

# DUPAGE COUNTY NAACP

Proudly Representing DuPage, Kane, Kendall,  
Will and NW Suburban Cook Counties

**MAY  
2021**  
5TH EDITION

**"WHEN WE FIGHT, WE WIN!"**

**JOHN LEWIS  
NATIONAL  
DAY OF ACTION**



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# UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

## Events

### 2021 STEAM SCHOLARS "VIRTUAL" SUMMER CAMP Reminder

Registration has closed



June 28th -July 23rd, 2021

### 2021 STEAM SCHOLARS<sup>2</sup>



### "VIRTUAL" SUMMER CAMP



For: Students entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(2021 School Year)

S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) Camp provides knowledge-building fun through experiences in coding, game design, the arts, chess, science, literature, and composition. Learn about the pandemic, college-readiness, and financial literacy. Engage with guest speakers and much more VIRTUALLY!



Scholarships Available

[Register Here](#)

Camp Community Partners

Illinois Math and Science Academy / Northwestern University/ Elite Chess/  
Bridging the Gap Technologies/ Hughes Who Technologies /Center for Success

## TRAVELERS



DuPage County NAACP  
Serving: DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will & NW Suburban Cook  
Counties

Unit 2022



Questions: [dcneducationcommittee2@gmail.com](mailto:dcneducationcommittee2@gmail.com)

### VIRTUAL CAMP



8:30-11:30am

Elementary

3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

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1:30-4:30pm

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

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Cost: \$250

Mon-Thurs

Material Pickup  
Fridays TBA

2021 STEAM SUMMER CAMP  
FOR KIDS  
Virtual Camp

Join Us for a Fun Four Weeks!



## Meetings

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

Virtual or Macomb, Illinois\*

84<sup>th</sup> Illinois State  
Convention

November 13, 2021

10:00am

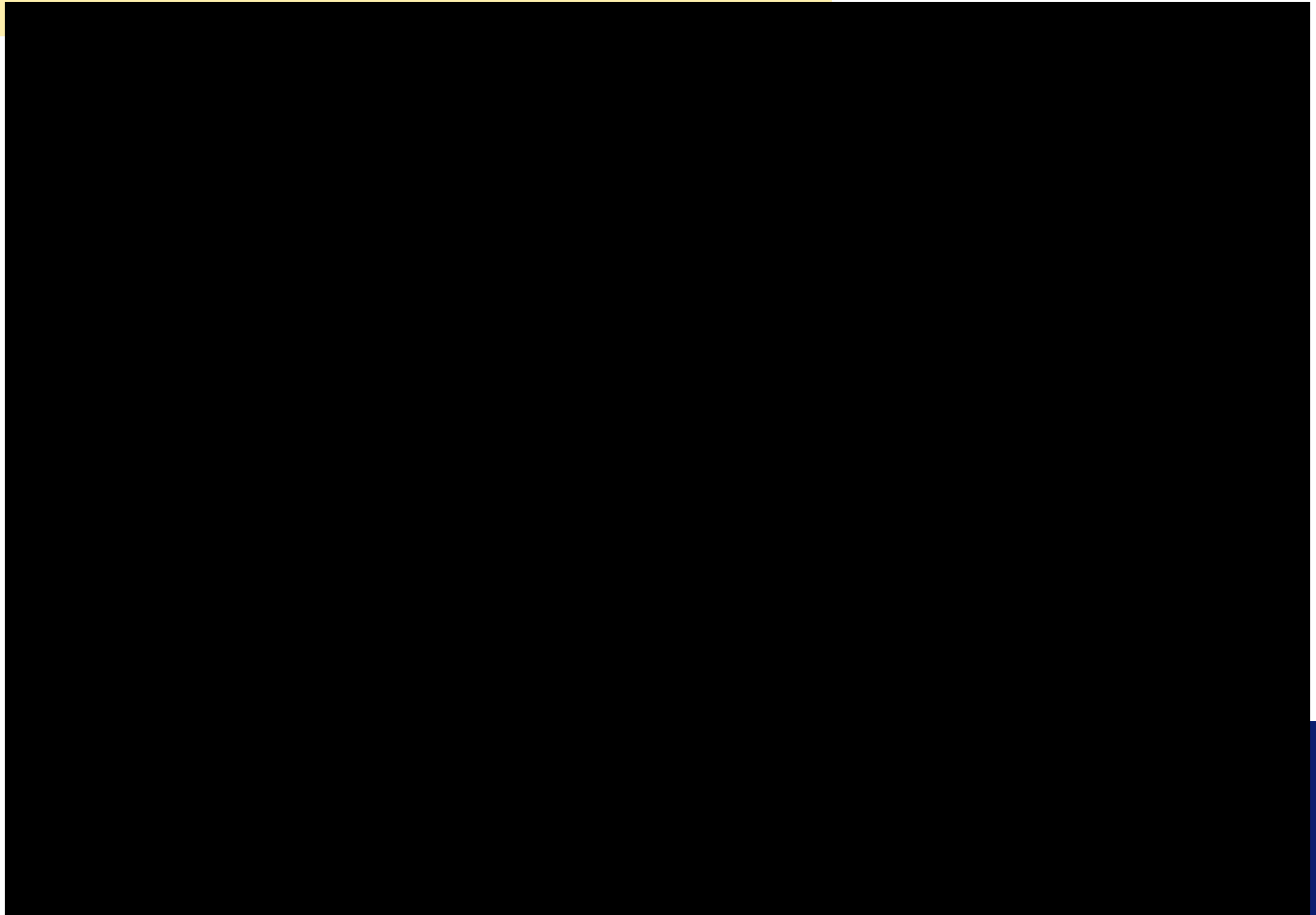
Virtual or In Person\*  
Quarterly Meeting

If you are a new member of DuPage County NAACP and have not attended an orientation session, please register for the upcoming orientation! **Orientation Registry!**



# President's Corner

Click to Watch Video!



**“When you think about that rainbow coalition we saw today, it was so powerful in protecting the right to vote for now and the generations to come.”**

# *Learn more about* ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE

In the month of May, the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI) is commemorated to celebrate AAPI within the United States. Similarly, to other months celebrating different people's heritage the week started with Congress. It took three attempts for there to be an AAPI week which occurred in May of 1979. Eventually, the celebration expanded throughout the entire month of May. The month was selected because May 10, 1869 commemorates the anniversary of an important achievement in the 19th century. On this date the transcontinental railroad was completed mainly by Chinese immigrants and celebrates the first immigration of a Japanese immigrant to the United States.

## **-Resources to Learn More-**

- [Hate is a Virus](#)
- [10 Influential Asian American and Pacific Islander Activists - Biography](#)
- [Asian American Psychological Association](#)
- [Asian Mental Health Collective](#)



# May Events

## Black Girls Rock Event

The NAACP Communications and Publicity youth, Ms. Jayla Spears, Mr. William Sampah, and Ms. Asantewaa Jones participated in the Oswego East High School's Black Student Alliance (BSA) first ever annual Black Girls Rock Fashion Show on May 6, 2021. Ms. Jayla Spears and Ms. Asantewaa Jones participated in the organizing of the event. Jayla Spears and Asantewaa Jones modeled in the event, and William Sampah performed a step routine. This breathtaking event was formed to uplift and empower black girls and honor their beauty and talent. During the show the talents of students were showcased and at the end of the show the accomplishments of many of the members were acknowledged. All of the BSA members were recognized by the sponsors of Oswego East High School's Black Students Alliance.

**Pictured (from top to bottom respectively):  
Jayla Spears, Asantewaa Jones, & William Sampah**



## Black Owned Business Corner: **WeCook Kitchens**

Vicky & Bill own WeCook Kitchens, a restaurant for Cajun/Caribbean and African cuisine. They have catering and carry-out options, as well made to order desserts. They opened the restaurant in October, 2020 after searching for a space to make their food products.

**To Place Orders, Call: 630-998-4031**  
**Address: 1 E Main St, Plano, IL**  
**Website: [wecook-kitchens.com](http://wecook-kitchens.com)**





# May Events

## Health Committee

Throughout the month of May, the Health Committee has continued its mission of changing the paradigm of health and wellness in the Black community. On May 18th, The Health Committee set the Pandemic Health Navigator program in motion. Committee chair, Janice Guider, said, "we are committed to making a success!". Also on this day, the Health Committee agreed to partner in another collaborative event for smaller pop-up clinics in the DuPage Community.

On May 19, the Health Committee addressed vaccine safety for parents of children (pediatric, adolescent, and adult) who live with cerebral palsy, autism, and other developmentally delayed diseases.

Lastly, congratulations go to Janice Guider who was recognized by The Dupage County Board of Health for Senate Bill 1854\* passing unanimously by both the Senate and House Committees. This bill is now headed for a full vote.

\*Senate Bill 1854 is a bill that will expand testing for diabetes and Vitamin D sufficiency in marginalized populations.

Committee Chair: Janice Guider



## Economic Development Committee

Committee chair Yasmeen Bankole attended the John Lewis Voting Rights Day of Action. In addition, she is working with nonprofits and small businesses within our community to support their business development goals.

Committee Chair: Yasmeen Bankole





# May Events

## Environmental Justice Committee

Altar'd States, a clothing store in Oakbrook Shopping Center, 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.

Committee Chair: Connie Schmidt

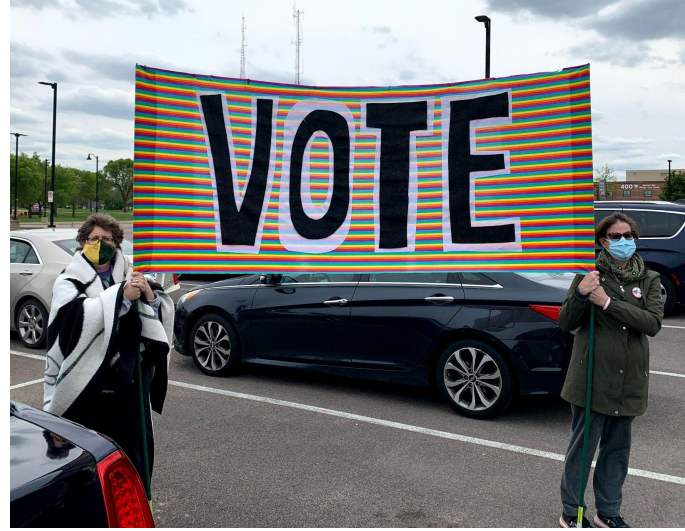
## Criminal Justice Committee

On May 27, the Criminal Justice Committee partnered with Tulsan descendents hold a commemoration in honor of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the grievous incident. Committee member Azam Nizamuddin was joined by speakers Dr. Fannie Rushing (historian), Tulsa Native Dwight Eaton, and author Tim Madigan. They discussed the history, racial tensions, and many of the leading factors that culminated in the destruction of the once known Black Wall Street.

Watch the Forum [Here!](#)

To learn more about the Massacre, visit: [www.tulsaehistory.org](http://www.tulsaehistory.org)

Committee Chair: Dr. Vincent Gaddis

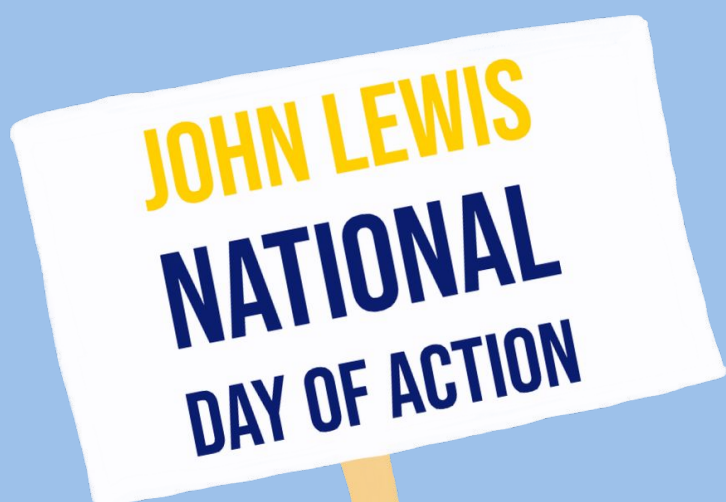


The voting rights of America's Voters of Color and Youth Voters are under attack nationally by state legislators introducing and passing laws to suppress their participation in elections. Meanwhile, big business and billionaires are able to spend unlimited amounts of funding to buy our elections.

The Youth Communications Committee members went out, in full force, to support and report on the votercade event!



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Patrick Watson, Political Action Committee Chair, collaborated with the League of Women Voters Naperville, National Council of Jewish Women, & other community partners to organize a Votercade Event in honor of The John Lewis National Day of Action.

Watch the video above to see an overview of the successful event!





# *Scholarship Alert!*



## **N-SPIRE** **SCHOLARSHIP** **OPPORTUNITIES**

**170 SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**\$800K+**

Funding available for exceptional students interested in  
STEM, Marketing, Communications, Art, and more

**DEADLINE: JUNE 18, 2021**

\* Scholarships available for high school seniors, current college students, and grad students.

**APPLY ONLINE: [NAACP.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://naacp.org/scholarships) NAACP.**

### **Applicants must:**

- Be a member of the NAACP. If you are not a member of the NAACP, join today.
- Be African American or a person of color.
- Be currently enrolled full-time or accepted to an accredited college or university in the U.S.
- Be a graduating high school senior, undergraduate student, or graduate student.
- Possess a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 system.
- Demonstrate interest in a relevant field of study where applicable.

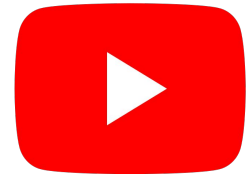
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