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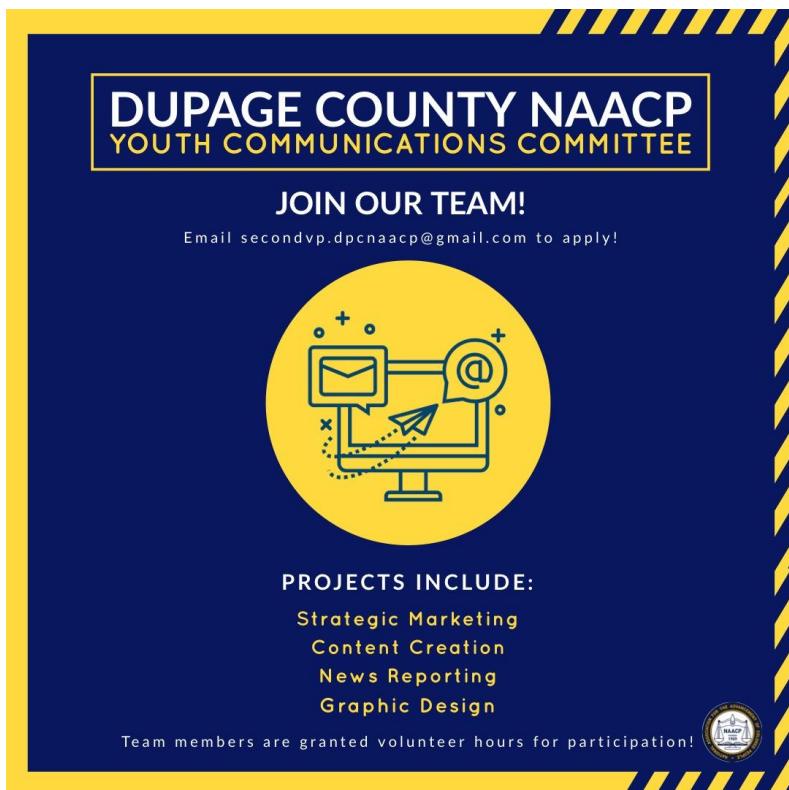
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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Events



DUPAGE COUNTY NAACP
YOUTH COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Email secondvp.dpcnaacp@gmail.com to apply!

PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Strategic Marketing
- Content Creation
- News Reporting
- Graphic Design

Team members are granted volunteer hours for participation!

Unit 3012



GOOD HEALTH MATTERS

THE DUPAGE COUNTY NAACP PRESENTS
EVERY SATURDAY AT 8AM
JULY 24TH THROUGH OCTOBER

Blood Pressure/Diabetes Screenings
Health Education
Nutrition Conversations
Healthy Eating Recipes
Healthcare Trivia
Zumba classes
Guest speakers
More!

Nike Sports Complex
288 W Diehl Rd, Naperville, IL
Meet at the shelter off of Mill Street

In partnership with the IPHA & IDPH

Follow us on Tik-Tok @dpcnaacptiktok!
If you have any questions, contact dupagecountynaacp@gmail.com.

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Meetings

September 11th-12th, 2021
Macomb, Illinois*
84th Illinois NAACP State
Convention

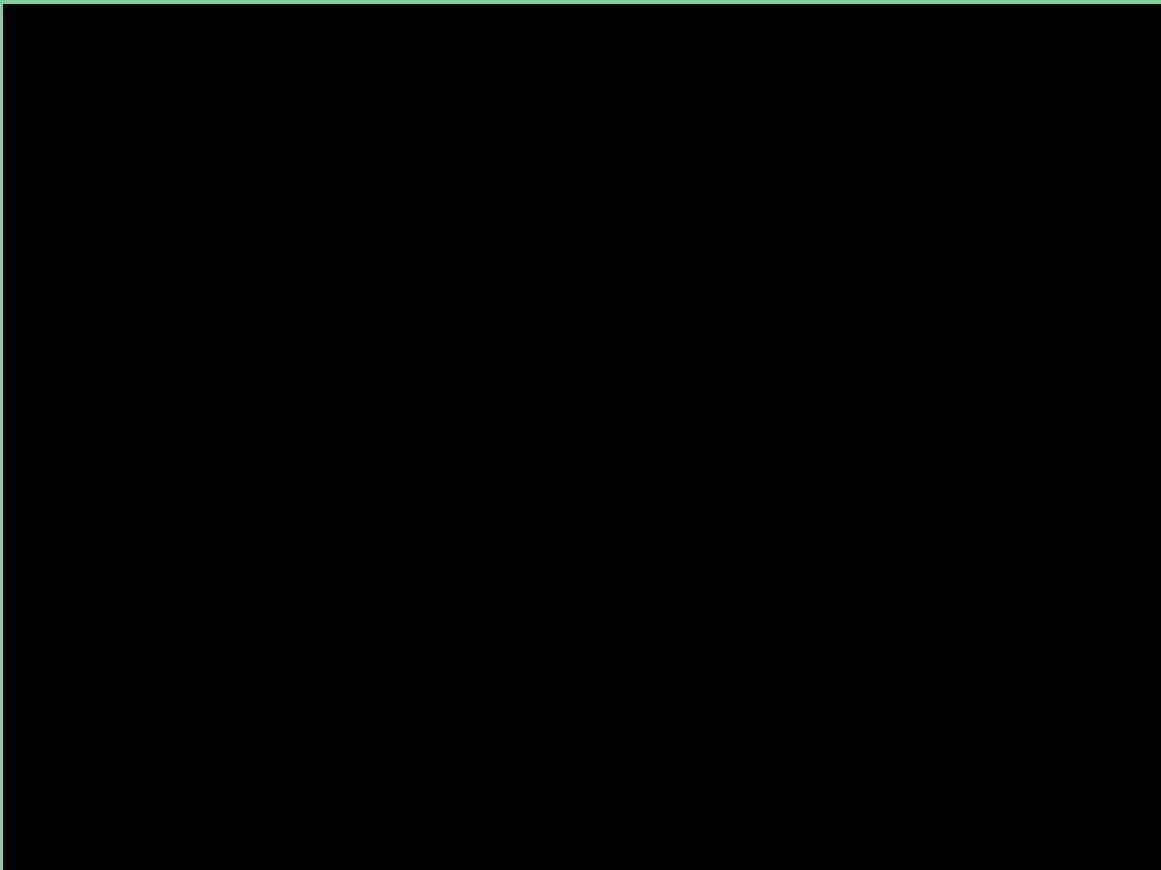
November 13, 2021
10:00am
Virtual or In Person*
Illinois NAACP State
Quarterly Meeting

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

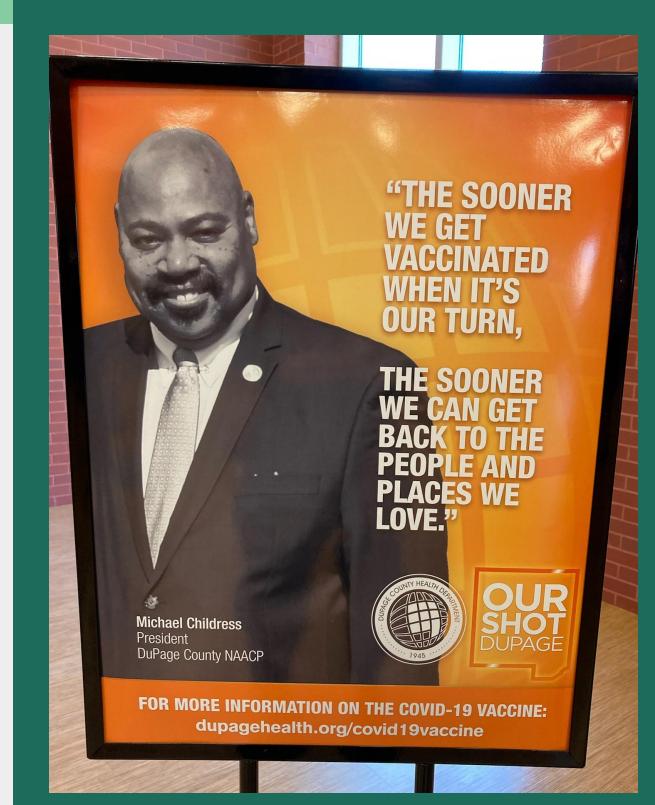
CALL-TO-ACTION - ATTENTION DUPAGE COUNTY NAACP MEMBERS

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!](#)

President's Corner



Click the Video to Watch!



Critical Race Theory and Culturally Responsive Teaching

By Robert Stewart

To move forward we have to look back because our past informs our present. Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a collection of historical experiences. When scholars approach history honestly and equitably, they can inform students in classrooms throughout the world of the experiences for all races. Through this lens students can learn and be informed of the actual occurrences which drive our current events and inform us of what occurred and why.

CRT, nevertheless, is not a new concept. Fox News raised the concern that (CRT) has become a new boogie man for people unwilling to acknowledge our country's racist history and how it impacts the present. In the 1970's and 80's, legal scholars Derrick Bell, Kimberlé Crenshaw, and Richard Delgado examined legal framework and critiqued how it is constructed, institutionalized, and perpetuated in American Society. These scholars would lay the framework for what we now know as CRT. In addition to CRT, a newer idea of implementing inclusion and racial solidarity has emerged, Culturally Responsive Teaching.

While discussion is at an all-time high surrounding (CRT) Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings, president of the National Academy of Education, has created Culturally Responsive Teaching. Dr. Ladson-Billings posits that a student-centered approach recognizes the importance of including student's cultural references in all aspects of learning. This method of education was introduced with the intention of providing safer environments for minority students in their classrooms. The Illinois State Board of Education approved it in December of 2020 with State superintendent Dr. Carmen I. Ayala stating, "Every student deserves to feel welcome, included, and accepted at school and to see their cultural identity and experiences affirmed and represented in all aspects of their educational journey".



[Nikole Hannah-Jones Links Critical Race Theory Backlash To Spread Of Voter Suppression](#)

August Events:

Political Action

Since January, 48 states have introduced **389 bills** that suppress voting rights. Parts of these bills include: **banning ballot drop boxes** and mail-in voting, **reducing early voting** days and hours, restricting who can get a mail-in ballot, prohibiting officials from promoting the use of mail-in ballots, and even **criminalizing** the distribution of water to voters waiting in the long lines these laws create. But on August 28, Americans Marched in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Miami, Phoenix, and Houston to Demand an End to Voter Disenfranchisement Laws Sweeping the Nation!



Thankfully, the Political Action Committee was able to work with **state legislators** to **increase ballot access** and mail-in ballot access in Illinois this month. The U.S. House of Representatives **passed** the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act on August 24th! [Now our efforts to fully pass this act are towards the U.S. Senate](#). The **National Action Network** is marching in Houston, Washington, **Atlanta**, Miami, **Phoenix**, and other cities across America to counteract voter suppression. In support of the march, the **Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity** donated **\$25,000!**.

August Events:

Environmental Justice Health Committee

In the July newsletter, we featured an article asking you to shop at **Altar'd State**, a clothing store in Oak Brook. 10% of their Monday sales went to benefit the people of **Centerville, IL** who have suffered from serious water issues involving their **water infrastructure** for over 20 years. Altar'd States gave the Sierra club a check for a **WHOPPING \$7,900.25!** We would like to give a **big thanks** to all the people who shopped, and let's continue to support this thoughtful business as they **support** different causes each quarter!

Committee Chair: Connie Schmidt



The health committee, in partnership with Illinois Department Public Health and Illinois Public Health Association, has been hosting Zumba classes with blood pressure screenings, nutrition conversations, and more! The event started July 24th and continues through October at the Nike Sports Complex in Naperville. Every Saturday at 8:00am, all are welcome to join!

Also, the health committee introduced its "Do The Thang", Tik-Tok challenge. With this campaign, vaccinated individuals ages 12 years old and up can send appropriate and fun videos doing their thang and saying, 'I got vaccinated!' in a short (5-10 sec) video clip. The health committee will upload appropriate and inspiring videos to their tik tok, @dpcnaacptiktok. To make a video submission visit [here](#)!



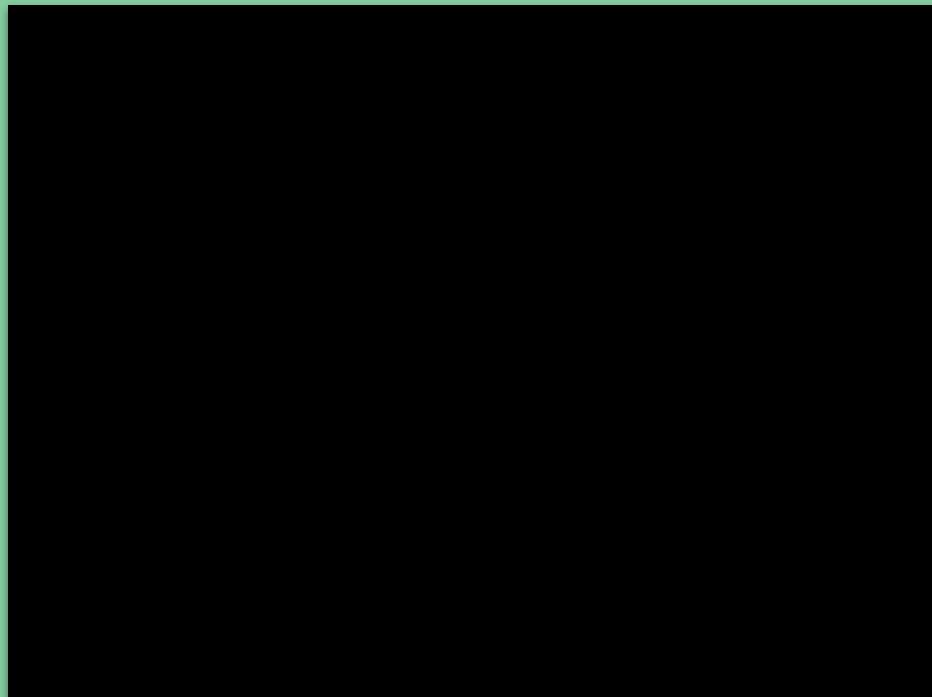
Visit our Tik-Tok!

Committee Chair: Tyronne Johnson

Eviction Resources

WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Illinois has been allotted over \$1 billion in emergency rental assistance to keep families in homes while protecting landlords' rights.Tenants may qualify for up to \$25,000 in 12 months of back rent + 3 months of future rent, paid directly to the landlord.Tenants may also qualify for assistance with unpaid utilities and services like housing counseling, mediation, and legal aid.
WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tenants' household income must be less than 80% of the Area Median Income.¹Tenants must have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19.Proof of citizenship is NOT required.As a condition of receiving payment of rental arrears, landlords are prohibited from evicting the tenant for nonpayment of rent.²
NEXT STEPS³	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rental assistance:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Refer litigants to local rental assistance programs in your jurisdiction.Direct litigants to illinoisrentalassistance.org where they can apply for rental assistance with an IDHS Service Provider in your area (now open) or directly through IHDA's Illinois Rental Payment Program (closed as of 7/28/2021 but may reopen in the fall).⁴Free legal help and mediation:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inform tenants they can call (855) 631-0811, visit evictionhelpillinois.org, or text <i>EVICTION</i> to (844) 938-4280 to see if they qualify.⁵

Black Owned Business Corner



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We The People: A Netflix Series Review

By Asantewaa Jones & William Sampah | August 20, 2021

Just two months after its release, Netflix's highly anticipated animated series *We The People* still has us reeling in our seats. Before its premiere on July 4, there wasn't much to prepare us for the eye-catching graphics, silky vocals, and groovy beats. Considering this show had the Obama's as executive producers, we weren't expecting anything less. Throughout the show, each episode explains a different topic of American society such as taxes, the court systems, and the Bill of Rights. It explores aspects of American society that are important for us to know and sets them to music with a theatrical kick in a *Schoolhouse Rock* fashion. This series is a great addition to any family's movie night. Singers like Janelle Monae, H.E.R., and Andra Day all contributed their voices to this heartfelt project. With just ten episodes, the series manages to condense considerably complex topics into short and fun synopses that are easy to understand. Some of our favorite episodes are *Active Citizenship*, *The Courts*, *The Miracle of Morning*.



Thanks For Reading!

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