

# DUPAGE COUNTY NAACP

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# JUNE 2021

6TH EDITION

**“WHEN WE FIGHT, WE WIN!”**

**always be you.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

## Events

### Discovery Education Events

Take time this summer to explore and appreciate the world around us with new July resources from Discovery Education! Find engaging content and activities to keep adventure alive.

- **World UFO Day (7/2):** [Discover Mars Virtual Experience](#)
  - [Companion Activity](#)
- **Independence Day (7/4):** [Declaration of Independence Channel](#)
- **Embrace Your Geekness Day (7/13):** [STEM Camp Channel](#)
- **World Emoji Day (7/17):** [Ignite My Future Emoji Essay](#)
- **National Milk Chocolate Day (7/28):** [Earth to Luna! Chocolate Seeds \(Spanish version\)](#)
- **International Day of Friendship (7/30):** [Experience Happiness, Gratitude](#)

## UNDERSTANDING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS

### Zoom Panel Discussion

**July 22, 2021 at 7pm**

**To Register For The Event,  
Go To: [bit.ly/3A8Wwl4](https://bit.ly/3A8Wwl4)**

**Moderator: Dr. Vincent Gaddis**

#### Panelists:



Louisa Nuckolls,  
Assistant State's Attorney,  
DuPage County State's  
Attorney's Office



Brittany Pedersen,  
Criminal Defense  
Attorney



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Unit 3012

Registration Link: [HERE!](#)

## Meetings

**September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Virtual or Macomb, Illinois\*  
84<sup>th</sup> Illinois NAACP State  
Convention

**November 13, 2021**

**10:00am**

Virtual or In Person\*  
Illinois NAACP State  
Quarterly Meeting

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

All members are welcome to choose a committee aligning with their interests. If you have questions please contact the Chairperson of your preferred committee. Their email can be found on the website [HERE!](#)

# President's Corner

Dear Members of DuPage County NAACP:

President Michael Childress and the Executive Committee of DuPage County NAACP are saddened by the destruction and injuries experienced by our members, neighbors and friends resulting from the tornadoes that roared through our communities on Sunday, June 20, 2021. Please know that our thoughts, prayers and well wishes are with you.

Sincerely,  
DuPage County NAACP



## **President's Comments on Juneteenth's Recognition as a Federal Holiday:**

"Juneteenth is more significant than people getting out of work or school. We, as a people, should be concerned with giving back to our communities and celebrating our cultural accomplishments. Black Independence Day should not slip by without reflection and rejoicing."

- President,  
Michael Childress



## Educational Resources

[Pride Month Explained: What Is Pride Month and Why Do We Celebrate? | PEOPLE.com](#)

[LGBTQ Resource List | GLAAD](#)

[How to be an Ally During Pride | My Resource Center](#)

[A Proclamation on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month, 2021 | The White House](#)

President Joe Biden “called upon the people of the United States to recognize the achievements of the LGBTQ+ community” in light of June being officially recognized as Pride Month. DuPage County NAACP strives to celebrate the great diversity of the American people. During LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically. In doing so, they are opening hearts and minds, and laying the foundation for a more just and equitable America.

“June is Pride Month where we celebrate inclusion and equality. During this time, we reaffirm our commitment to LGBTQ+ rights, celebrate the progress that has been achieved, and reflect on the work that must still be done. Pride Month has a history born of activism. What began as a fight for life and liberty resulted in a month-long celebration of authenticity. Pride Month allows people to bravely embrace their identities that have for too long been marginalized, attacked, and disgraced.”

- U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng

# June Events

## Environmental Justice Committee

### LAST CHANCE!!!!

A clothing store in Oakbrook Shopping Center, Altar'd States, contacted the Sierra Club about donating 10% of their Monday sales from mid April to July. The local Sierra Club will continue to donate all proceeds to the Centerville community that experiences appalling issues with water and sewer infrastructure.

To volunteer and learn more about **sustainable gardening** techniques and help a worthwhile organization: Check out <http://sustainupage.com>.

To volunteer with the **Garden Works Project** to help set up a vegetable garden go to <https://www.gardenworksproject.org>.

Committee Chair: Connie Schmidt

## Health Committee

The Health Committee has been actively exploring different strategies to increase vaccine rates in partnership with community based organizations such as YWCA, DuPage Health Coalition, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, and iHealth.

Committee Chair: Tyronne Johnson

## Education Committee

The education committee's STEAM Summer Enrichment Camp is now underway. The first session began on June 28th and the camp will end July 23rd.

Committee Chair: Kijuana Boulreuce

## Black Owned Business Corner: Tablescapes by Tiffany

Tablescapes by Tiffany exist to bring families and formality back to the table. With a passion to deliver spectacular events with perfectly organized attention to detail, Tiffany wants to make it easy to host wonderful parties without the hassle of sourcing every object. **Mention Dupage County NAACP for a discount. Offer lasts through August 31, 2021.**

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Website: Tablescapes by Tiffany**



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## Political Action Committee S1/ HR 1 - The For the People Act 2021

"This bill addresses voter access, election integrity, election security, political spending, and ethics for the three branches of government..." For more information click this [link](#).

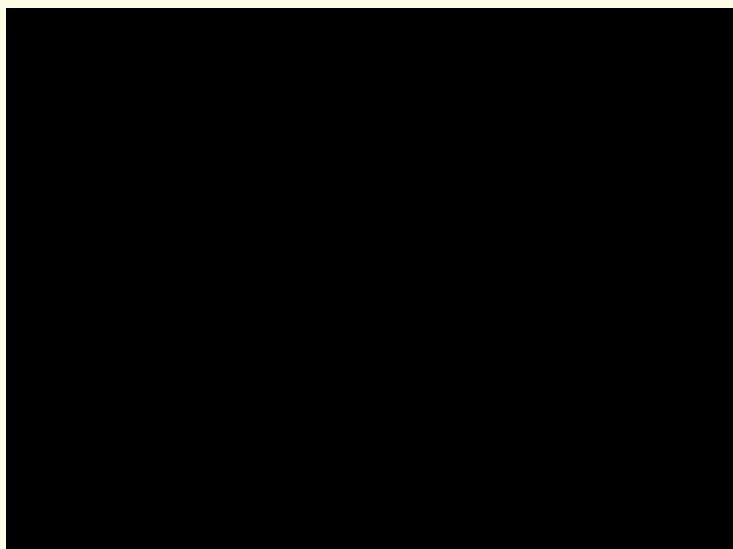
The National NAACP President and other civil rights leaders met with US Senator Joe Manchin to ask him to vote on legislation. He stated he would not vote in favor of the legislation.

The Political Action Committee called constituents in West Virginia asking them to speak with Senator Manchin's office urging him to vote in favor of legislation.

The week of June 20th, a discussion on a compromise that Senator Joe Manchin was in favor of was blocked by one side of the aisle in the Senate.

Committee Chair: Patrick Watson

## ACT-SO Achievement Program



For more than 40 years, ACT-SO has impacted the lives of African-American youth in the United States, propelling them to the top of their industry.



## H.R. 1 FOR THE PEOPLE ACT

## Program Timeline

### August

Local programs, hosted by NAACP units, kick-off annual ACT-SO activities.

### September-March

Local programs conduct mentoring and scholastic enrichment activities.

### April

Local programs host ACT-SO competitions. Gold medalists (those with scores between 95-100 in their category) are invited to compete on a national level.

### April-July

Students continue their local mentorship and enrichment programs to prepare for the national competition.

### July

Winners from the local competitions compete at the National Competition and Ceremonies, held every July in conjunction with the NAACP National Convention.

Committee Chair: Dorletta Payton

# CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth, a federal holiday celebrating the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans, was commemorated all throughout DuPage County. The branch was represented in Aurora in an event sponsored by the African American Men of Unity (AAMU) organization.

Elsewhere, people of all creeds and colors came together on June 19th, 2021 in Hanover Park for a celebration, hosted by the Kenneth Young Center, aimed to educate the community on Juneteenth. Poets, like Tim McGowan and Michael Myers, spoke at this event while volunteers registered guests to vote.

All the while, Plano held its first annual Juneteenth celebration after its City Council officially recognized the holiday on Feb. 22, 2021 making it the first city in Illinois to do so. Families and friends gathered together to rejoice, reflect, and remember Juneteenth by listening to live music and guest speakers, like comedian Torris Brown.



Additionally, Alauren Lane and Robert Stewart, Youth Communications Committee Members, represented the DuPage County NAACP and District 204 in a half-hour special about Juneteenth on ABC Chicago with news anchor Terrell Brown. To watch the video, click the link below!

[DuPage County NAACP Youth on ABC News](#)



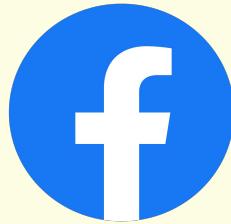
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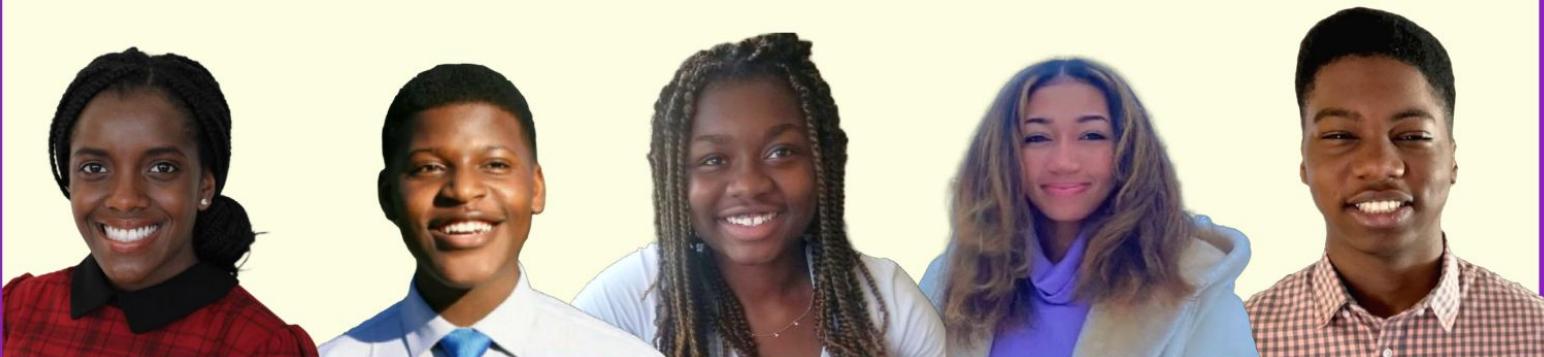
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