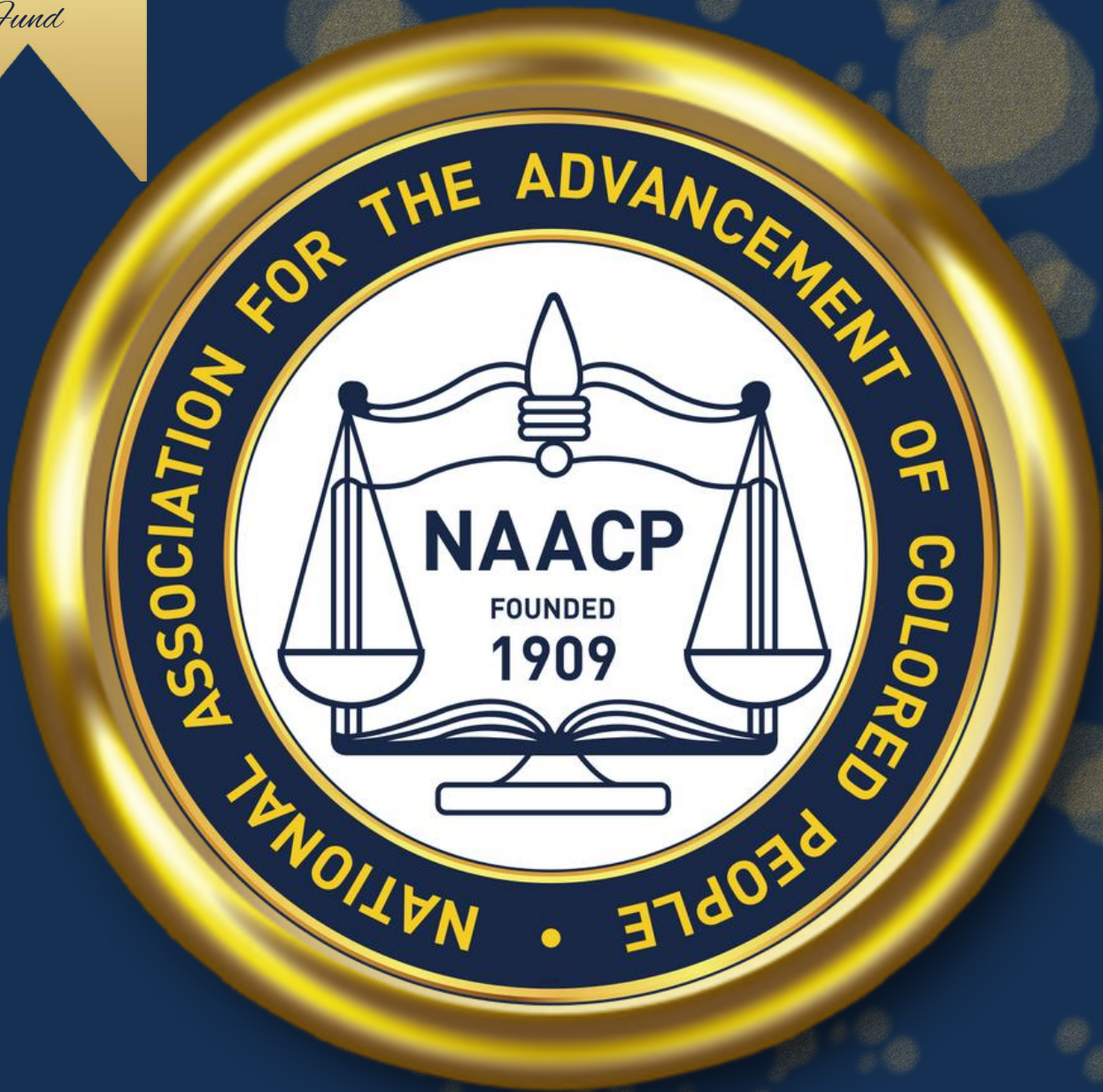
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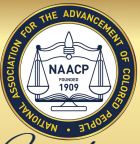
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Auset Pope is the daughter of Mr. Larry and Mrs. Ramona Byrd-Pope and the granddaughter of Mr. George Byrd.

Auset is a freshman at Central Michigan University. She is majoring in Graphic Design and minoring in Photography. At Central, Auset has continued her aspiration in photography, expanding on skills she developed in high school by furthering them with Verge Magazine, the university's student-led magazine.

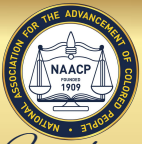
Auset is a 2023 graduate of East Lansing High School where she participated in many school activities including the American Sign Language Club; Black Student Union; K-pop Club; Latinx Club; Multicultural Club; Theatre Tech Crew; Marching and Symphonic Band; and Writing and Photography for Portrait (the school newspaper).

Throughout Auset's high school journey, she strived to connect and serve her community. Her community involvement has allowed for various opportunities to serve the community as a volunteer. As a member of Les Meres et Debutantes Club of Greater Lansing; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Delta Gems; GLAC NBPW Youth Club; and Grit, Glam and Guts: she volunteered for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission Luncheon; 96.5 FM School Backpack Giveaway; made doll clothes for the Salvation Army; made cards and blankets for hospital and nursing home patients, and prepared food boxes for the Greater Lansing Area Food Bank. During the COVID-19 shutdown, Auset made beaded support bracelets for parents of babies in Sparrow Hospital's NICU.

Auset is a leader and has taken opportunities to serve in leadership positions. Her school, and community leadership opportunities include Vice President of The American Sign Language Club; Co-founder of the K-pop Club; and Treasurer of the GLAC Youth Club. While in Les Meres et Debutantes Club of Greater Lansing, Auset served as Debutante President and Secretary.

Up & Coming Youth Award
Auset Pope

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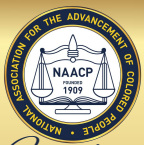
Christopher Dion Rollins, the youngest of 13 siblings, is a Clarksdale, Mississippi native. He completed his undergraduate degree in Psychology at Jackson State University and received his Master's in Counseling Psychology at Michigan State University. Chris has worked in social work, health, and educational fields. He is currently employed with the Lansing School District for the last 23 years. He has Trauma certification, serves on the crisis team with the Lansing School District, and was a certified trainer through the Crisis Prevention Institute. Through the Ingham County Health Department, he has served the community in multiple capacities: Lansing Police Department Gang Taskforce, Neighborhood Youth and Parent Prevention Partnership, Teen Prostitute Counseling Services, Certified HIV/AIDS Counselor, Alternative Education, Peer Education Program, and a state-wide health Initiative for African American Male Health, Teen Parenting, and Marriage Counseling Classes.

Chris has spent his life working with both male and youth ministry efforts for over 30 years. He has worked with youth in the community in various roles – serving as a football and track coach. He is currently an elder with The Turning Point of Lansing, a mentoring program for African American young men, grades 7-12. He serves as an Associate Minister and past Youth Pastor at Union Missionary Baptist Church, where Rev. Kenny Craig is the Senior Pastor. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. He lives in Lansing with his wife of 25 years, Hope Rollins, and three beautiful children who are in college in various locations. His goal in life is to be better than he was yesterday with God's Grace! One of his favorite quotes is "operate out of your imagination, not your memory."

Educator of the year K - 12

Christopher Rollins

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Dr. Patricia A. Edwards, a member of the Reading Hall of Fame and an NCRL (National Conference on Research in Language and Literacy) is a University Distinguished Professor of Language and Literacy in the Teacher Education Department at Michigan State University. She received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Albany State University (Albany, Georgia); her M.S. in Elementary Education from North Carolina A&T University, her Educational Specialist in Reading Education from Duke University; and her Ph.D. in Reading Education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in parent involvement, home, school, community partnerships, multicultural literacy, early literacy, and family/intergenerational literacy, especially among poor and minority children.

She served as the Chair of the American Educational Research Association's (AERA) Family, School, Community Partnerships Special Interest Group and was elected as a member of the AERA SIG Executive Member-at-Large Committee (2022-2025). She also served as a member of the Board of Directors from 1998 to 2001 of the International Literacy Association (formally the International Reading Association), from 2006 to 2007 as the first African American President of the Literacy Research Association, and as the 2010 - 2011 President of the International Literacy Association.

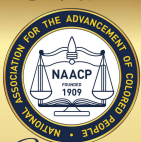
She has published articles in highly refereed journals and authored two nationally acclaimed family literacy programs including *Change is Gonna Come: Transforming Literacy for African American Students* (2010), winner of the 2011 Literacy Research Association's Edward B. Fry Book Award. Dr. Edwards is also the author of *Tapping the Potential of Parents: A Strategic Guide to Boosting Student Achievement Through Family Involvement* (2009), *Children's Literacy Development: Making It Happen Through School, Family, and Community Involvement* (2004), and *New Ways to Engage Parents: Strategies and Tools for Teachers and Leaders* (2016), winner of the 2017 Delta Kappa Gamma Educators Book Award. A 2019 Teachers College Press book, *Partnering with Families for Student Success: 24 Scenarios for Problem-Solving with Parents*, was recommended for the 2021 AACTE Outstanding Book Award. She also has a forthcoming book *Teaching with Literacy Programs: Equitable Instruction for all* (Harvard Education Press).

Dr. Edwards is a member of the Michigan Department of Education's Family Engagement Stakeholders' Taskforce. Dr. Edwards was named as the 2017-2018 Jeanne S. Chall Visiting Researcher at Harvard Graduate School of Education. In 2019, she received the AERA Scholars of Color Distinguished Career Contribution Award (senior level). She was recently appointed by Governor Whitmer to the 2020-2024 Michigan PreK-12 Literacy Commission. She was also awarded the 2020 Oscar S. Causey Award from the Literacy Research Association (LRA) for her outstanding contributions to reading research. She is the first African-American in the history of the organization to receive this award. She was also the first African-American President of LRA. In 2022, Dr. Edwards was selected as a member of The HistoryMakers, the digital repository of the Black Experience (www.thehistorymakers.org).

Educator of the Year Higher Education

Dr. Patricia A. Edwards

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In response to increasing firearm violence in Lansing Michigan, MPHI has partnered with Advance Peace and the Ingham County Health Department to establish an Advance Peace Peacemaker Fellowship. The approach uses the evidence-based practices of street outreach, mentoring, intensive case management, life skills training, cognitive behavioral therapy, and subsidized employment to engage those at the center of gun violence.

The Advance Peace Lansing Peacemaker Fellowship is committed to ending gun violence and promoting neighborhood safety and social cohesion by investing in the healthy development and well-being of individuals at the center of gun violence. Our goal is to reduce gun-related violence by 40% in Lansing Michigan over the next three years.

Our Mission

Advance Peace is dedicated to ending cyclical and retaliatory gun violence in American urban neighborhoods. We invest in the development, health, and well-being of those at the center of this crisis.

Our History

In 2009, the police department of Richmond, California, told Devone Boggan, then the director of the city's Office of Neighborhood Safety, that less than 30 men were responsible for 70% of the city's gun crime, which contributed to the city's less than flattering distinction of being ranked among the top 12 most dangerous cities in America. The following year, Boggan responded by creating and launching the Peacemaker Fellowship™ model, which would become the core of Advance Peace.

Learn more information about Advance Peace by visiting: <https://www.advancepeace.org/>

Community Service Organization Award

Advance Peace



Fonda is a dynamic individual with a diverse and accomplished background. She currently anticipates the release of her first book, "Bloom In Every Season," scheduled for winter 2023. Fonda is also a valued influencer for MSU Wharton Center.

In October 2018, Fonda was appointed as a Trustee to the Delta Township Township Board, later securing a four-year term in the 2020 Election. She takes immense pride in being the mother of her adult daughter, Amanda Brewer.

Fonda's journey has been marked by remarkable twists, including her roles as a Human Resources Director at Hanna Barbera Productions and Turner Broadcasting, as well as a Human Resources Manager at Columbia Pictures. She returned to her home state of Michigan, where she served as a manager in the Field Services department at the Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA) until her retirement in spring 2015. Notably, she also served a four-year term on the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education.

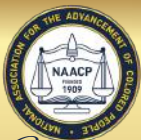
Fonda is actively involved in several boards, including:

- Michigan Municipal League: MBC-LEO, 2nd Vice President
- Community In Schools of Michigan Executive Board of Directors
- NAACP Michigan State Conference Chair, Women In NAACP (WIN)
- NAACP Lansing - Executive Committee Member At Large
- Transcendence Performing Arts Center - Board of Directors
- Appointed by Governor Whitmer to the Board of Dentistry, where she serves as the Chair of the Disciplinary Subcommittee

Fonda brings her passion for excellence to every endeavor she undertakes, and her journey is a testament to her commitment to public service and community engagement.

Lansing Image Award
Fonda Brewer

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Lori Adams Simon is the President and Principal Consultant of SimonSezConsulting, LLC. She is an award-winning Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging executive who has been recognized by various community-based organizations as a champion for racial and social justice, and the promotion of DEIB throughout the region. Lori earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Science and a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University. Lori earned certificates in Diversity Management in Health Care from the American Hospital Association's Institute for Diversity & Health Equity and Leading Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion from Northwestern University.

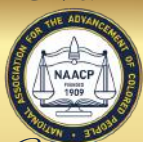
She is a 2022 graduate of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Lansing program and the Becoming Athena Leadership program. Lori is a true servant leader who is committed to giving back to her community. She currently serves as a member of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce DEI committee, the Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Advisory Council for Olivet College, the Lansing School District Career and Technical EMS/Health Science Advisory Committee, the Lansing Area Aids Network, and Lansing Community College's Management and Leadership Advisory Council. She is the Membership Chair for the NAACP Lansing Branch and DEI Chair for the Great Lakes Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Lori is a Certified Tourism Ambassador for the Greater Lansing Convention Bureau and served as President of the City of Lansing Board of Ethics for the 3rd Ward.

Lori has received many accolades for her service to the Greater Lansing Community and was recognized as a "Lansing Legend" by MacDonald Broadcasting System- 96.5 FM radio, a "Woman of Achievement" by the Lansing Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., "11 in the 517: Women Leaders Who Are Regional Trailblazers" by 517 Magazine, and the Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation Community Leader Award. Lori is a proud Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. which is an international public service organization founded in 1913. Lori is married to Scott Simon, and they are the proud parents of an adult daughter Sophia Marie.

Outstanding Member Award

Lori Adams Simon

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Senator Sarah Anthony has always fought for equity and opportunity for all Michiganders, including the most vulnerable among us. Throughout her 20-year career in public service, Sarah has made history multiple times, serving as mid-Michigan's first African-American woman to be elected to the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate. In 2023, she became the first Black woman to chair the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee.

As Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, she earned a reputation as a pragmatic, effective legislator, where she passed multiple bills into law with substantial bipartisan, stakeholder, and community support. She fights to strengthen education, expand health care, reform Michigan's criminal justice system, support workers, and uplift small businesses. Under her leadership, she has passed bills addressing college affordability, workforce development, support for veterans, and housing issues.

Before serving in the Capitol, Anthony was the youngest Black woman to serve on a County Commission in the United States. During her time as a commissioner, Anthony served in many leadership positions, including serving as Chair and Vice Chair of the board. She was a fearless leader for healthcare access, social justice, and services for senior citizens and working families. In 2010, Anthony began a near-decade tenure as the Deputy and Interim Executive Director of the Michigan College Access Network. There, she worked with school districts, community foundations, business leaders, and nonprofit organizations to provide funding and support for students. Her experience built her unique understanding of the barriers to higher education and economic opportunity facing Michiganders today, as well as the compounding effect of the skills gap facing Michigan employers. As State Representative, Anthony has partnered with her colleagues on both sides of the aisle and the Governor's administration to make real headway on the talent pipeline and pathway to economic success.

For her work in the Capitol, she has been recognized nationally in such publications as the New York Times, Essence, The New Yorker, and Politico. She has been named "Legislator of the Year" by business, nonprofit, education, and social justice groups.

Senator Anthony was born and raised in Lansing's south side. She has a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and earned a master's degree from Western Michigan University.

Trailblazer Award

State Senator, Sarah Anthony



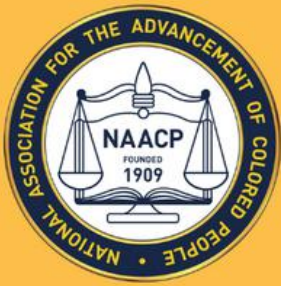
Yolanda Bennett began her career at a Fortune 500 insurance company. She attended law school. She practiced at both the Lansing City Attorney's Office and the Lansing Board of Water & Light. In 2021 Yolanda was elected Clerk of the Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan. She was recently sworn in as Chair of the same organization on September 21, 2023, all while volunteering in the Lansing community.

Yolanda holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Arizona State University and attended Western Michigan, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, earning both a Juris Doctorate and a LL.M. in Taxation. She also possesses an impressive record of volunteer engagement ranging from volunteering as a tax preparer for low-income families to participating in road to restoration and expungement clinics.

Yolanda is currently an Attorney Advisor for the Social Security Administration and Secretary of the NAACP Lansing Branch, with a passion for advocating for people in historically underserved communities.

Presidents Award

Yolanda Bennett



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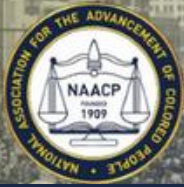
Reginald Tyson



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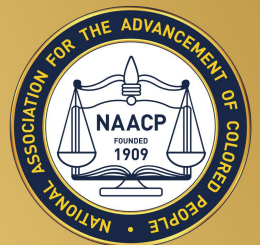
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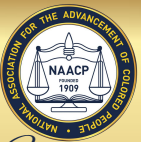


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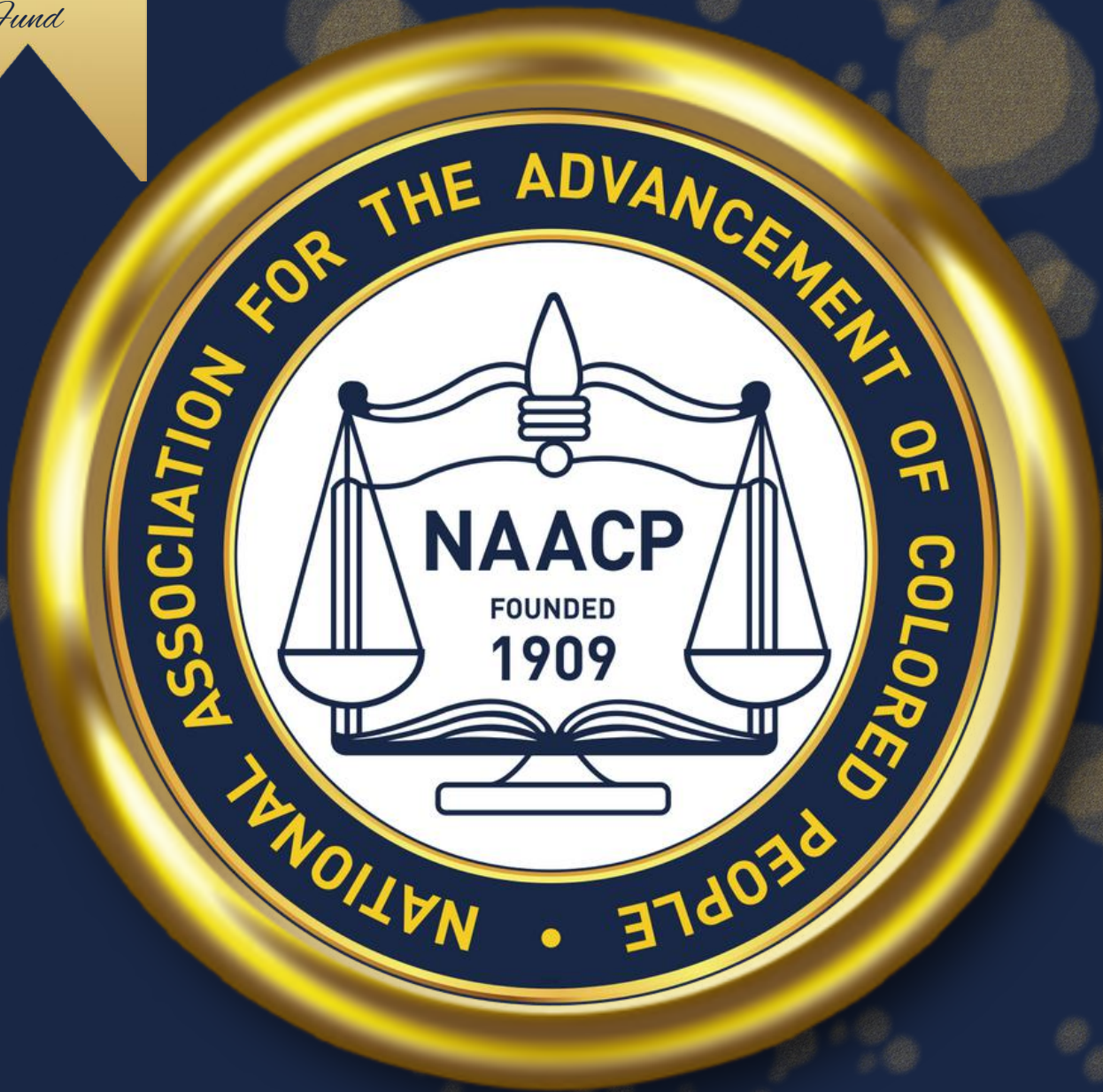
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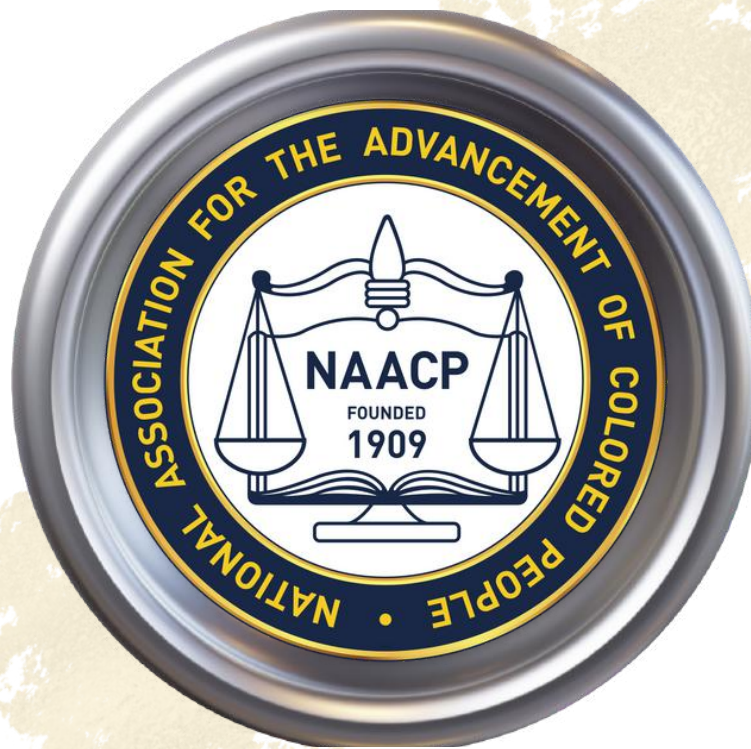
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www.lansingmi.gov/180/Neighborhoods, Arts & Citizens Engagement



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In January 2018, Mayor Schor issued his first executive order to create the Department of Neighborhoods, Arts and Citizen Engagement (DNACE). The department focuses on three areas: engaging citizens, advancing people and building neighborhoods. In 2022, arts was included in the department. The department also houses the Office of Financial Empowerment and the 311 Call Center.

The Department of Neighborhoods, Arts and Citizen Engagement (DNACE)'s role in the city is to support neighborhoods by convening community dialogues, delivering capacity building trainings, and connecting civic organizations to resources. The DNACE also facilitates the creation of organizations and helps them build capacity so that they can advocate for the changes and developments they wish to see in their neighborhoods.

ANNUAL EVENT

- LOVE Lansing
- #### BOARDS
- Neighborhood Advisory Board
 - Arts & Culture Commission

GRANT PROGRAMS

- GROW Lansing (NEW)
 - Neighborhood Grant Program Large & Mini Grant
- Cycle Timeframe: October - March*

DNACE'S PROGRAMS

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- Create Work Orders
- Address Needs
- Handle Request Submissions
- Affect Accounts
- Start and Stop Service
- Answer General Questions

HOURS OF OPERATION:

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**Lansing Branch of the NAACP Celebrating the
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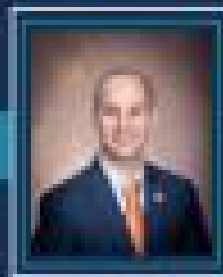
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10:00AM

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I COMMEND THE LEGACY OF THE LANSING CHAPTER FOR
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AS WE THRIVE TOGETHER IN 2023.

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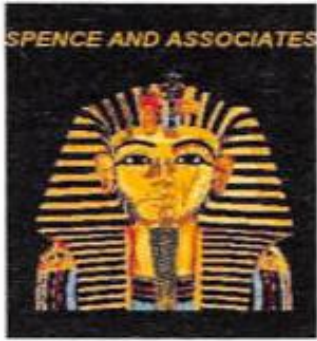
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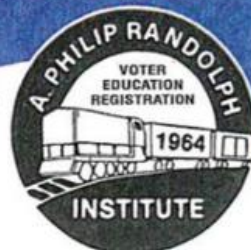
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