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Alexandria Branch

FREEDOM FUND GALA

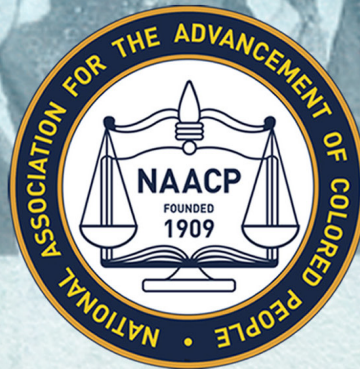
Thriving
TOGETHER

90 Years of Energizing and Inspiring

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The NAACP advocates, agitates, and litigates for the civil rights due to Black America. Our legacy is built on the foundation of grassroots activism by the biggest civil rights pioneers of the 20th century and is sustained by 21st century activists. From classrooms and courtrooms to city halls and Congress, our network of members across the country works to secure the social and political power that will end race-based discrimination. That work is rooted in racial equity, civic engagement, and supportive policies and institutions for all marginalized people. We are committed to a world without racism where Black people enjoy equitable opportunities in thriving communities.

OUR VISION

We envision an inclusive community rooted in liberation where all persons can exercise their civil and human rights without discrimination.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.

THEORY OF CHANGE

We are committed to a world without racism where Black people enjoy equitable opportunities in thriving communities. Our work is rooted in racial equity, civic engagement, and supportive policies and institutions for all marginalized people.

HISTORY OF THE ALEXANDRIA NAACP

At a mass meeting held October 10, 1933, at Alfred Street Baptist Church, in Alexandria, VA, under the auspices of the Alexandria Citizens' Association (colored), a chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was organized. Walter White of New York City, national secretary of the NAACP was the principal speaker, and conducted the organization of this new chapter. There was a large enrollment of members, most of whom paid yearly subscriptions--the remainder to be paid on or before the first meeting of the chapter on Friday, October 27. Officers elected were: Henry C. Brooks, president, J. Byron Hopkins, Jr., secretary; Leon C. Baltimore, Jr., treasurer. Henry C. Brooks is also president of the Alexandria Citizens' Association (colored).

The mass meeting was also favored with an address by Sam S. Hollenga, manager of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hollenga explains the meaning of the National Recovery Administration (NRA), and why all citizens of Alexandria, white and colored, should support President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his efforts to put over this NRA program. He stated further that this was his first opportunity to address the colored people who compose one-fifth of the population of the city to give a more concrete support to the programs made by the Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to make Alexandria, first a place to live and second, a bigger place to live. Mr. Hollenga stressed the necessity of a wholehearted cooperation of colored citizens with civic movements.

Charles H. Houston, dean of Howard University Law School and a member of the District of Columbia Board of Education, spoke on the necessity of high school facilities for Negro children in Alexandria, and urged the citizens associated to continue their fight for equal school accommodations and other civil at are now denied them. Every speaker was well refused. Henry C. Brooks, president of the Alexandria Citizens' Association (colored) presided. J. Byron Hopkins, Jr. was master of ceremonies. The charter was received January 20, 1934 and remains as the official organ of the current Branch.

The Alexandria branch of the NAACP salutes the presidents who have served the branch well over 90 years. They ran a good race. Got into good trouble fighting for civil liberties in the City of Alexandria.

Thriving Together: Energizing and Inspiring.

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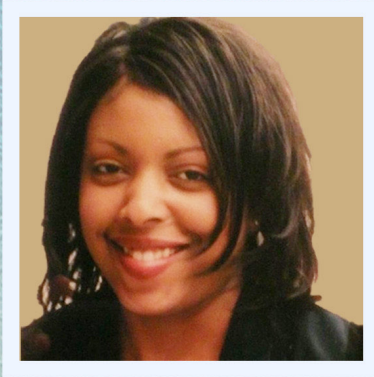
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Darrlynn S. Franklin

WELCOME FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

October 21, 2022



Dear Freedom Fighters:

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend the *Alexandria NAACP's 90th Anniversary Freedom Fund Gala*. We are excited to meet you in person. This year's gala would not be successful without each and every one of you here this evening.

Our theme this year is *Thriving Together: 90 Years of Energizing and Inspiring*. We celebrate tonight, not only our shared success, but our fight for freedom in a world full of hate and discrimination.

Through compelling conversations on every pressing issue from the preservation of Black history in schools, to stopping hate wherever it rears its ugly head, the Alexandria NAACP continues to speak truth to power. We have reaffirmed our commitment to justice and the pursuit of a society where we all thrive together.

The fight is not over. We have a responsibility to those who have come before us to ensure that all Alexandrians live safely from the rising right-wing extremism that is growing and threatening People of Color in our community. We must act now. We must continue to grow our organization through membership. We must work with our leaders to address the challenges facing thousands of families and to ensure our voices are heard through our votes.

Lastly, I want to thank our NAACP members, volunteers, friends, members of the community and the Freedom Fund Planning Committee for helping to make this night a great success.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrylynn S. Franklin

Darrylynn S. Franklin
Alexandria NAACP Branch President

NAACP
Alexandria Branch

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Darrlynn S. Franklin - *President*
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A MESSAGE FROM THE GALA COMMITTEE

The 2023 Alexandria Branch of the NAACP Gala Committee congratulates the award recipients. We thank you for your invaluable service and commitment to the Alexandria community.

We extend a warm welcome to each of you on this occasion. Your presence reflects your commitment to a great cause. This event serves as our branch's major fundraiser. The NAACP Freedom Fund supports our efforts at the national, state and local levels.

We sincerely thank all members, friends, and volunteers for their continued support.

90TH ANNIVERSARY FREEDOM FUND GALA COMMITTEE

Darrlynn S. Franklin, *Chair*

Brenda Adams

Keisha Culbreth-Brooks

William Campbell

Jeanette Lightfoot

Crystal Vanison Robinson

SPECIAL THANKS

Monika Chapman

John Taylor Chapman - *Alexandria City Council*

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Marilyn Patterson - *Joyous Events*

The Westin Alexandria Old Town

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Thriving TOGETHER

90 Years of Energizing and Inspiring

This year's NAACP theme of *Thriving Together* encapsulates the understanding that injustice and discrimination anywhere indicates stagnation for everyone everywhere. The founding of the NAACP was predicated on the intention of rectifying horrific historic injustices faced largely by African-Americans. However, in our global collective as change agents, we appreciate the ever-expanding intersectionalities that increase our understanding and broaden the perspective on social justice.

We all have a role and responsibility to combat the challenges of employment inequity, culturally incompetent healthcare practices, housing discrimination, inclusive education, reproductive rights, and issues of wealth distribution. We have come such a very long way; both as a national organization and as a chapter. But there is still so much work to be done and conversations toward the goal of improvement across the board.

The NAACP 2023 theme is clearly visible amongst the proudly diverse membership of the Alexandria Virginia branch's chapter - where members of all heritages and hues continue the work that advances us all while we *Thrive Together!*



October 21, 2023

Dear President Franklin and the Alexandria Branch:

I am happy to extend to the Alexandria NAACP 90th Anniversary Freedom Fund cordial greetings and best wishes for your success in advancing the interests of African Americans; and bringing about diversity, equity inclusion, and understanding between the races that is essential to maintaining a vital democracy.

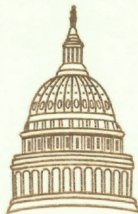
I have watched with interest the constructive efforts of your organization, not only on behalf of the African American people in our nation but also on behalf of the democratic ideals and principles so dear to our nation. No democracy can long survive which does not accept as fundamental to its very existence the recognition of the rights of its minorities.

I wish you the most successful Freedom Fund Gala!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert N. Barnette, Jr." in dark ink.

Robert N. Barnette, Jr



UNITED STATES SENATOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 21, 2023

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all who are gathered for the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP's 2023 Freedom Fund Gala and 90th Anniversary Celebration.

Local branches of the NAACP play such an important role in communities across the United States. Since 1933, your members have worked to foster a society where every resident has a fair shot at success. You have propelled our Nation forward, and today, the Alexandria community comes together to support your branch's continued efforts. I commend you for your leadership and for all that you do to promote educational, political, social, and economic equality.

I send my best wishes for a fulfilling event and continued progress in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark R. Warner".

MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator

CORY A. BOOKER
NEW JERSEY



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

September 29th, 2023

Dear Alexandria Virginia Chapter of the NAACP,

I extend warm congratulations to the Alexandria Virginia Chapter of the NAACP on its remarkable 90th anniversary. This milestone symbolizes a history of advocacy, resilience, and progress within our African American community.

Over nine decades, the NAACP has been a beacon of hope, championing civil rights, equality, and justice. Your tireless efforts have bridged gaps and empowered our communities. I am inspired by the NAACP's profound impact on Virginia, challenging discrimination and promoting equity. Our journey towards true equality is ongoing, and let's recommit to unity, justice, and opportunities for all.

Congratulations once again on this significant milestone!

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C.A.B.', with a large, sweeping flourish on the left side.

Cory A. Booker
United States Senator

Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515-4608

October 13, 2023

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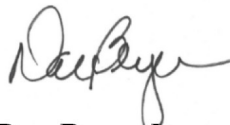
Dear Friends,

On behalf of Virginia's 8th Congressional district, I write to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Alexandria NAACP. I am thrilled to join the branch in celebrating this occasion.

The branch's commitment to the community through its leadership across several areas, from students' rights to health and financial literacy, reverberates across Northern Virginia. Much work remains to be done today in the fight for economic and racial justice and I commend the branch's ongoing effort to address these issues. The NAACP has served our district for nearly a century, and I am grateful for what has been accomplished to better our community and democracy.

Again, I extend my warmest wishes for this celebration and congratulations on this milestone.

Sincerely,



Don Beyer Jr.

Member of Congress

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

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GENERAL LAWS AND TECHNOLOGY
PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS
RULES

October 21, 2023

President Darrylann Franklin
NAACP Alexandria Branch
P.O. Box 1740
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear President Franklin and Members of Branch 7043,

Congratulations on your 90th Freedom Fund Banquet! Tonight celebrates nine decades of leadership in the fight against racial injustice by NAACP Alexandria Branch 7043. We also honor 114 years of action and advocacy nationwide by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization.

The Alexandria Branch was founded in October 1933, at the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church. That same year, Samuel Wilbert Tucker, whose father helped found the Alexandria NAACP Chapter, graduated from Howard University Law School. Two of his classmates, and lifelong friends, Oliver Hill and Thurgood Marshall, also graduated that day. Six years later, in August 1939, Tucker helped organize a sit-in protest at Alexandria's segregated public library, which served as an early model of effective protest in the later years of national mobilization for civil rights.

A native Alexandrian, Samuel Tucker would go on to play a major role in the legal battles of the civil rights movement. From 1949 to 1951, he helped wage an innovative attack on the constitutionality of the death penalty, using data to show that Virginians of color were being executed at far higher rates than white Virginians for similar crimes. His legal argument formed the basis for Virginia to ultimately repeal the death penalty many years later.

Tucker worked alongside Oliver Hill and Spotswood Robinson for decades as they battled the segregationist Byrd Machine. Sadly, they were attacked and investigated by members of the Virginia General Assembly; the Virginia Bar Association even threatened Tucker's law license. But Samuel Tucker persisted, just like the Alexandria NAACP persisted over 90 years, demonstrating the power of human action and faith in the pursuit of justice.

The fight is not yet over. We must fight to overcome obstacles to equality in more insidious forms: wealth inequality, a legacy of redlining, and the school-to-prison pipeline. We must also continue working to reform our criminal justice system, expand access to the ballot box, and counter hate-based terror. Today, amidst a resurgence of coarseness and intolerance in our political discourse, your work in community building and bringing about positive change is critical to healing our nation and pushing toward progress.

May your activism continue to positively impact Alexandria, Virginia and our nation. Congratulations again on your inspiring legacy of service. Alexandria is made better by your purpose and advocacy. Let's not rest, there is still more work to be done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Ebbin".

Adam P. Ebbin
Member, Virginia Senate



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October 21, 2023

To: 90th Anniversary Freedom Fund Gala Attendees

Dear Attendees:

Welcome to tonight's great event, celebrating 90 years of the Alexandria branch of the NAACP!

With a leadership legacy spanning two centuries – all the while remaining steadfastly committed to its mission encompassing the guarantee of equality and commitment to human rights – the Alexandria branch of the NAACP has left its indelible mark on our city and community.

Tonight, we honor several individuals and organizations whose works uphold and continue the mission of the NAACP, and the Alexandria Branch.

We are delighted to recognize and acknowledge them:

- City of Alexandria Community Remembrance Project;
- Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria;
- Eboney Davis, of Virginia Theological Seminary; and
- Kiki Davis and Joe Wenger, Racial Healing Seminar Leaders

With several luminaries of our great community in attendance tonight, along with Congresswoman Jennifer McClellan and emcee Tony Perkins of NBC4, this event is a wonderful tribute to the Alexandria branch of the NAACP's past, present, and future.

Once again, please accept my sincerest welcome.

Justin M. Wilson
Mayor



City of Alexandria, Virginia
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John Taylor Chapman
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Dear Members of the esteemed Alexandria Branch of the NAACP,

Warmest greetings to each of you as we come together to celebrate a remarkable milestone—the 90th anniversary of our esteemed branch. As I pen down this letter, memories of my time as the branch president flood my mind, and I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey we have undertaken together.

Ninety years ago, a vision was born and from its inception, our branch has been a beacon of hope, a catalyst for change, and a force for good in our city. Together, we have faced challenges head-on, breaking down barriers and paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable future. Our victories, both big and small, are a testament to the power of unity and the strength that comes from embracing diversity.

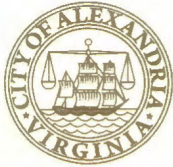
As I reflect on my time as your president and now as a city councilmember, I am reminded of the resilience and determination that define our branch. The progress we have made is a result of the countless hours of hard work, the difficult conversations, and the collective passion that fuels our mission. Each victory, each milestone, is a step closer to the world we envision—one where justice prevails, and every individual is treated with dignity and respect.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you, for it is your dedication that has brought us to this momentous occasion. The Alexandria Branch of the NAACP has not merely survived for nine decades; it has thrived, leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of our city.

As we commemorate this 90th anniversary, let us not only celebrate the achievements of the past but also recommit ourselves to the work that lies ahead. Our journey is far from over, and there is much more to be done. Let us continue to be the voices of change, the advocates for justice, and the champions of a brighter tomorrow.

Once again, congratulations on this historic milestone. May the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP continue to be a beacon of hope, a force for good, and a source of inspiration for generations to come.

In solidarity,



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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
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October 10, 2023

Dear Alexandria NAACP:

Congratulations on your 90th Anniversary! This is a tremendous accomplishment, and you should be very proud.

I commend the efforts that the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP has made to end racial discrimination in our community. Over the years you have convened our community and initiated conversations on key issues in Alexandria. As a result of your leadership and engagement, the city is taking important and necessary actions to disrupt inequality, accelerate change, and build unity.

Tonight, we honor you and celebrate your legacy and the community leaders who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to civil rights and social change. These individuals are on the front lines of the fight for justice. Our city is better because of their tireless efforts.

I look forward to seeing the progress and impact that the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP will continue to make in our community. We need you in the fight as our city works to address some of the most pressing challenges that disproportionately impact the Black community, including housing affordability, wealth inequality, and the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. I look forward to working with you.

Your legacy will live on in the lives you have changed. It is my honor to celebrate with you at tonight's Freedom Fund Gala.

Sincerely,

Alyia Gaskins
Councilwoman

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Congresswoman Jennifer McClellan has dedicated her life to serving the people of Virginia and to ensuring that all Virginians have their voices heard in government. Congress-woman McClellan has served greater Richmond in the General Assembly for 17 years. She has earned a reputation as a strong legislative champion for Virginians, passing landmark laws to protect voting rights, safeguard abortion access, tackle climate change, rebuild crumbling schools, expand the Affordable Care Act in Virginia, protect workers' rights, and reform Virginia's criminal justice system.

Now, Congresswoman McClellan is continuing to deliver for the people of Virginia and making sure their voices are heard in Washington, D.C. McClellan recognizes the tremendous legacy of Virginia's 4th Congressional District, from Rep. John Mercer Langston to Rep. Donald McEachin. She is committed to continuing that legacy of service, and to breaking barriers as Virginia's first Black woman member of Congress.

As a daughter of community leaders and educators raised in the segregated South during the Depression, Congresswoman Jennifer McClellan was raised with a strong sense of servant leadership and a calling to strengthen her community. Congresswoman McClellan was born in Petersburg to parents who served the community: Her father worked as a professor at Virginia State University and her mother worked as a counselor at VSU.

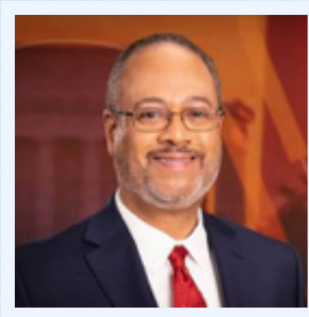
Her family's experience and her study of history taught her that government can either be a force for progressive change to solve problems or a force of oppression that benefits a select few. At a young age, McClellan dedicated herself to ensuring government was that force of positive change for all.

Congresswoman McClellan has channeled those values into her commitment for progress, equity, and justice in the Commonwealth. She has implemented those values as a leader in the community, the Democratic Party, and as a legislator.

McClellan was elected to the House of Delegates representing Richmond in 2005. When the late Donald McEachin was elected to Congress in 2016, McClellan was elected to serve McEachin's former Senate seat. She has served in the Senate since 2017, and serves as Vice Chair of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus.

Congresswoman McClellan has also been a leader in addressing Virginia's painful history of racial inequity. As Chair of the Virginia Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission, Jenn promotes Dr. King's legacy and continues his work, particularly racialhealing, economic and social justice, and community engagement.

Congresswoman McClellan lives in Richmond with her husband, David Mills, and their two children, Jackson and Samantha.



Tony Perkins is a veteran Washington, D.C., journalist and host. He joined NBC4 in 2023 to anchor *News4 Today*.

For more than 30 years, Perkins has been part of the D.C. media scene as a weatherman, reporter, host and news anchor on both television and radio.

Perkins grew up in the D.C. area, attending school in Prince George's and Fairfax counties and then at American University, where he majored in communications and cinema studies.

Perkins started out as a stand-up comedian in what was then D.C.'s thriving comedy club circuit. He spent nine years performing at clubs, colleges and theaters across the country and opened for headliners such as Smokey Robinson, Aretha Franklin and Sinbad.

His comedy led to a job with Donnie Simpson's #1-rated morning radio show on KYS-FM, which was then broadcast from NBC4 studios. From there, he hosted a show called "*DC20 Breakaway*," for which he won an Emmy Award, and then joined WTTG-TV as the morning weatherman and feature reporter.

In 1998, Perkins joined *Good Morning America*, bringing viewers weather reports and feature stories throughout the early hours of the day. He covered dozens of hurricanes and weather events and interviewed many celebrities during his six years there.

Missing the Washington region, Perkins returned to WTTG in 2006, eventually anchoring the evening newscasts with Shawn Yancy and earning his second Emmy award.

In 2018, Perkins reunited with Donnie Simpson, this time on an afternoon show on MAJIC 102.3 and 92.7. He continues to co-host that show from 3 to 7 p.m. He also spent three years anchoring the morning news on WUSA-TV.

Perkins lives in Northern Virginia with his wife.

EVENING PROGRAM

A SPECIAL WELCOME

Ben Fiore-Walker - *City of Alexandria Town Crier*

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Tony Perkins - *News Anchor, NBC4 Washington*

INVOCATION

Reverend Quardricos Driskell - *Pastor Beulah Baptist Church*

HISTORICAL MOMENTS

Deacon Carroll Hebron - *Alfred Street Baptist Church*

GREETINGS FROM THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

Mayor Justin M. Wilson

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

Minister Octavia Caldwell - *Shiloh Baptist Church*

DINNER IS SERVED

*Panache of young field greens with grape tomatoes, European cucumbers,
Bermuda onions buttermilk ranch and balsamic dressing, fresh rolls and sweet butter*

SEARED CHICKEN BREAST VEGAN ARTICHOKE & BABY SPINACH RAVIOLI
Roasted sweet and fingerling potatoes, steamed broccoli, pan jus Roasted tomato, asparagus, tomato ragu
Traditional carrot cake

Entertainment by The Vaughn Ambrose Trio

SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project • Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria
Eboney Davis • KiKi Davis and Joe Wegner

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Representative Don Beyer - *U.S. House of Representatives - Virginia 8th Congressional District*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Congresswoman Jennifer McClellan
U.S. House of Representatives - Virginia 4th Congressional District

THE ALEXANDRIA BRANCH - LOOKING AHEAD

Darryl Lynn S. Franklin - *President, Alexandria NAACP*

90 FOR 90 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Cozy Bailey - *Vice President of the NAACP Virginia State Conference for Northern Virginia*
Councilman John Taylor Chapman - *City of Alexandria, Past President Alexandria Branch*

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

SONG LYRICS ON LAST PAGE

Enjoy a post-event meet and greet



The Alexandria Community Remembrance Project (ACRP) is a city-wide initiative dedicated to helping Alexandria understand its history of racial terror hate crimes and to work toward creating a welcoming community bound by equity and inclusion.

The ACRP holds annual ceremonies to memorialize the lives and deaths of Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas who were lynched in this City on April 23, 1897, and August 8, 1899. These lynchings and the events that followed traumatized Black Alexandrians, yet they were struck by our collective history as though they never occurred. The Equal Justice Initiative's Remembrance program asks participating projects to hold Soil Collection Ceremonies.

On Saturday, September 24, 2022, Alexandrians are invited to a Soil Collection Ceremony at Market Square at 4 p.m. where participants will have an opportunity to touch earth excavated from sites known intimately by McCoy and Thomas. Two wooden vessels designed and built by students at Jefferson-Houston IB School will hold the soil representing the lives of each man. Participants took some of this soil and place it into a glass jar bearing each man's name that will be delivered by the Alexandria community to the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama pilgrimage on October 7, 2022.

The ACRP members of the community and Alexandria City High School students went on a pilgrimage to the Equal Justice Initiative's National Memorial for Peace and Justice and Legacy Museum, delivering soil collected from locations that symbolically reflect the lives of Alexandria's two known lynching victims – Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas.

The ACRP is part of the African American History Division. This division, formed in 2023, will ensure the continued inclusion of Black History in City museums and public programming, as well as advancing the City's goal of building a welcoming community through equity and inclusion.



Since its inception in 2009, *Concerned Citizens Network Alexandria*, locally and notably recognized by its acronym CCNA, has been at the forefront in Alexandria, Virginia, providing leadership, guidance and support to area families.

This diverse community citizens collaborative has proven itself to be a veritable asset through its efforts of identifying and filling gaps amongst disenfranchised populations within the City of Alexandria.

CCNA endeavors to promote advocacy, health initiatives and its own brand of social justice by continually engaging public officials, other community leaders, city educators, and families toward improved conditions for the countless number of citizens throughout Alexandria that CCNA serves.

We thank you for the integrity and impact of your work and for continuing to prioritize the needs of our community. Because of its unparalleled passion and demonstrated expectation of excellence, we are proud to declare CCNA as a 2023 Alexandria, Virginia NAACP honoree.



Ebonee Davis is a public historian with a passion for sharing and preserving Black history. She holds a MA in Museum Studies & Historical Preservation from Morgan State University and is currently pursuing her PhD in African Diaspora History at Howard University. Her research is a comparative study of Black Christianity in the Diaspora, with a specific focus on the integration, maintenance, and assertion of cultural identity and traditional customary practices into the worship experience. For nearly 15 years, Ms. Davis has operated within the field of public history; working for local, state, and national institutions in the Americas and Africa. While holding jobs such as a historic interpreter, cultural resource specialist, and archivist, Ms. Davis' work has afforded her the privilege of sharing, documenting, and preserving the stories of Black people, exclusively.

In 2017, Ms. Davis began working at the Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) as the Archivist for the African American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC). In 2020, she transitioned to VTS' Office of Multicultural Ministries. As the Associate for Multicultural Ministries Programming and Historical Research for Reparations, Ms. Davis coordinates the research efforts of VTS' recently initiated Reparations Program and works directly with the program's descendant families.

Because of this, we are proud to declare Ms. Davis a 2023 Alexandria NAACP honoree.

HONOREE



Kiki Davis is the Director of Institutional Equity and Diversity, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School (SSSAS) in Alexandria, VA. She is a diversity practitioner and educator originally from Northern California. In her role, Ms. Davis' work includes providing programming for faculty, students, and families focused on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. She oversees and conducts professional development for faculty, staff, and coaches, and serves as a support and resources for community members and colleagues throughout her industry. She is a trained facilitator and has presented at national conferences on subjects such as creating equitable communities and increasing cultural competency in schools.

In 2023, Ms. Davis developed and facilitated four 90-minute in-person Process and Progress Seminars on Racial Healing that was contracted by the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project (ACRP) members for pilgrimage participants. The seminars featured both affinity sessions and whole group discussions with the purpose to dive deeper into the Montgomery, Alabama ACRP Pilgrimage experience to help process, integrate, strengthen relationships, and ultimately facilitate change.

These seminars steered the complexities of identity and how it shapes the ways people see and experience the world. Specifically, with the focus on how our identity—both White and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color—impacted how we navigated what was, in many cases, multiracial spaces and how our identity continues to shape our experience of the pilgrimage. The outcome provided participants with a greater awareness of their identity that serves as a guide toward genuine empathy for others who identify differently. This seminar gave participants with the opportunity to work through unsettled emotions that occurred during the pilgrimage.

Ms. Davis led the Standing Up and Standing Back seminar where participants discussed how working in a multiracial and multicultural contingency, People of Color leveraged allyship while at the same time, providing white people with a guidance on how empowering marginalized communities impact their purpose to effect change.

Because of this, we are proud to declare Ms. Davis a 2023 Alexandria NAACP honoree.



Joe Wenger is the Associate Director of Institutional Equity and Diversity at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. In 2023, Mr. Wenger developed and facilitated four 90-minute in-person Process and Progress Seminars on Racial Healing that was contracted by the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project (ACRP) members for pilgrimage participants. The seminars featured both affinity sessions and whole group discussions with the purpose to dive deeper into the Montgomery, Alabama ACRP Pilgrimage experience to help process, integrate, strengthen relationships, and facilitate change.

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The Creating a Cooperative, Collaborative Strategic Plan for Social Action seminar, gave participants the time to create individual and collaborative goals to ensure that there is accountability for ongoing racial healing work. Participants discussed that affecting social change requires active resistance to systems of oppression and racial injustice rather than passive recognition. Seminar participants left with a plan of action and a series of next steps to implement positive change in their community.

Mr. Wenger has spent the last 16 years working primarily with independent schools and consults as a diversity educator and facilitator with public schools' systems and private organizations. Mr. Wenger hold a bachelor's degree from New York University in English and Performance Studies and a master's degree from Georgetown University in English.

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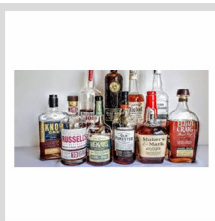
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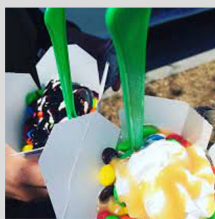
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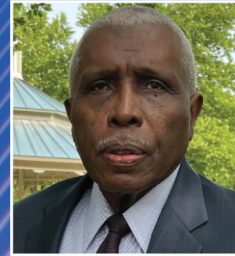
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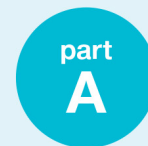
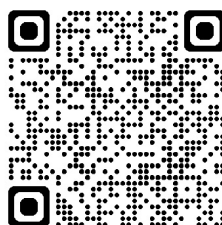
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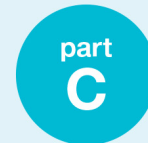
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- WHO:** The Virginia Black History Month Association
- WHAT:** The 24th Annual Virginia Black History Month Gala
- WHEN:** Saturday, 24 February 2024 (6pm - 9 pm)
VIP Social (4:45 pm - 5:45 pm)
- WHERE:** The Falls Church Marriott - 3111 Fairview Park Drive
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William E. Jones, USMC (ret.)
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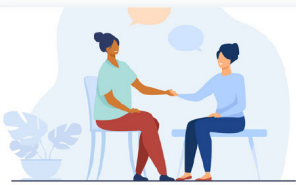
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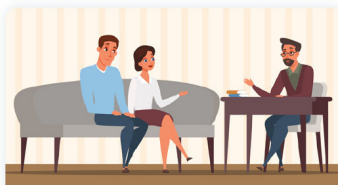


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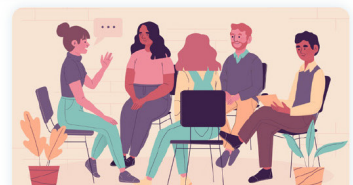
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Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.
Stony 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,
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
God of our weary years,
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Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
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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,
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