



# DUPAGE COUNTY NAACP

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**TENTH EDITION**

**“FIGHTING FORWARD!”**

# President's Corner

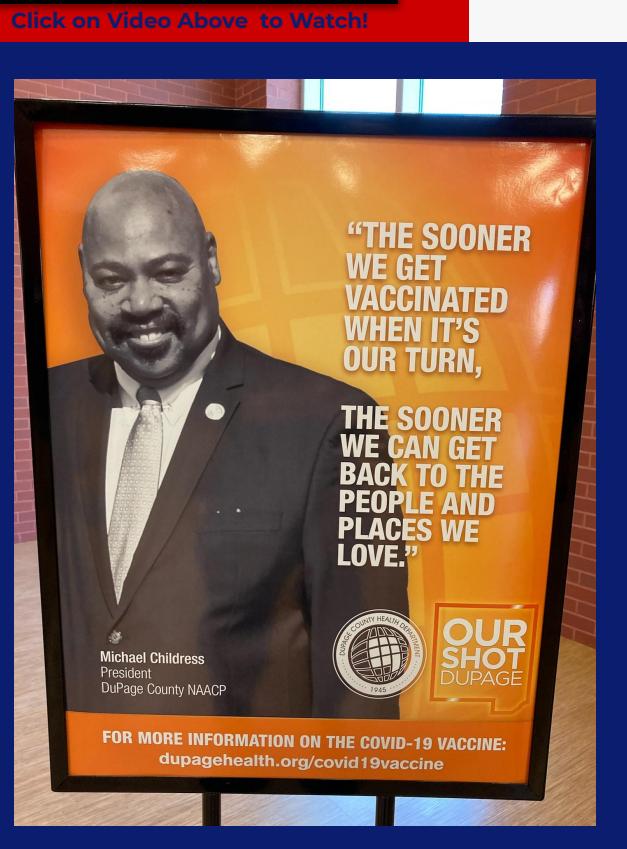


## Important Information

If you are a new member of DuPage County NAACP and have not attended an orientation session, please register for an upcoming orientation [\*\*HERE!\*\*](#)

### **CALL-TO-ACTION - ATTENTION DUPAGE COUNTY NAACP MEMBERS**

The Communications, Press & Publicity Committee along with all other committees welcomes you to join as a new member.. If you have questions please contact the Chairperson of your preferred committee. Their email can be found on the website [\*\*HERE!\*\*](#)

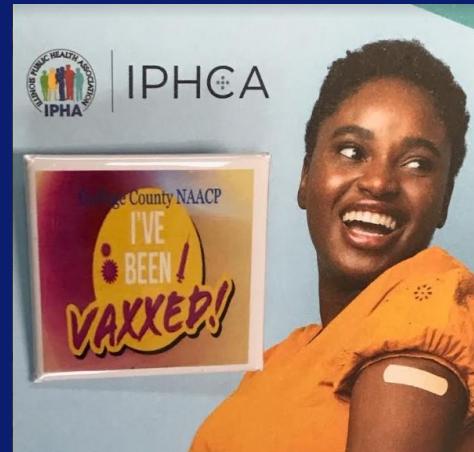


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# Health Committee:

On October 23rd the DuPage County Health Committee offered free wellness screenings for skin cancer, stroke, diabetes, and hypertension as well as Covid-19 vaccinations. The health committee is thankful for support from its booster buddies at Summit Dermatology and DuPage Immediate Care.

[Health Committee Youtube Channel](#)



# Education Committee:

During November the Education committee highlighted important members of school districts who are making a difference in the lives of children and advancing equity in policy and education. The committee spotlighted Dr. Tanisha Cannon, the deputy superintendent of equity and student services in Joliet District 86.

Dr. Tanisha Cannon, in her interview, emphasized creating a “culture of belonging” in the school district by gathering feedback from students, parents, and staff on equity and inclusion in the district. Dr. Cannon’s work includes learning where there is an unfulfilled need within the school districts and creating an equity champion group consisting of 42 teachers. [Click here to watch the full interview](#)

Health Committee Chair:  
Tyrone Johnson

Education Committee Chair:  
Kijuana Boulreuce

A collage of two images. On the left is a purple graphic with white text that reads "Tell Us Something Good" at the top. Below it are three circular icons: a house, a checkmark, and three people. Under the house icon is the text "WHAT IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY?". Under the checkmark icon is the text "NEW PROJECTS". At the bottom is the text "CREATE A CULTURE OF BELONGING". On the right is a photograph of a woman with short brown hair, smiling, wearing a dark blazer over a patterned top. She is standing in front of a bookshelf filled with books.

# *Environmental Justice*

**Get Out The Vote!**



The most important impact we can make on the environment and our daily lives is to vote political candidates who are compassionate and intelligent problem-solvers. Throughout the United States, local elections will take place in 2022 that will deeply affect communities.

Committee Chair: Connie Schmidt

# Political Action Committee

## Promoting Equity—Does My Vote Still Count?

On November 29th a Town Hall was held. Dr. Barbara Arnwine, Esq. (President & Founder of the Transformative Justice Coalition), Jay Young (Executive Director of Common Cause), Frederique Desrosiers (Policy Organizer of Chicago Votes), Ami Gandhi (Senior Counsel of Chicago Lawyers for Civil Rights), and Lance Gough (former Executive Director of the Chicago Board of Elections) spoke about the **Freedom to Vote Act** and the **John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act**. The panelists also spoke about increasing racial justice in Illinois and how to ensure each citizen has a voice.

Click [HERE](#) to watch  
the video!



## BMO for Black and Latinx Business

The DuPage County NAACP Branch Political Action Committee partnered with BMO Harris Bank on a new program that will expand lending and empowerment possibilities to Black, Latinx, and Women small businesses. This webinar was held with BMO Harris executives that explained the program's details.

BMO Harris Bank's comprehensive program offers better access to capital, educational resources, and meaningful networking opportunities! Click [HERE](#) to watch the video!

Political Action Committee Chair: Patrick Watson

# Black Owned Business Corner

## Year-In-Review

### Tablescapes By Tiffany

- Phone: (630) 248-6290
- Website: [tablescapesbytiffany.com](http://tablescapesbytiffany.com)

### Mandy's Soul Food and Kitchen

- Phone: (630) 485-7291
- Address: 151 E Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook, IL 60440
- Website: [mandysoulfoodkitchen.com](http://mandysoulfoodkitchen.com)

### Bailey's Catering LLC

- Phone: 331-775-1075
- Website: [baileys-catering.com](http://baileys-catering.com)

### Styles by Monica (Hair Salon)

- Phone: (630) 809-8690
- Address: 1709 Town Center St, Aurora, IL 60504

### That's Amazing! Sweets & Treats

(Allergy Friendly Bake Shop)

- Phone: (630) 207-8036
- Address: 16108 Division St, Unit 110 (Illinois Route 59) Plainfield, IL 60586
- Website: [thatsamazingsweetstreats.com](http://thatsamazingsweetstreats.com)

### WeCook Kitchens

(Cajun/Caribbean and African Cuisine)

- Phone: (630) 273 2486
- Address: 1 East Main Street, Plano IL
- Website: [wecook-kitchens.com](http://wecook-kitchens.com)

### Tizz So Sweet! (Dessert Shop)

- Phone: (815) 210-0892
- Website: [facebook.com/Tizz-So-Sweet-109767594208582/](http://facebook.com/Tizz-So-Sweet-109767594208582/)

### The Collective (Lifestyle Boutique)

- Address: 4724 Main Street Lisle, IL 60532
- Phone: (331) 903 – 6158
- Website: [thecollectivelhe.com](http://thecollectivelhe.com)
- Email: hello@thecollectivelhe.com

Tenth Edition Black Owned Business:

## Tylerman Films

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# Let Your Voice Be Heard

William Sampah | December 10, 2021

**"It is time we put Senators jeopardizing our civil rights on notice. We must be loud and clear, all across the nation, that we will not rest until voting rights for all are restored. This Congress must use any means possible to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act."—Derrick Johnson, President, and CEO, NAACP.**

The American people are depending on Congress to protect us against harmful legislation. There is a clear need for a solution. There are two acts, the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, both are currently in Congress seeking to be passed. The Freedom to Vote Act includes voting and redistricting as well as national standards for voting to ensure access to ballots everywhere. The John Lewis Voting Rights Act (VRA), named after the late civil rights advocate and Congressman, John Lewis, is laser-focused on strengthening and revitalizing portions of the VRA. All people will benefit by the requirement that every state must obtain federal approval before making certain changes to their voting laws. Let your voice be heard through your vote by contacting your Senator and help to protect the voting rights of the American people!

## What You Can Do

On November 10, 2021, in partnership with other major civil rights organizations, the NAACP released its Senate scorecard to grade every U.S. Senator on performance defending voting rights in the 117th U.S. Congress. Each senator's grade is based on their action or inaction on key pieces of legislation and eliminating the filibuster that would help secure voting rights. The senator's voted on the following acts of legislation.

**The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021** – Signed by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021 to support disparities of the economic and health effects of COVID-19

**The Freedom to Vote Act** – Introduced in the Senate September 14, 2021 to address voter access, registration, election integrity, security, redistricting and campaign finance.

**The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act** – Addresses discriminatory practices, establishes a targeted process, increases transparency for all people.

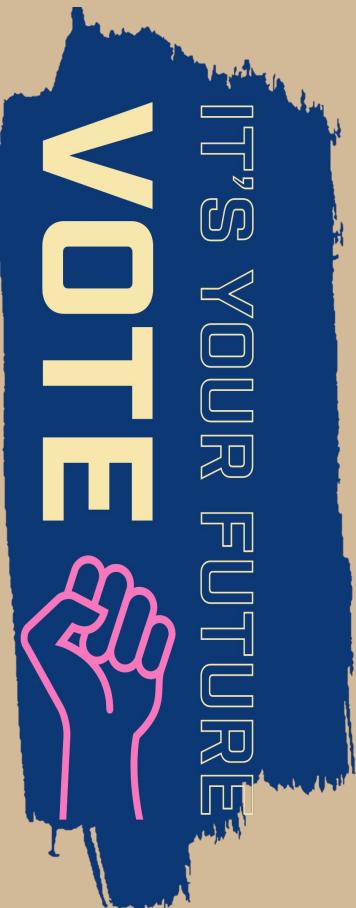
**Support for eliminating the filibuster** – Helps to eliminate the disenfranchisement of voters by not allowing prolonged debates which could jeopardize passing laws preventing voting on crucial protection bills. Visit <https://naACP.org/campaigns/civil-rights-scorecard>, view your Senator's score, and take action!

Contact them via phone or email.

<https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

Let your voice be heard.

"We are at war for our democracy," said Derrick Johnson, President, and CEO, NAACP. "Yet lawmakers are still finding a way to put partisanship above country,"



# Thanks For Reading!

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