



NAACP FORT WORTH TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH NEWSLETTER FALL 2025



Voter Rights Belief

We believe that every citizen should have a say in their government which is why the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has and will remain at the forefront of civil rights advocacy in the United States. We will continue to support important legislation regarding the right to vote. The Voting Rights Act is central to our Nation's efforts to eradicate racial discrimination and secure equal opportunity for all Americans. Since 1934 the Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch has fought and advocated for every qualified U.S. Citizen to have the right to vote.

An elected official's support of voting rights demonstrates a strong sense of leadership and should serve as a beacon of light in the face of voter suppression tactics. Just as the U.S. Constitution provides a national provision for all eligible voters, cities, counties, and municipalities must acknowledge this provision and support and exercise diligence to stop actions that promote voter suppression.

The main components of the John Lewis Voting Rights Bill are:

- *To make sure there is trouble free voting*
- *To ensure that the mechanisms our cities and counties have put in place are fair and accountable to the election process*
- *To restore public trust in the counting of the election process and to ensure that a legitimate vote cast is a vote counted*

These three provisions are already contained in the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. How can a true leader NOT support the Constitution? This is a time for leaders/leadership to step up – not a moment to pass on an opportunity to join others who support voter equality. Effective voting rights is not an issue that just affects people of color, it affects ALL qualified American voters who seek the right to unfettered access to the ballot.

Estella Williams, Branch President

Ticket Pick Up Date & Time

Monday, October 6, 2025

12:00pm-6:00pm

Location

NAACP FWTC Office

1063 Evans Avenue

Fort Worth, Texas 76104

[Click HERE For Tickets & Sponsorships](#)

91th Anniversary

Fort Worth Tarrant County

NAACP

Chartered 1934

*48th Annual
Dr. George D. Flemmings*

FREEDOM FUND CELEBRATION

Unlocked Voices: Bridging the Future

FEATURING

HON. MATTIE
PETERSON
COMPTON

JUDGE
L. CLIFFORD
DAVIS

DR. OPAL
LEE

HON. LORRAINE C.
MILLER

REV. FLOYD
MOODY

NORMA
ROBY

JUDGE LOUIS
STURNS

ESTELLA
WILLIAMS

MODERATED BY BOB RAY SANDERS



*An original documentary film
commissioned by the Fort Worth
Tarrant County NAACP*

• Adults \$50 • Students \$30

Saturday, October 11, 2025

I.M. Terrell Academy for STEM and VPA
1900 I.M. Terrell Way, Fort Worth, TX

3:30 pm - Red Carpet Reception

4:15 pm - Presentation & Film

Tickets - <https://shorturl.at/gdPQM>

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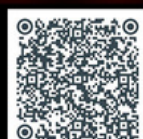
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Dress To Impress

ACT-SO: "Unified + Unlimited"

The Branch is proud to showcase our Student representatives at the National Afro Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics competition in Charlotte, NC in July 2025. Congratulations to them all.

Heartfelt thanks to every Parent, Sponsor, Judge, Mentor and Volunteer for fostering the aspirations of these young people and your commitment to ACT-SO. A special *Thank You* to Carter Metropolitan CME Church, Dr. V Edner, Pastor, for rescuing our local competition this year.



Kinsley Alexander
Painting



Esau Mahir Price
Original Essay



Cadence Diggs
Poetry Written



Kiara Hicks
Poetry Performance



Dalton Holloway
Short Story



Derrick Howell
Instrumental Classical



Chelsea Warren
Playwriting



Jasmin Johnson
Drama & Filmmaking



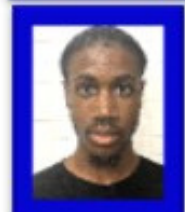
Gabrielle Lewis
Dance Modern



Mackenzie Nance
Drawing



Ntl Gold Medal
Ariel Bowman
Dance Contemporary



Ntl Silver Medal
Kenneth James
Vocal Classical



Ntl Silver Medal
Jaelyn Thomas
Oratory



Ntl Silver Medal
Sydney Thomas
Vocal Contemporary

"At this juncture in our history when efforts to divide and conquer are rampant, I am proud of our young people who are declaring their wholeness and boundless success with the bold and timely theme, *Unified and Unlimited*", stated Derrick Johnson, NAACP President.

A unified community willing to support high school students who wish to participant in ACT-SO is our wish. We solicit the support of Churches, Schools, Organizations, Fraternities, Sororities and individuals to refer eligible students to the ACT-SO website (fortworthactso.com) to complete an application. Once an application is completed, we will contact you with details about the Spoken Word Kick-Off, workshops and date of local competition. You have the opportunity to...

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Branch Scholarship & ACTSO Reception Recap

You are invited to
**NAACP FORT WORTH TARRANT COUNTY
 BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP & ACTSO RECEPTION**

The Ray Bell Scholarship
Gabrielle Lewis
 Texas State University

The Judge L. Clifford Davis Scholarship
Eunice Lambisia Wekesa
 University of Texas at Arlington

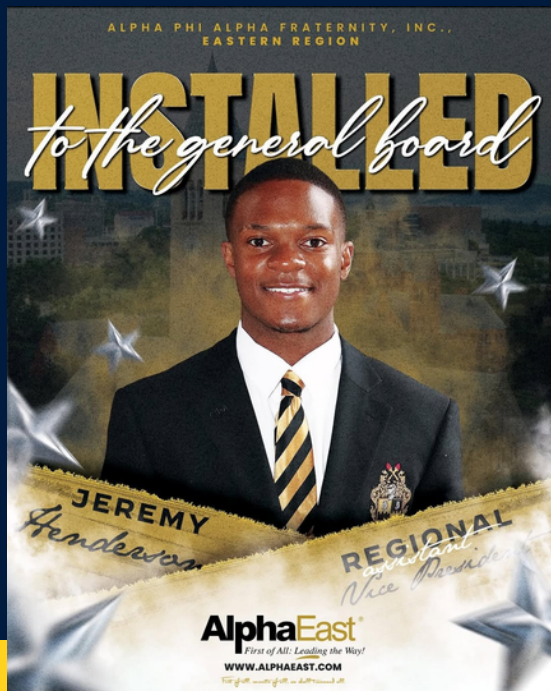
The Willie Mae Dorson Scholarship
Andrea Clark
 University of Texas at Tyler

ACTSO
 Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders

East St. Paul Baptist Church
 5300 Oak Grove Rd W
 Fort Worth, TX 76134
July 27, 2025
4:00pm – 6:00pm
 Attire: Sunday's Best
 RSVP: email or call 682.230.3029
 Branch Scholarship Committee

The branch recognized our scholarship recipients and ACTSO participants at our annual Scholarship and ACTSO Reception, held on July 27, 2025 at East St. Paul Baptist Church.

The ACTSO Program received a \$2,000 donation from The Society Inc. Tarrant Pearls Chapter.



Congratulations Jeremy Henderson!

Mr. Henderson is one of our past branch scholarship recipients and attends Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He was recently installed as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Eastern Assistant Vice President. It is a one year term where he serves on the fraternity's International Board of Directors. This is one of the highest positions a college member can hold in the fraternity.



Fort Worth ISD Superintendent Speaks at August Branch Meeting.

Dr. Karen Molinar, the superintendent of Fort Worth ISD, spoke during the August NAACP General Membership meeting. She shared the latest data, which showed increases across grade levels and demographics. However, she expressed concern about the gap that remains between African-American students and their peers.

Dr. Molinar outlined strategies the district has implemented to support all students with academic gaps. She also highlighted a program specifically targeting schools with a high number of low-achieving students: an extended-year program. Additionally, she is seeking volunteers for a program entitled Read to Win that will also support the achievement gap that exists in schools that have a high percentage of students who are not performing on grade level.

Regarding the state takeover, Dr. Molinar explained that there are two options. One option is to close Glencrest sixth grade, which the district has already acted on; the second option is a board takeover. She noted that the community would not know what the commissioner of the state education official Mike Morrath, would decide until October or November.

Health Committee

June 2024 Men's Mental Health Month

- Men are more likely than women to experience mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and suicide.
- They are also less likely to seek help for these conditions
- Men's Mental Health Month aims to break down these barriers and encourage men to prioritize their mental well-being

Thank you, James Okpamen (TCU Medical Student), for an awesome presentation on the importance of Men's Mental Health during our June general Membership meeting. The primary focus was educating African American men in taking care of their mental well-being, encouraging open communication, and providing resources. The Health Committee is committed to helping men overcome health challenges and live healthier lives.

Membership Committee

The Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch of the NAACP is accepting membership. Anyone who desires to become a member may join or renew online by logging into the Branch's website at naacpfwtc.org and scanning the QR Code. You can join in person with any member of the branch.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

ANNUAL:

Regular Adult (Ages 21 & Older).....\$30
Youth (Ages 20 & under)\$10
Corporate\$5000

LIFETIME:

Junior Life (Ages 13 & under)\$100
(Payable in annual installments of \$25 or more)
Bronze Life (Ages 14-20) \$400
(Payable in annual installments of \$50 or more)
Silver Life\$750
(Payable in annual installments of \$75 or (more)
Gold Life\$1,500
(Only available to Silver or Regular Life

Members)

(Payable in installments of (\$150 or more)
Diamond Life \$2,500
(Only available to Gold or Golden Heritage Life

Members)

(Payable in installments of \$250 or more)

For more information, contact the NAACP Fort Worth/Tarrant County Branch by telephone: (817) 332-8919.

THE WORK CONTINUES





BECOME A MEMBER

FIGHTING FORWARD WITH MEMBERSHIP TO
PROTECT OUR LIVES, RIGHTS, AND FUTURE!



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NAACP FORT WORTH TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH TODAY AT
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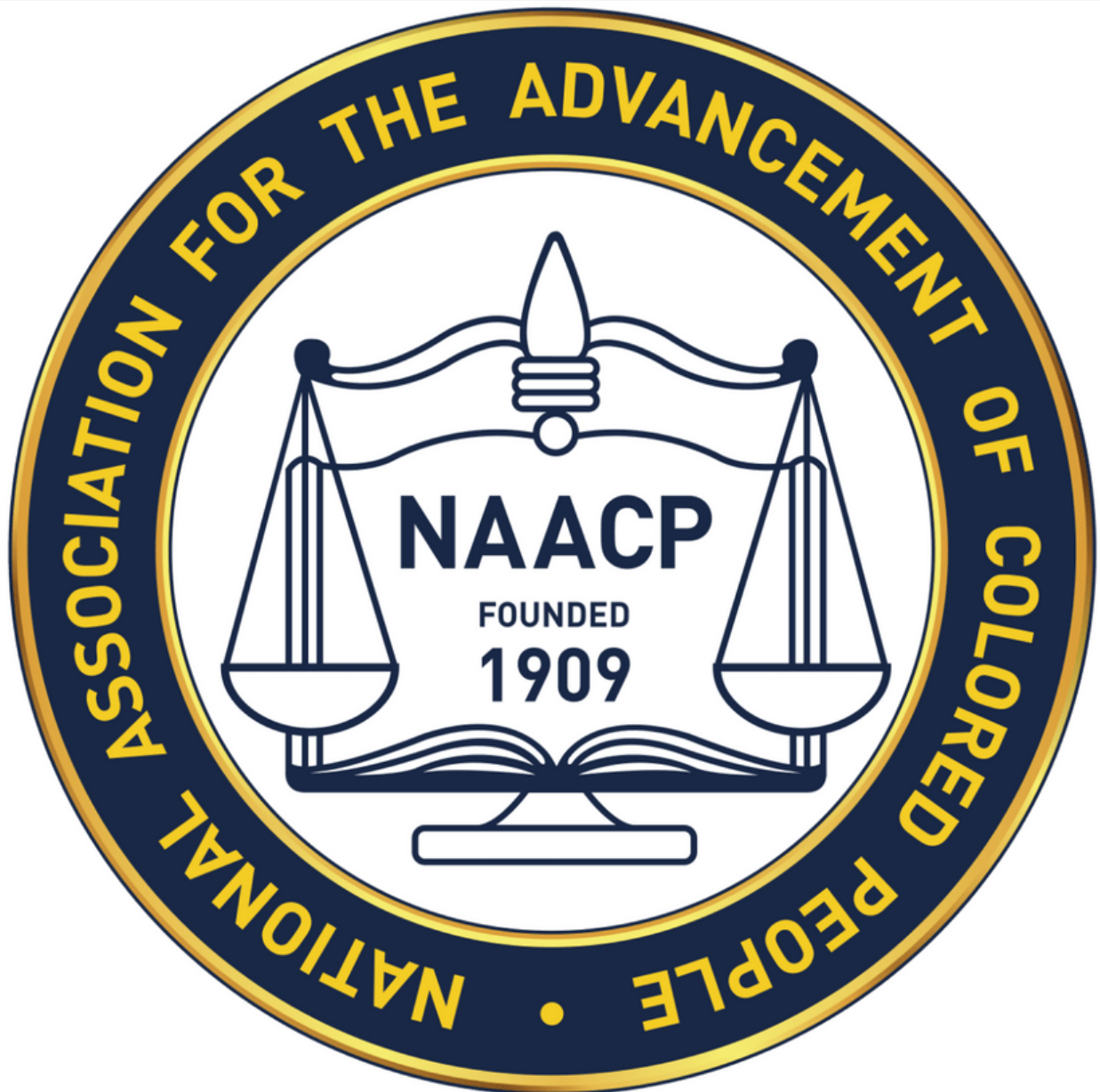


NAACP VISION STATEMENT

THE VISION OF THE NAACP IS TO ENSURE A SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND THERE IS NO RACIAL HATRED OR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

NAACP MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE NAACP IS TO ENSURE THE POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY OF RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO ELIMINATE RACIAL HATRED AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.



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