

# Newsletter

Issue 1: 2024



Thank you to our attendees, Tarrant/ Fort Worth Candidates, Social Justice Commission Carter Metropolitan CME Church, Faith and Social Justice Coalition, and NAACP members.

## Greetings from our President Estella Williams

Twenty-nine Days Designated as year 2024 Black History Month  
Everyday there is a need to communicate something needed, demanded or just negotiated.

February 2024 consist of twenty-nine days designated as Black History Month. The month is a time when African Americans are recognized for the various contributions made and accomplishments achieved. We celebrate and recognize individuals such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, John Lewis, Ruby Bridges, The Little Rock Nine, Shirley Chisholm and many others for their bravery, determination, dedication and fight for not just "Civil Rights" but "Equal Rights!" As President of the Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch NAACP, I declare a need and a demand to recognize individuals not just during the twenty-nine days of February 2024 but for seven hundred and ninety days and I'm still counting for their contributions, commitment and dedication as Executive Committee Members, Standing Committee Chairs and members. Their names are different yet their current and/or past experiences varies as: Realtors, Fort Worth City Directors; Computer and Executive Assistants, Attorneys, Judges, Educators, Political Executive, Media/Communications Director, Law Enforcement Officers, Federal Contractor, Entrepreneurs and Financial Advisors just to name a few .

These individuals have been actively involved in community, state and national activities that are NAACP mission focused. They believe in the mission of the NAACP and have exemplified actions of a true Advocate for "Civil and Equal Rights" for all. I applaud, salute and thank each volunteer Executive Committee Member, Standing Committee Chairs and members for your labor, support, service, allegiance and for being the heart of the Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch NAACP.

Your President,  
Estella Williams

## Executive Officers

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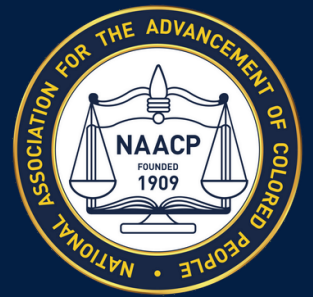
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# Branch Events



## Come and Be Heard An Advocacy Listening Tour

Thank you to the community and NPHC Tarrant County for the support on January 30, 2024.

We especially thank the Beta Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha and The Potter's House of Fort Worth for the partnership.

**APRIL 6, 2024 AT TCC-SOUTH CAMPUS**

Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch  
**ACT-SO 2023-2024**  
Afro Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics

- Branch has had a formal ACT-SO program since 1991
- Open to high school students (grades 9-12) of African descent
- Won over 43 National medals
- Cash awards and prizes to local winners

**11 CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION**  
STEM, HUMANITIES, VISUAL ARTS, PERFORMING ARTS, & BUSINESS

### ACT-SO Recruitment Begins...

The Afro Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is recruiting high school students of African descent to participate in this enrichment and competition program.

Students may complete an application on our website listed below. Then attend any of the virtual workshops offered on Saturdays from 10-12noon in February and March to learn... What is ACT-SO?

Students can select 1 or a maximum of 3 competitions listed below.

2022-2023 CATEGORIES & COMPETITIONS				
BUSINESS	HUMANITIES	PERFORMING ARTS	STEM	VISUAL ARTS
Entrepreneurship	Music Composition	Dance: Ballet	Architecture	Drawing
Health & Wellness	Original Essay	Dance: Contemporary	Biology/Microbiology	Filmmaking
	Playwriting	Dance: Modern	Chemistry/Biochemistry	Painting
	Poetry-Written	Dance: Traditional	Computer Science & Coding	Photography
	Short Story	Dramatic Arts: Acting	Earth and Space Sciences	Sculpture
		Music: Instrumental-Classical	Engineering	
		Music: Instrumental-Contemporary	Mathematics	
		Music: Instrumental-Classical	Medicine & Health	
		Music: Instrumental-Contemporary	Physics	
		Oratory	Sustainable Building Design	
		Poetry-Performance		

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Fort Worth Tarrant County ACTSO

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## CANDIDATE Forum

hosted by  
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION & FORT WORTH TARRANT COUNTY  
CARTER METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH & NAACP

WITH SUPPORT FROM  
FAITH AND JUSTICE COALITION OF TARRANT COUNTY

Come listen to the platforms of the candidates running to represent Tarrant County.

**17 Feb 2024** | 4PM - 6PM | 4601 WICHITA ST. FTW, TX 76119

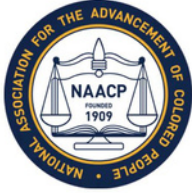
Streaming Live @cartercmeftw @CarterMetropolitanCMEChurch

## PRIMARY ELECTION - ELECTION DAY March 05, 2024

Polls are open from  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.,  
use Voter Lookup to  
find a polling location.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 23, 2024  
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## Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch NAACP Applauds Trinity Metro Decision to Offer Free Rides to The Polls in Tarrant County

**Fort Worth, TX** - Despite the efforts of the Tarrant County Judge and two Tarrant County Commissioners to suppress the vote of Tarrant County voters, sound reasoning prevailed. The Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch of the NAACP applauds **Trinity Metro** for having the vision to support voters in Tarrant County. For 115 years, the NAACP has advocated for unfettered access to voting for ALL Americans. The decision by our County Government to block access is totally un-American!

As we celebrate Black History Month, we can look to our past and learn lessons for the future. The lesson of the Montgomery Boycott is instructive. As buses were boycotted to drive a message, we should take advantage of **Trinity Metro's** free rides to the polls program. Free rides are available **March 5th** for Trinity Metro buses, ZIPZONE on-demand rideshare services, ACCESS paratransit, TEXRail and Trinity Railway Express stations in Tarrant County.

To qualify for a free ride, voters should notify their driver or train conductor that they are traveling to or from a polling location. **Find your polling location: Go To - [bit.ly/TXPollSites](https://bit.ly/TXPollSites)**

For anyone needing assistance regarding rides to the polls or voting concerns please contact the Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch NAACP office at (817) 332-8919 or send an email to [ftw.naacp.info@gmail.com](mailto:ftw.naacp.info@gmail.com).

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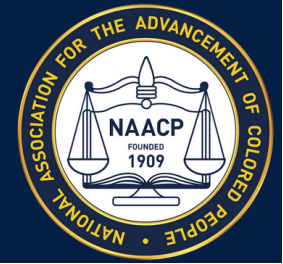
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The Annual Richard D. Hill Membership Kickoff Dinner was held January 26, 2024, at 6:00p.m. at the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, where the Reverend William T. Glynn is the pastor. Our theme for the Kickoff Dinner “Thriving Together.” The Reverend Valencia Edner, pastor of Carter Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church of Fort Worth, Texas delivered a powerful message to encourage us as we continue our struggle to thrive together.

The Kickoff Dinner began our Membership Campaign. The Membership Campaign will end November 30, 2024. In the past we have presented the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Branch NAACP Trophy to the Church or Organization who reported the most memberships. The trophy was presented for the 2023 campaign to the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Kraig Pullam is the pastor. Mr. and Mrs .A.B. Lampkin are the membership writers.

We implore you to continue to renew your membership annually and even to consider moving up to the life membership status. If you have children, grandchildren and friends, encourage them to become member of the NAACP. Contact Debra Rivers at riv3ers@sbcglobal.net for Branch Membership.



## Announcements




**NAACP Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch Scholarship**

Scholarships Requirements

- 1) Scholarship application
- 2) Essay




Scholarship Application available at <https://naacpfwtc.org/>  
Deadline: April 15, 2024

**Barbara Holston Scholarships NOW OPEN**

Applications for the Barbara Holston Education Fund Scholarships open TODAY! You can apply now through March 31. Apply on the BHEF website!



**FORT WORTH TARRANT COUNTY NAACP**  
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**General Membership Meeting**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH**  
**6:00PM**  
**VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM**

**FACEBOOK.COM/EVENT**  
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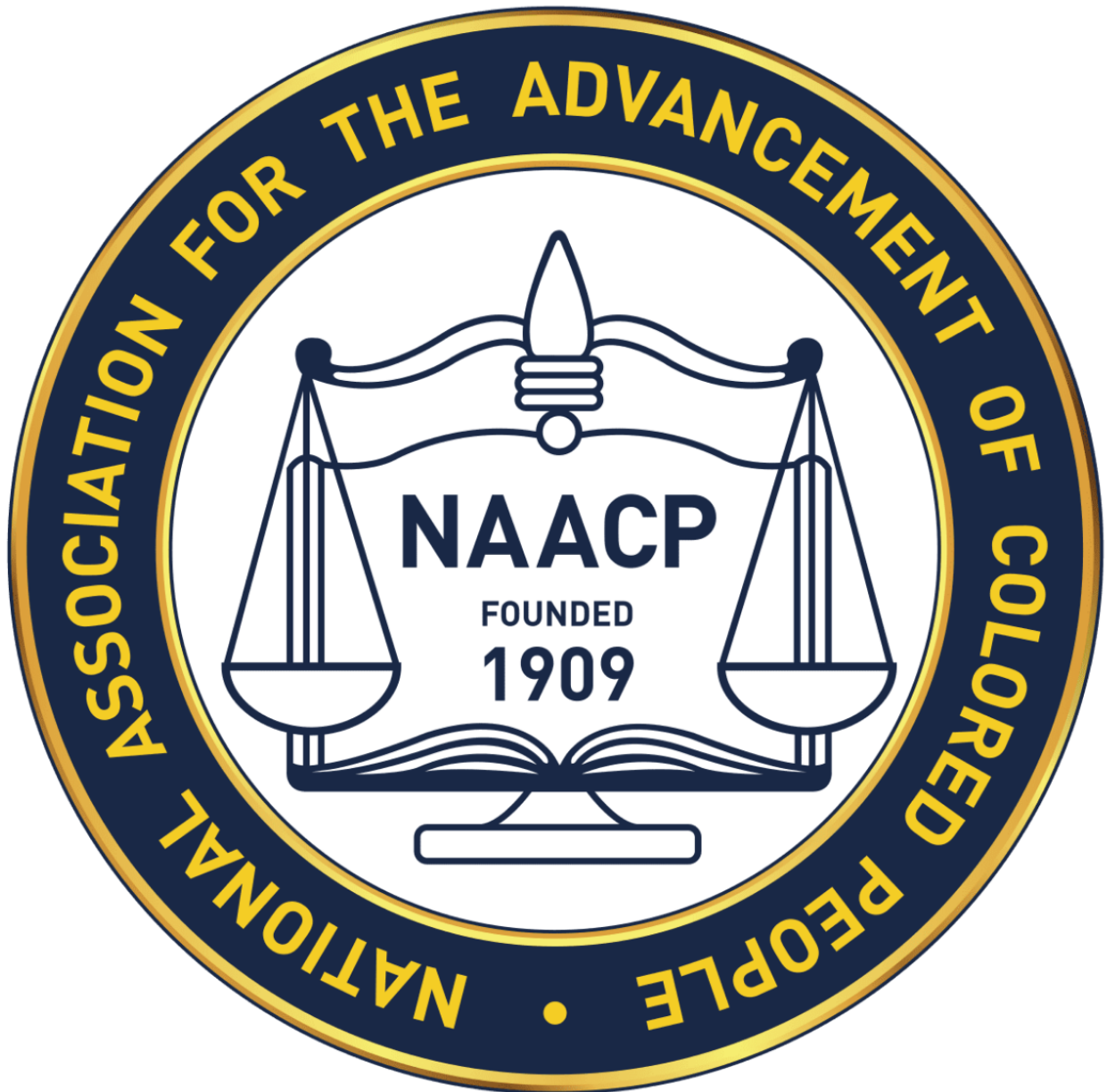
## NAACP VISION STATEMENT

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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