

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT- ESTELLA WILLIAMS

I am deeply humbled and grateful that you have entrusted your faith in me to serve again as President of our Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch NAACP.

Now more than ever, we need a strong and resilient organization to handle both the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. This position requires many tasks in line with the NAACP mission and vision. The goal is to collaborate efforts for the primary purpose of strengthening our organization for both individual and collective growth.

I want to continue our mission of enhancing the awareness, knowledge and understanding of our organization's purpose. The tasks ahead will not be easy, and that is why I am thankful to have some dedicated freedom fighters that will engage and work as co-leaders so that we can achieve our desired results together.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to my fellow Branch Officers who have graciously committed to embark on this journey with me. We will begin to move quickly in achieving our immediate task of addressing our membership requirements. Our Branch committee members will strive to provide assistance at all levels to effectively carry out the tasks identified according to their required program responsibilities.

In closing, I would like to thank those of you who have provided support as members, as participants during our monthly events, during our Freedom Fund Celebration and by your patience as we have made various changes. I look forward to serving as your President and to you, sharing your gifts and talents as we move forward as the oldest yet boldest civil rights organization.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS RECAP

## HOUSING COMMITTEE WESLEY MATTHEWS, CHAIR

- > The Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch Housing Committee continues to serve the Fort Worth Community and other surrounding areas that reach out to us as appropriate.
- > Has continued to be involved in day to day activities such as researching inquires that involve Housing and the circumstances that affect our community and Fair Housing.
- > Had the honor of Secretary Marcia Fudge as our Keynote Speaker at our Freedom Fund Banquet in October. She was simply awesome and shared her Visions of Housing in her role as a Cabinet member for HUD in the Biden administration.
- > In September, sponsored a very successful Town Hall event, Topics included Heirship, repair resources and an overview of Legal Aid services. The committee will continue to sponsor more of these Town Hall Meetings throughout 2023.
- > Chair attended the November 2022 Fort Worth Fair Housing & Civil Rights Conference. Special thanks to our partners from HUD for providing the information on this awesome opportunity and will be sharing some of this worthwhile information in 1st quarter of 2023.
- > Will develop plans for the 2023 Housing Summit in Partnership with HUD and other agencies in the Tarrant County area.

> The Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch Housing Committee is here for you and always ready to serve!

## ACTSO COMMITTEE SUNDRA DAVIS, CHAIR



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The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students.



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Architecture  
Biology/Microbiology  
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Earth and Space Sciences  
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Mathematics  
Medicine and Health  
Physics

### PERFORMING ARTS

Dance: Ballet  
Dance: Contemporary  
Dance: Modern  
Dance: Traditional  
Dramatics  
Music: Instrumental—Classical  
Music: Instrumental—Contemporary  
Music: Vocal—Classical  
Music: Vocal—Contemporary  
Oratory  
Poetry—Performance

### VISUAL ARTS

Drawing  
Filmmaking  
Painting  
Photography  
Sculpture



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Students can select up to 3 competitions from a total of 33 offerings.

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## Freedom Fund Banquet Committee

NADA RUDDOCK, CHAIR

### 45th Annual Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP Freedom Fund Celebration

The 45th Annual Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP Freedom Fund Celebration was held on Friday, October 21, 2022. Our special guest speaker was Marcia Fudge, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD.) The event was well attended and a success. We have received several positive comments on the event and interest from many regarding attending next year.

The event was held at the Fort Worth Convention Center. We prepared for 756 people to attend. Fifty-one (51) tables were purchased by individuals, small businesses, and corporations. Forty-three (43) tables were purchased by members and friends of the local branch.

Many thanks to our committee members who worked so hard to make the event a success. Nada Ruddock, Chair; Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair; Blake Moorman, Co-Chair and 1st Vice President; Estella Williams, President; Shymika Stephenson-Davison, 2nd Vice President; the late Gwen Hicks, our dear friend and Secretary; Karla Andrews; Attorney Bobbie Edmonds; Shannon Holloway, Assistant Treasurer; A.B. Lampkin; Dorothy Lampkin; Attorney Glenn Lewis; Wanda Matthews; Wesley Matthews, Housing Chair; Frank Moss, Sr., Treasurer; Glenda Thompson and Fred Willis.

Special thanks to Lorraine Miller, Blake Moorman, Glenda Thompson and Nada Ruddock for working so hard to sell the sponsorships.

Special thanks to Dorothy Lampkin for selling eleven (11) tables.

Special thanks to Shymika Stephenson-Davison for assembling an amazing volunteer team and many thanks to her team members. Special thanks to Lorraine Miller, Wanda Matthews and all of the volunteers that helped with the reception table and clean up after the event.

Special thanks to Fred Willis for creating the digital version of the souvenir book.

Special thanks to Blake Moorman and the publicity committee for getting the word out.

Special thanks to Dwayne Dalco for putting together a top-notch security team to keep us all safe. The Secretary of HUD's team and the Convention Center staff was very complimentary.

Special thanks to all of you who purchased tables, purchased tickets to the event and who attended the event.

Special thanks to our President, Estella Williams, and all of the branch officers for their support.



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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

LINDA IGLEHART, CHAIR

The Education Committee continues to work to ensure the educational equality of rights of all people and to provide an outlet for our community.

The Education Committee is also in the planning stages of the first Educational Forum Webinar to be held with the Fort Worth Independent School District to address certain hot button issues and for the public to hear the new Superintendent's vision for the district. These forums will be held quarterly and will involve other Tarrant County school districts as well.

We continue to accept new volunteers especially as we move into the second semester. If anyone is interested, please contact me at 817-368-9474! The Education Committee meets the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM via Zoom.



## INTRODUCING THE 2023 NAACP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Estella Williams

1st Vice President: Blake Moorman

2nd Vice President: Shymika Stephenson-Davison

Secretary: Barbara Holston

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Assistant Treasurer: Franklin Moss

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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## NAACP FORT WORTH TARRANT COUNTY STATEMENT ON AARON DEAN SENTENCING



For Immediate Release (12/20/2022):

The actions of Aaron Dean have greatly affected the lives of the Jefferson family and the entire Fort Worth Community. The emotional impact will be felt for years to come. His felony actions have done much damage to the psyche of our kids. His actions continue to perpetuate an uneasiness about the level of safety in our own homes.

The fact that the decision on sentencing is at the higher end of the spectrum of punishment, is proof that we are making progress toward judicial equity. The Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP will continue to fight the good fight to ensure that the punishment of such acts fits the crime. We believe there is no solution to tragedy, but we are hopeful for a resolve of full and total justice in the case of such crimes.

We hold hope that acceptance of the decision is a basis for continued discussion on how we can ensure movement to reach full and total justice.

Estella Williams, President



**Congratulations  
to Branch Member, Kendyl  
Locke on graduating from  
University of North Texas!**

# HONORING FORMER BRANCH SECRETARY & NAACP LIFE MEMBER, GWEN HICKS



GWENDOLYN HICKS MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD  
ON DECEMBER 10, 2022. CONTINUE TO PRAY  
FOR HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



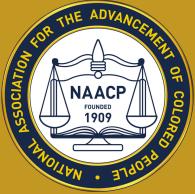
Fort Worth Based Company Takes on Issue of Homelessness in a Unique Business Collaboration. Contributed by Glenda Thompson Fort Worth based Gideon Toal Management Services, LLC (GTMS), known for its expertise in the airport lounge and concession management space and R.S. Harris LLC operating in Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR).

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Beta Tau Lambda Chapter, to buy abandoned, historic Vickery school to help revitalize southeast Fort Worth.

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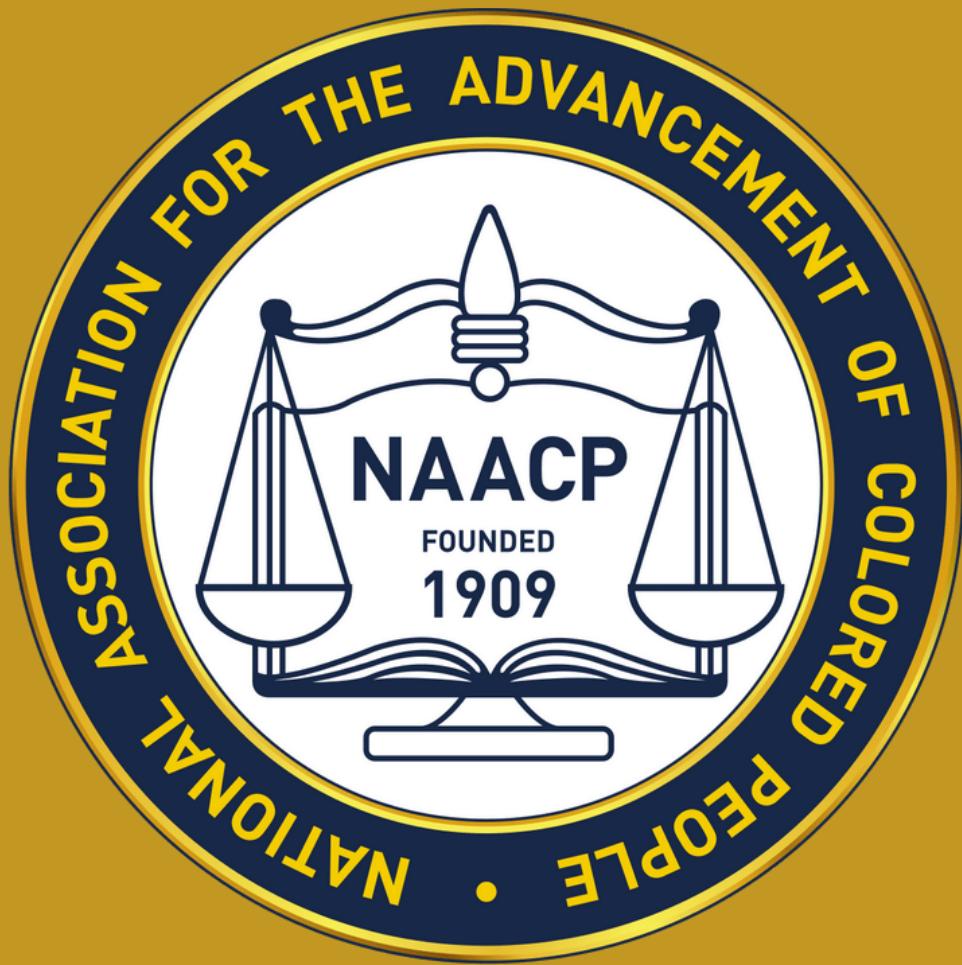


## NAACP VISION STATEMENT

OUR VISION IS TO ENSURE A SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND THERE IS NO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

## NAACP MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION IS TO ENSURE THE POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY OF RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO ELIMINATE RACE-BASED DISCRIMINATION.



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