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2020 *Annual* FREEDOM FUND DINNER & COMMUNITY AWARDS CEREMONY

A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

COUNTDOWN 2020: PREPARING FOR THE NEXT CENTENNIAL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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~ Program ~

MASTER AND MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES
Mr. Michael E. Kelly & Ms. Kennesha Jackson

INVOCATION
Pastor Noe Garcia
North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ

SONGS
National Anthem / Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing
Benjamin Gowell and Reginald Holmes

WELCOME AND GREETING
Dr. Karen Hardin
President, Maricopa County Branch - NAACP

GREETINGS
Arizona Governor Doug Ducey
Mayor Kate Gallego, Phoenix, AZ
Representative Reginald Bolding, Phoenix, AZ District 27

SONG
"Glory"
Reginald Holmes

Program (cont.)

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Pam Cowing, Education Committee Chair

Keynote Speaker
Ms. Jamie-Clare Flaherty
Director of Strategic Initiative - The Obama Foundation

Awards to Recipients
Dr. Karen Hardin and Mr. Michael Kelly

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Charles Fanniel
Arizona State NAACP Conference President

Closing Remarks
Dr. Camilla Westenberg
Political Action Chair

Benediction
Bishop Bertrand Russell
Pastor of Fountain of Life House of Worship, Phoenix, AZ



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing – often called “The Black National Anthem” – was written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and then set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) in 1899. It was first performed in public in the Johnsons’ hometown of Jacksonville, Florida as part of a celebration of Lincoln’s Birthday on February 12, 1900 by a choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James Weldon Johnson was principal.

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

GREETINGS FROM BRANCH PRESIDENT DR. KAREN HARDIN



Good Evening Colleagues, Friends and Community Members:

We are glad you have taken time from your busy schedule to join us tonight for our 101st Freedom Fund Dinner and Community Awards Program. This is one of our annual events where we highlight and acknowledge the hard work of our community members and publicly thank our many sponsors and supporters.

It takes a collaborative effort to accomplish our annual event and a special thank you is extended to the Freedom Fund Dinner and Community Awards Committee who worked diligently to make this event a success. A very special thank you is due to Ms. Marion Holmes and Ms. Tracy Lewis for their years of tireless dedication to organizing this annual event.

Local branch officers and executive committee members are volunteers and it is amazing the time they give to ensure the mission of the NAACP. I want to say thank you to all the executive committee members for joining me in providing service to the branch members and people in the community.

We started planning this year's program as an in-person dinner originally scheduled for April 2020. Because of the pandemic and our concern for public safety, we rescheduled our community awards program as a "Virtual Experience" to celebrate the many contributions our local trailblazers, pioneers and community heroes have made in Maricopa County.

Our corporate, and community organization partnerships are critical to our ability to help those in our community who need a hand up and those who need our support in achieving self-advocacy. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We are pleased to have with us tonight virtually, Attorney Jamie Clare Flaherty, Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Obama Foundation. Her presence will be a special treat and I am sure we will be motivated to continue striving for equal opportunities for all.

Today more than ever, we all must continue our civic non-violent duty in various forms and turn our energy into action at the ballot box. We all must pledge to protect our hard earned right to vote. This is a critical time in the history of this country, and we must work to re-store the checks and balances for a democratic country we can all be proud to call home.

Lastly, my desire is that you enjoy the program tonight and you are inspired to keep this county and this country on a truthful path that values all citizens and keeps the promises outlined in the founding documents; "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all persons are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Karen Hardin, Ed.D.
Maricopa County Branch President



DOUGLAS A. DUCEY
GOVERNOR

STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

September 2020

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Arizona, it's my honor to welcome you to the NAACP Maricopa County Branch 2020 Freedom Fund Dinner in Phoenix, Arizona.

This annual dinner highlights local civil rights pioneers, trailblazers, and community service organizations. Their leadership and contributions are important and notably contribute to the well-being of the community. Congratulations to all the honorees!

For over one hundred years, the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP has been successfully advocating for equal rights through its advocacy and action.

The state of Arizona is proudly composed of peoples of all backgrounds, from the original American Indians to migrants from other states to immigrants from around the world. It is the richness of the diversity of Arizona's population that makes the state vibrant and special.

Have a great event and once again, congratulations on your 100th Anniversary!

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

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City of Phoenix
Office of Mayor Kate Gallego

Good Evening,

It is with immense pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP as you celebrate your 2020 Freedom Fund Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony. As you celebrate the 101st anniversary of this Branch, I salute your first 100 years of presence and progress in the community as you fulfill your organization's promise to advocate for equal rights for all people Maricopa County as you **"COUNTDOWN 2020: Preparing for the Next Centennial"**.

I would like to congratulate this year's honorees. Your selfless contribution of both time and service as individuals and organizations are reflective of the collective partnerships that contribute to the uplift of the residents we serve. Your dedication to improving the educational, social, and economic outcomes for others is proof that *"...ordinary people working together can change history."*

I am honored to welcome Ms. Jamie-Clare Flaherty, Esq., tonight's keynote speaker to our City. As the Director of Strategic Initiatives from The Obama Foundation, and affiliations with the both The Joffrey Ballet and High Jump, as a Director and Trustee respectively, your accomplishments lend voice and insight on equitable community engagement in education and the arts. I look forward to your dynamic and informative keynote.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Karen Hardin for her continued vision for this organization, along with special recognition of the event's Dinner and Awards Committee. Your dedication and work will ensure tonight's virtual celebration is a success.

Congratulations again Maricopa County Branch – NAACP on your first 100 years! I look forward to continued collaboration with your leadership, membership and partners for positive reforms in public safety and health, resiliency of small businesses, and equal access to opportunities and outcomes for all.

Sincerely,

Kate Gallego
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September 25, 2020

Greetings!

While disappointed that we can't all celebrate in person like in years past, I am honored to celebrate the 2020 Maricopa County Branch NAACP Virtual Freedom Fund Dinner with each and every one of you.

The mission and message of the NAACP has never been more important than at this moment.

I want to personally congratulate the incredible leaders and partner organizations who are being honored for their work – past, present, and ongoing -- to bend that arc of the moral universe toward justice.

Arizona is a far better place because of the NAACP, and I'm blessed and humbled to be a part of this wonderful evening. Stay safe, stay strong, and stay the course!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Reginald Bolding, Jr." in a cursive style.

Representative Reginald Bolding, Jr.
Minority Whip, LD 27



GREETINGS FROM ARIZONA STATE NAACP CONFERENCE PRESIDENT



It is my esteem pleasure to welcome you to the Maricopa County Branch-NAACP's Annual Freedom Fund Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to the awardees. Thanks to Dr. Karen Hardin (the branch president), officers, and members; your hard work, Sacrifice and Commitment is appreciated very much and do not go unrecognized. Again, thanks for all you do to help make the city of Phoenix and Arizona a better place.

As the Longest standing civil rights organization in the country, the NAACP has a rich 111-year history, speaking out against acts of hatred, violence and discrimination in times of injustice. Our community knows all too well, that silence and indifference only bring pain and suffering, these days we can't afford to be silent.

We are rapidly approaching, two very important moments in our country, the 2020 Election and the 2020 Census Count. There is nothing more important to the life of our democracy, than allowing all who are eligible to have their say at the ballot box. We stand on the principles of democracy, and need to eliminate and address all aspects of voter suppression, and correct/fix, election machinery devises, focus on the infrequent voters, convince everyone that their one vote really does count, and can make a difference in the outcome of the election. We need to get everyone engaged so that we will be able to hold their elected representatives accountable to their constituencies, locally and nationally.

The census count is so important in many ways, including that the census data are the backbone of our democratic systems of government. In addition, census related figures are used to distribute more than 800 billion dollars in federal funding each year, to states and localities. Countless decisions are in the public and private sectors, are based on the census data. Unfortunately, some in our communities are reluctant to step forward and be counted. They do not realize that the information gathered is used to get a broader sense about the population in general, such as, the number of seats each state can have in the US House of Representatives. The information is also used to determine which communities will receive federal funding, and how much each year. These funds benefit the elderly, help build roads and infrastructure, schools, assist in public health efforts and contribute to neighborhood improvements. So, we all must ensure that we do all we can to get everyone counted.

Finally, each of us must work together to address several inadequacies, such as workers earning a livable wage, improvements in our education system, qualified teacher shortages, the criminal Justice system sentencing reform, community policing, for profit prisons, affordable healthcare /prescription drugs, mental Health crisis, homelessness, veterans, Seniors and the financial Crisis of Student Loans.

Yours in the struggle

Charles Fanniel
President
NAACP, Arizona State Conference

THE HISTORY



OLDEST AND BOLDEST

Founded Feb. 12, 1909, the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** “NAACP” is the nation’s oldest, largest and most widely recognized grassroots-based **civil rights organization**. Its more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

FOUNDING GROUP

The NAACP was formed partly in response to the continuing horrific practice of lynching and the 1908 race riot in Springfield, the capital of Illinois and resting place of President Abraham Lincoln. Appalled at the violence that was committed against blacks, a group of white liberals that included Mary White Ovington and Oswald Garrison Villard, both the descendants of abolitionists, William English Walling and Dr. Henry Moscowitz issued a call for a meeting to discuss racial justice. Some 60 people, seven of whom were African American (including W. E. B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Mary Church Terrell), signed the call, which was released on the centennial of Lincoln’s birth.

Other early members included Joel and Arthur Spingarn, Josephine Ruffin, Mary Talbert, Inez Milholland, Jane Addams, Florence Kelley, Sophonisba Breckinridge, John Haynes Holmes, Mary McLeod Bethune, George Henry White, Charles Edward Russell, John Dewey, William Dean Howells, Lillian Wald, Charles Darrow, Lincoln Steffens, Ray Stannard Baker, Fanny Garrison Villard, and Walter Sachs.

THE NAACP SEEKS TO REMOVE BARRIERS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

Echoing the focus of Du Bois’ Niagara Movement began in 1905, the NAACP’s stated goal was to secure for all people the rights guaranteed in the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution, which promised an end to slavery, the equal protection of the law and universal adult male suffrage, respectively.

The NAACP's principal objective is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority group citizens of United States and eliminate race prejudice. The NAACP seeks to remove all barriers of racial discrimination through the democratic processes.

The NAACP established its national office in New York City in 1910 and named a board of directors as well as a president, Moorfield Storey, a white constitutional lawyer and former president of the American Bar Association. The only African American among the organization's executives, Du Bois was made director of publications and research and in 1910 established the official journal of the NAACP, *The Crisis*.

Yet the real story of the nation's most significant civil rights organization lies in the hearts and minds of the people who would not stand idly by while the rights of America's darker citizens were denied. From bold investigations of mob brutality, protests of mass murders, segregation and discrimination, to testimony before congressional committees on the vicious tactics used to bar African Americans from the ballot box, it was the talent and tenacity of NAACP members that saved lives and changed many negative aspects of American society.

While much of NAACP history is chronicled in books, articles, pamphlets and magazines, the true movement lies in the faces—the diverse multiracial army of ordinary women and men from every walk of life, race and class—united to awaken the consciousness of a people and a nation. The NAACP will remain vigilant in its mission until the promise of America is made real for all Americans.

OBJECTIVES

The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution – the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination

To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

For more information on NAACP nationally, please go to www.naacp.org.

THE ROOTS OF NAACP - MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN ARIZONA

Since 1919, the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP has been fulfilling the promise of equal rights for all people by fighting for and addressing civil rights issues in Maricopa County and throughout Arizona.

The history of the NAACP is one of blood sweat, and tears with bold investigations of mob brutality, organizing non-violent protests against mass murders, segregation and discrimination. It is the skill, talent, commitment and tenacity of NAACP members that have saved lives and changed many negative aspects of American society.

For more than a century the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has worked to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. Inspired by the force and commitment of The Call of 1909, which denounced the growing oppression of people of color and mobilized thousands to work to bring this discrimination to an end.

Over the years, the Maricopa County Branch of NAACP has made great strides to increase its membership and to advance our mission to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination throughout Arizona.

We plea with all persons living in Arizona to get involved and help us grow this organization, which will result in more power and more voices. We welcome your ideas and expertise in helping develop strategies on our continued journey for justice and equality. The struggle for Civil Rights needs “All Boots” on the ground more than ever.

If you are currently a member of the NAACP, thank you for your continued support. If you are not currently a member, we ask for your support and your membership. WE NEED YOU.

Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

~Martin Luther King Jr.

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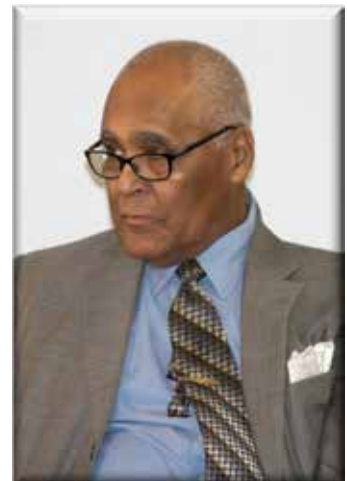
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MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES - KENNESHA JACKSON



Kennesha Jackson currently serves as the State Victims' Rights Administrator (SVRA) in Arizona and is a member of the team awarded the National Crime Victims' Rights Award by the United States Department of Justice. As the SVRA, she directs the administration and monitoring of the Victims' Right Fund distributed to criminal justice agencies statewide.

Kennesha earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University (ASU). She became interested in crime news, specifically crime and victimization and its impact on individuals and communities, while earning her bachelor's degree in journalism. After covering a crime victim related story in college, she was eager to learn about the criminal justice system and the devastating impact of crime on the lives of victims. Kennesha earned a Master's degree from ASU's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice where she quickly developed a passion for victim advocacy.

Upon graduating with a Master's Degree in criminal justice, she worked as both a victim advocate and restitution advocate where she gained ample exposure to victims' rights by monitoring criminal cases through her direct involvement with case management in both the pre- and post-conviction phases. Kennesha serves as a resource for implementation of victims' rights, including instituting best practices, as well as making recommendations for system improvements.

She lives in Phoenix where she is a community organizer, serving on the NAACP Maricopa County Branch Executive and Political Action Committees and is a member of the Delta Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - MICHAEL E. KELLY



Michael Kelly is the Manager for Kelly Consulting Alliance, a Phoenix based business consulting firm that specializes in state, municipal and local economic development advocacy, management, public relations, marketing consultation and power networking.

Michael recently completed a 6-month assignment as an Experience Matters volunteer with Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego.

From January 1995 to January 2004, Kelly was the Senior Policy Advisor to Phoenix Mayor Skip Rimsza in the economic development arena; which laid the foundation for the renaissance in downtown Phoenix.

Michael has a distinguished history of service to state residents through volunteerism, has served on numerous boards and commissions, and has raised millions of dollars over the years for non-profit organizations and public-service initiatives. He is a member of Valley Leadership Class XXI. Kelly is the current Chair of the Ellis Center for Education Excellence, a support organization at the Arizona Community Foundation. Michael spent 14 years as a board member of the Arizona Community Foundation and 6 years at the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation.

He is also a Co-Founder and President of the Leadership Consortium (TLC); a non-profit that historically provided scholarships to low income and special needs children to attend private K-12 schools. TLC currently sponsors and hosts educational programs to the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference and the Roosevelt Elementary School District.

Kelly has worked as a radio broadcaster, voice over specialist, extra in local/national television shows and commercials and is an award winning music video program producer. Mr. Kelly has a Master of Arts in Teaching and Bachelors of Arts in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh, in Pennsylvania.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - JAMIE-CLARE FLAHERTY

Director, Strategic Initiatives - The Obama Foundation



Jamie-Clare Flaherty currently serves as Director of Strategic Initiatives for The Obama Foundation. In that capacity, she helps lead public engagement, workforce development, and inclusion efforts – connecting diverse populations to opportunities with the Obama Presidential Center and the Foundation.

Prior to joining the Obama Foundation, Jamie-Clare worked as Vice President and Chief of Staff to the President and CEO at Ariel Investments. While at Ariel she led special projects, supported firm oversight, and assisted with strategic planning. She also served as chief adviser on community engagement and diversity initiatives, helping manage the annual Black Corporate Directors Conference co-hosted by Ariel Investments and Russell Reynolds.

Jamie-Clare began her career as a litigator in New York and Massachusetts handling white collar and complex commercial disputes. She also served as a federal law clerk to Hon. Jeremy Fogel of the Northern District of California.

Last year, Jamie-Clare was appointed by Gov. Pritzker to serve as a Trustee of the Illinois State Universities Retirement System.

In Chicago, she is actively involved with The Joffrey Ballet, serving on both the Board of Directors and the Women's Board. She is also a trustee for High Jump, a two-year tuition-free academic enrichment program that serves motivated 7th and 8th grade students by preparing them for high school and college success.

In 2018, Jamie-Clare was named a member of Crain's Chicago Business "40 Under 40" and in 2019 she was listed as one of "Five to Follow" for Melinda Gates' Evoke community.

Jamie-Clare received both her Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor from The University of Michigan.

INVOCATION

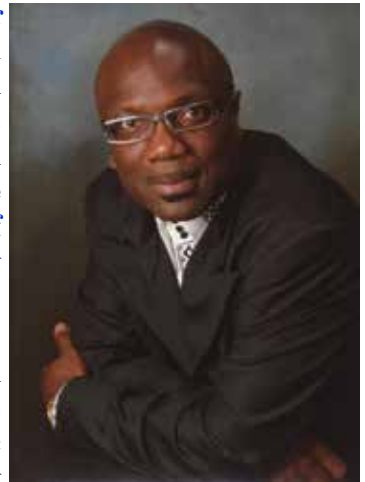


Dr. Noe Garcia is the Senior Pastor at North Phoenix Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona. He and his wife have four children and celebrate 10 years of marriage. He holds a Doctorate of Ministry and Executive Leadership from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He serves on the Evangelism team for the North American Mission Board, is a Trustee for Union University, and serves on the ERLC leadership council team. He is an adjunct professor with Gateway Seminary, a writer for Lifeway Voices blogs, and serves as the Second Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is passionate about reaching and equipping people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in Phoenix and around the world. "

BENEDICTION

Bertrand Russell, Jr. Attorney at Law, is the founder and Senior Pastor of Fountain of Life House of Worship, a multigenerational and community based church located at the base of South Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona. Fountain of Life was organized in 2003 and truly is "A Place Where Everyone is Loved." The church has been blessed with many ministries to serve the community, including a private Christian school and Fountain of Life is in the planning stages of building an affordable senior housing facility, along with a community life center and gym.



A native of Phoenix, Arizona, Bishop Russell acknowledged at an early age the gifts and talents God had given him and his desire was to use them for Kingdom expansion. He served as Minister of Music for many years and served in numerous other capacities of ministry with a servant's heart. Bishop Russell is an entrepreneur, and a bio-vocational pastor with a weekly television ministry in Phoenix, Arizona. He is the District Leader for the State of Arizona, Global United Fellowship under the leadership of Bishop Neil C. Ellis, Presiding Prelate. In July 2018, he was elevated to the office of Bishop under the leadership of Bishop Neil C. Ellis, Global United Fellowship.

Bishop Russell was educated in Phoenix and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, *Cum Laude*, and a Juris Doctor Degree from Arizona State University. A practicing attorney for over 28 years, he is also the Founder of "The Law Offices of Bertrand Russell, Jr."

In 1982, Bishop Russell married his wife of over 36 years, Jeannette. They are the parents of two children, Maya and Kye, and their daughter-in-law Alicia, who all reside in Phoenix. They have two beautiful grandchildren, Aaliyah and Amir. Together the family serves in ministry at Fountain of Life with a mission to love God passionately and people patiently.

Community Awards Program

Throughout the history of NAACP, many of America's greatest minds have worked and continue to work to affect change.

Each year, the Maricopa County Branch NAACP recognizes outstanding individuals who have made great contributions and achievements toward human and civil rights. They have helped to create a path for others to follow to ensure that those rights are achieved and economic justice is served.

We say...

*Congratulations
to our
Awardees*

2020 AWARDEES

PIONEER AWARDS



Mr. Calvin C. Goode
Former Phoenix
City Councilman



Attorney Robbin Coulon
Director of Legal Services
at the Area Agency on
Aging, Region One, Inc.

TRAILBLAZER AWARDS



Dr. Larry Johnson
President of Phoenix College



Ms. Lindsay Love
1st Black Woman member of
the Chandler United School
District Governing Board



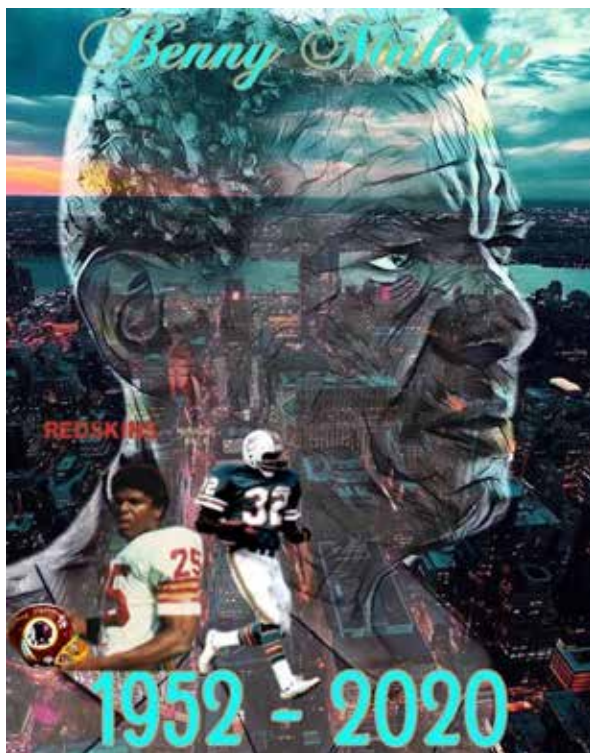
Dr. DeShawn Taylor
Owner and Medical Director
Desert Star Family
Planning, LLC

2020 AWARDEES

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



POSTHUMOUS AWARD



Honoring Ben Malone

PIONEER AWARD - MR. CALVIN C. GOODE

After working for the Phoenix High School District until 1979, Mr. Goode was elected as the second African American at-large representative to the Phoenix City Council in 1972. He served continuously on the Phoenix City Council from January 2, 1972 to January 3, 1994. He was the longest tenured elected official in the history of the City of Phoenix, serving as Vice Mayor in 1974 and 1984.

As a City councilman, Mr. Goode helped to broker a compromise that led to a Phoenix ordinance that prohibited workplace discrimination against gays, lesbians, and minorities.

Guided by a deeply held belief in God and in the equality of all people, his life-time exemplified a powerful commitment to improving the quality of life in Phoenix, especially for young people. He applied the lessons he learned from a background of poverty and discrimination to advocate equal opportunity for all. Dedicated to educational excellence, he provided leadership as a teacher, parent, mentor and guidance counselor. He strived to provide affordable housing opportunities for those in need and championed educational programs during his 22 years in office.



He was a vigorous promoter of employment, job training and business opportunities through the Job Training Partnership Act and minority and woman-owned business programs. His strong concern for families and children resulted in the development of an effective Head Start program in Phoenix. His belief in government's role to provide leadership for social and economic betterment of its people was implemented through his 11 terms on the Phoenix City Council and through committee leadership at the Maricopa Association of Governments and the National League of Cities.

WHO IS MR. CALVIN C. GOODE

Mr. Goode's family came to Arizona to work in the agricultural fields when he was a baby. He remembers picking cotton as a boy. Calvin graduated from eighth grade in Gila Bend, but the high school did not allow students of African descent. He says his mother really pushed education, "...even though she only went to the sixth grade. Dad went to the eighth grade, but he wanted us to go to high school and so we moved in order to go to school." Then Mr. Goode family moved to Prescott where their children were permitted to attend the schools.

MR. CALVIN C. GOODE (CONT.)

Calvin went to high school in Prescott until, in his junior year, he became ill. The doctor thought he had a heart condition and predicted he might only live for a year. He remembers, "I was sixteen at the time and can you imagine, I was five foot, one inch and weighed 75 pounds." His family decided to send him to Phoenix for his health. There he enrolled at Carver High School, the only high school in Arizona built exclusively for African American students. During his senior year at Carver he worked on the yearbook and was introduced to Black History. Mr. Goode graduated from Carver High School in 1945 and went to Phoenix College for two years. Then, he went to Arizona State University where he earned a business degree in 1949. Later, he earned a masters degree in education at ASU.

Mr. Goode recalls it as a time when African Americans were not allowed to eat in many restaurants, housing was restricted to certain areas and jobs were limited. He returned to Carver as the school accountant. When Phoenix schools were integrated in 1954, Carver High was closed and he got other jobs in the Phoenix Union High School District. He worked a total of thirty-years for PUHSD.

During those years he also ran a tax accounting business, called Calvin Goode & Associates. He explains, "We started out on the kitchen table and people came, Mr. Goode help me with this.' Our price was very low and we did it to help people."

Calvin married his wife Georgie in 1960. She was a school teacher and together they raised three sons and were both involved in a wide variety of community affairs. During that time, he served on the local school board and chaired the Phoenix LEAP Commission to improve education and job training opportunities.

In 1971, Mr. Goode was persuaded to run for a seat on the Phoenix City Council. Always soft-spoken, he says some people thought he was too timid to run for office, "they didn't think I could win. But with the charter government committee help, and with my contacts made in the community, we put together a campaign." He was elected and served for a total of eleven terms, a record twenty-two years. Mr. Goode was often called "conscience of the council" because he used his voice to raise questions and pushed for neglected parts of the community. To commemorate his years of service to the city, the Phoenix Municipal Building was named in his honor.

During his retirement, Mr. Goode still continues to serve his community. He is past president of the Phoenix Elementary School Board and worked on the transition committee for Governor Janet Napolitano. He still lives in the house he purchased in 1955 on 15th Street and Jefferson. He's active with the neighborhood improvement association and Booker T. Washington Child Development Center, a Head Start Program.

MR. CALVIN C. GOODE (CONT.)

Mr. Goode is also back walking the halls of his high school alma mater. He explains, “There was a lot of pride in the school. There are a lot of folks who graduated from Carver, not only in athletics, but academically too, who have achieved a great deal and what could be more fitting than where you went to high school, to bring it back as a museum.” The Carver alumni organization, led by Mr. Goode, acquired the old two-story building and is working to restore Carver High School to a place of pride in the community, as the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, showcasing the achievements of African Americans in Phoenix and Arizona.

Following is a list of the organizations Mr. Goode has served:

- ♦ Tanner Properties, Inc.
- ♦ Booker T. Washington Child Development Center
- ♦ Phoenix Monarchs Alumni Association (George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center)
- ♦ Eastlake Park Neighborhood Association
- ♦ Phoenix Elementary School District Governing Board (Past)
- ♦ Governor’s African American Advisory Council
- ♦ Arizona State University Minority Advisory Council
- ♦ Attorney General’s African American Advisory Council



Mr. Goode has won numerous awards including:

- ♦ The Phoenix Human Relations Commission Lifetime Achievement Award, which is now named the Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement Award
- ♦ The Gandhi-King-Ikeda Award – Morehouse College
- ♦ The former City Council building at 201 W. Washington was renamed The Calvin C. Goode Municipal Building



PIONEER AWARD - ATTORNEY ROBBIN COULON



Robbin M. Coulon, Esq. is the *Director of Legal Services for the Area Agency on Aging, Region One*, a non-profit social service agency in Maricopa County Arizona that provides social services and legal assistance to older adults, victims of late-life domestic violence, refugees, family caregivers, and persons with disabilities. Prior to joining the Area Agency, Ms. Coulon was a Managing Attorney with the Arizona Center for Disability Law, a non-profit law firm providing legal representation, advocacy, and community legal education regarding the rights of persons with physical and mental disabilities. In that capacity, she represented individuals and brought class action cases in both state and federal court involving employment, special education, public accommodations, housing and voting rights, with an emphasis on health and mental health law. Ms. Coulon is also a former trial attorney with the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, specializing in employment, housing, voting rights, disability rights, administrative and juvenile law.

Ms. Coulon received her Bachelor of Arts, with honors, from Arizona State University, and her Juris Doctor from the ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. She served as a legal intern for the Hon. Robert J. Corcoran, Arizona Supreme Court (retired), and began her human rights work as a law clerk with the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest. Ms. Coulon has many notable accomplishments and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the *YWCA Tribute to Leadership Award*; the *Arizona Black Bar Leadership in Diversity Award*, the *Arizona Community Foundation Distinguished Leader Award*, the *Paralyzed Veterans of Arizona President's Award*; and the *Arizona Rehabilitation Association Legislative Service Award*.

Ms. Coulon is a member of various professional and community service organizations including the Arizona Black Bar Association, the American Inns of Court, and Mujer, Inc. She is a Past President of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association and serves on the Arizona Community Foundation Board of Directors as its Vice Chair, the ASU New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Dean's Advisory Board, the City of Phoenix Mayor's African American Advisory Board, and the executive boards of the AWLA Foundation, the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations Foundation and the Black Theatre Troupe.

TRAILBLAZER AWARD - DR. LARRY JOHNSON



Dr. Larry D. Johnson, Jr. began serving as the sixth President of Phoenix College (PC), A Maricopa Community College, July 1, 2018. PC serves approximately 17,000 students, annually, and is designated as a Hispanic-serving institution. Dr. Johnson is a first-generation college student and passionate student-centered leader, who has served community colleges for more than 14 years. Previously, He served as Campus Provost & Chief Academic Officer at St. Louis Community College (Forest Park campus).

Dr. Johnson has also served in various leadership and teaching roles such as: associate dean, department chair, student concerns officer, and faculty member. He serves on a number of advisory boards and commissions to include the AACCC Commission on College Readiness and the National Council of Black American Affairs (Western Region), to name a few. Dr. Johnson is the author of a number of publications to include an autobiography entitled, *Memoirs of a Young Black Scholar: Surviving and Coping with Loss*. He holds an undergraduate degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, a graduate degree and post-graduate certificate from Florida State University, and a doctorate degree from Clark Atlanta University.



THE PRESIDENT'S PROMISE

At Phoenix College, we nurture entrepreneurship and innovation. We elevate equity, inclusion, and diverse perspectives, and we continuously seek to amplify our value to the broader community.

TRAILBLAZER AWARD - LINDSAY LOVE



Lindsay Love is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a Masters in Social Work from the University of Southern California. Dedicated to social justice issues, she works closely with teens and adults experiencing trauma, and endeavors to create safe spaces for marginalized voices. Lindsay values the diverse stories from within her community as she recognizes the strengths of individuals and groups. Using her positions on the Chandler Unified School District Governing Board and as the ASBA Black Alliance President, Lindsay has prioritized mental health, equity with an anti-racism lens, and LGBTQIA+ protections. Lindsay has lead racialized trauma trainings for the Black Alliance, community mental health agencies, VENERA Leadership Academy for Young Girls and the Health is Queer Resistance Series with Equality Arizona.

Lindsay graduated from Emerge Arizona in 2018 and went on to become the president of their board in 2019 to support Democratic women running for office. Lindsay believes in the importance of having a seat at the table. As a true social worker, Lindsay is dedicated to dismantling systems of oppression that maintain power over oppressed groups. Disrupt!



TRAILBLAZER AWARD

TRAILBLAZER AWARD - DR. DESHAWN TAYLOR



Dr. DeShawn Taylor, MD, MSc, FACOG is a board-certified Gynecologist and Family Planning Specialist, Clinical Professor, and Reproductive Rights Advocate committed to preserving and advancing access to reproductive health care for womb bearing people through service provision, education and training, and advocacy. Dr. Taylor established Desert Star Family Planning clinic in Phoenix in 2013 and founded Desert Star Institute for Family Planning, a non-profit organization for which she is the President, in 2017. Dr. Taylor is a trusted thought leader on women's reproductive health and advocacy and lends her expertise to various national, state and local boards, committees, and programs.

Dr. Taylor was conferred the Doctor of Medicine degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. After completing post graduate training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at King/Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles, California, she completed the Fellowship in Family Planning at the University of Southern California where she was also conferred a Master of Science Degree in Clinical and Biomedical Investigations.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

ADL / AT A GLANCE

Founded in 1913, our timeless mission remains the same: "To stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment to all."

What We Fight

~~ANTI-SEMITISM~~

In 1913 we stepped forward and spoke out against widespread attacks against Jews in the media, in the courts and in society. Today, we continue our unyielding support of Jews worldwide. We speak out and stand up against anti-Semitism in classrooms, online and on the streets. Our vigilance knows no bounds.

~~EXTREMISM~~

We fight extremism and abject hate with extensive reach and resources. We vigilantly monitor and investigate individuals and organizations that actively promote hate-filled ideological beliefs and a need for action. We are a global authority on extremism and our efforts are unrelenting.

~~BIGOTRY, BIAS & DISCRIMINATION~~

We confront hate in all its forms to keep it from escalating. We deliver on this issue with authority and discipline—for example, we helped craft the first model hate crime legislation in the United States. We will work to stand up for those who are vulnerable in order to help create a world free from hate.

~~CYBERHATE~~

Hate lives out in the open and hides in the far corners of the web. And so, we search, investigate, monitor and analyze its online presence around the clock. We work with companies whose platforms may disseminate hate speech to prevent that hate from coming to life. From bullying to religious discrimination to civil rights abuses, we root out and remove hatred from screens everywhere.

How We Work

INVESTIGATE AND RESEARCH

ADL tracks extremism of all kinds and releases original research on trends in hate both offline and online – from the role of misogyny in white supremacy to the potential for artificial intelligence to identify hateful comments.

EDUCATE AND TRAIN

ADL is a principal provider of school programs in the U.S. for anti-bias training, bullying prevention, Holocaust education and anti-Semitism awareness. We also provide training to federal, state and local law enforcement on implicit bias, police-community relations, extremist threats, hate crimes and cybersafety.

ADVOCATE AND ASSIST

ADL works with elected officials and policymakers to ensure the protection of American civil rights. We file legal briefs in some of our nation's most major civil rights cases. Together with social media partners, we advocate against cyberhate. We fight hate and bias with diverse coalitions, companies and individuals.

Where We Are



Regional Offices

ADL's work is community based, operating on the ground in 25 offices across the country and in Israel.

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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (CONT.)

Our Impact

ADL is a force for fighting hate in a fast changing world. We stand up to anti-Semitism and discrimination, working at the grassroots level to build a more civil society.



2.6MM

Tweets containing anti-Semitic language were identified in our 2016 report about online harassment of journalists



11K cases

in which ADL has provided **extremist-related information** to law enforcement, including critical, up-to-the-minute background on extremist threats



45

States and the District of Columbia have enacted Hate Crimes legislation based on, or similar to, the ADL model produced in 1981



2.8MM

Students impacted by ADL Education programs in schools across the United States and Israel in 2018



100%

Of all major metropolitan police departments in the U.S. have been represented in ADL's Advanced Training Seminar on extremism or Leadership Seminar on counterterrorism



1879

Anti-Semitic incidents tracked in ADL's 2018 audit – of which was a doubling of assaults and the single deadliest attack in U.S. history



5.2MM

Students impacted through our Holocaust education program, Echoes & Reflections, since inception in 2005



Over 28K

K-12 educators acquired skills to teach anti-bias concepts and support students in using ally behaviors to challenge bias and identity-based bullying



Over 140K

Law enforcement professionals, including all new FBI agents since 2001, trained by ADL over the last 10 years in partnership with the U.S. Holocaust Museum on leadership and core values

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



OUR MISSION

ACDL is a non-profit law firm that assists Arizonans with disabilities to promote and protect their legal rights to independence, justice, and equality.

OUR VISION

A society where people with disabilities enjoy full acceptance without barriers.

OUR VALUES

Disability does not diminish a person's basic right to independence, or a person's responsibility to participate in, and to contribute to all aspects of society.

THE ARIZONA CENTER FOR DISABILITY LAW

The Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL) is the federally-designated Protection and Advocacy System for the State of Arizona. Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) throughout the United States assure that the legal, human, and civil rights of persons with disabilities are protected.

In creating Protection and Advocacy Systems, Congress gave us unique authorities and responsibilities, including the power to investigate reports of abuse and neglect and violations of the rights of persons with disabilities. P&As are also authorized to pursue appropriate legal and administrative remedies on behalf of persons with disabilities to insure the enforcement of their constitutional and statutory rights.

For the past 9 years, ACDL has hosted the African American Conference on Disabilities. Along with partners, ABILITY360 and the Arizona Center for African American Resources (AzCAAR), this comprehensive conference addresses disability rights issues at the intersection of race and disability. The conference examines avenues for self-advocacy to ensure access to necessary services and enforcement of civil rights in the African American and disability communities.

Every year, agencies such as Arizona Center for Disability Law utilizes funding to complete multiple projects that advocate for greater access to Arizona's voting systems for people with disabilities. This includes projects such as poll-worker training covering topics like procedures regarding voters with disabilities, how to operate accessible voting equipment at polling sites, obligations regarding accommodations under Title II



of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Arizona Civil Rights Act, and general disability etiquette.

As a recipient of the *Online Voter Registration Unique URL Pilot Program* from the Arizona Secretary of State's office, ACDL is actively working to conduct virtual voter registration drive. The *Unique URL Pilot Program* provides a way for organizations to conduct voter registration drives electronically and ensure security through the Secretary of State's website. The goal of this program is to increase voter registration of Arizonans with disabilities and register 1,000 voters by the General Election deadline, October 5, 2020. This program will help ensure that our current public health crisis doesn't impact voter registration opportunities typically available through ACDL and other organizations.

To see the timeline that outlines important milestones in the history of ACDL, go to: www.azdisabilitylaw.org

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - HEROZONA FOUNDATION



The *HeroZona Foundation* has a strong focus on veteran initiatives and honoring those who have served our country and their family members. The nonprofit's name reflects that messaging to focus on empowering and celebrating America's veterans. Our mission is to celebrate and empower our veteran community.

Signature programs include:

HeroZona National Veteran Summit created a multi-day networking experience to improve America's support of veteran companies through workshops, networking, entrepreneurial connections, and seminars.

The Bridge Forum is an exclusive panel of police chiefs participating in a forum connecting community engagement with police professionalism.

Phoenix Tools 4 School an annual backpack event that provides basic school readiness supplies for students whose families cannot afford any or all the necessary items to start off the school year.

Veterans Reach to Teach initiative was created to lower the large number of teacher vacancies by connecting Veterans to those teaching opportunities. The Foundation saw the opportunity to bridge the more than 532,000 veterans living in Arizona, with the over 1,700 vacancies in local schools. Our program will assist Veterans and their spouses earn their Substitute Teachers and/or Permanent Teachers Certifications to serve in the classroom.

Voting for Veterans is an engagement and Get-out-the-Vote program that mobilizes Veterans for Veterans serving in public office. Voting for Veterans promotes issues important to the Veteran community and serves to mobilize those voices. Veterans for Voting is also building training for Veterans to engage in the political process.

The Bridge Forum is an exclusive panel of police chiefs participating in a forum connecting community engagement with police professionalism.

Play It Forward program is a collaborative new arts effort designed to expose Arizona students to different facets of the Performing Arts. The program is facilitated in coordination with American Legion Travis L. Williams Post 65. This program is supported by community leaders including APS and the Phoenix Suns

For more information, visit www.herozona.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

The Role of the Governing Board

The five members of Roosevelt School District's Governing Board have been elected by the people of the district to their positions. Their main responsibilities are to formulate and approve the policies which guide the operation of the district. These policies are then implemented by the superintendent and district staff. These policies include the employment of all district personnel, the development of job descriptions and responsibilities, approval of annual salary schedules, the development of annual operating budgets, the development of annual capital expenditure budgets, and the approval of textbooks and other curricular materials.

Board members are elected for four-year terms. There is no limit on the number of terms a member may serve, and they are not paid for their services. Board candidates must reside within the district boundaries for one year prior to being elected to office. We appreciate the countless hours that our board members invest in the future of our children. All Board meetings, except executive sessions, are open to the public. Under Arizona law, the Board may call an executive session to discuss personnel matters, the purchase or lease of real property, meet-and-confer discussions and legal matters with attorneys.

Governing Board Duties

As outlined by the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA), the duties of school board members are responsible for broad, futuristic thinking, minute analysis and decisive action in all areas that affect students and staff in their schools. Some roles and responsibilities are implicit. Others are specifically mandated (A.R.S. §15-341) or allowed (§15-342) by Arizona law. Everything board members do is focused on providing the best education possible for the children in their community.

Set the Direction

The governing board, with extensive involvement from the staff and community, is responsible for envisioning the future of the public schools in their community. After setting the vision and mission for the district, the governing board works collaboratively to establish strategic goals to move the organization toward the community's vision for its schools.

Provide Support

The board provides support to its organization by ensuring that resources are adequate and aligned to meet established goals. Support also is provided by recognizing and encouraging excellence throughout the organization.

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD (CONT.)

Ensure Accountability

As the community's representative in the local schools, the board is responsible for ensuring that the schools are well run – that resources are used wisely and that high standards for academic performance are set. The board as a whole needs to monitor performance to meet established goals – academic, financial and operational.

Advocate for Your Students

One of the board's most important roles is to be the ambassador for public education in the community. As individuals, each board member can help communicate the ways in which their local schools are supporting student educational needs, parent and community aspirations, and state and federal standards. Together, the board also can demonstrate that an atmosphere of collaboration and respect is the most conducive environment for providing the best education for children in the community.

MEET OUR BOARD



Lawrence Robinson
President



Michelle Campuzano
Board Clerk



Rosa Avila
Board Member

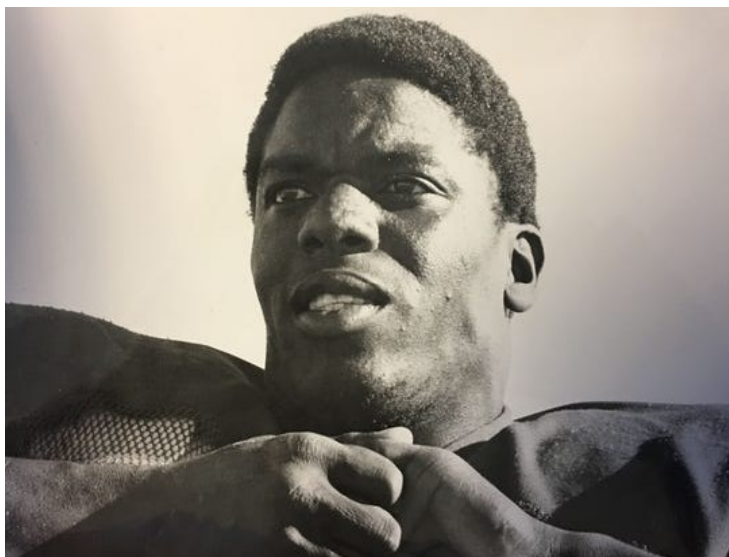


Norma Munoz
Board Member



Nancy Piña-Gray
Board Member

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD BENNY MALONE POSTHUMOUS AWARD



Benny Malone grew up in Tyler, Texas to Ben Malone Sr. and Izora Morgan. He was one of 8 children. At a young age, his family moved West to Arizona, to begin a new life. While he was a middle child, he took his place as the family patriarch, once his father had passed.

As a teen, he attended Santa Cruz High School, in Eloy, Arizona. He was a football star and in his first game he ran for 275 yards. By the time he graduated in 1970, he left his mark. He was recognized in the Scholastic Coaches magazine as high school ALL

American, awarded A-South back of the year, and received varsity letters and first place awards in football and track. He also led the team to state football championship wins.

Benny Malone received an athletic scholarship to play for the Arizona State Sun Devils. He wore the number 32 and he was a force to be reckoned with, on the field. In his first year, he ran for 4 touchdowns. He holds the record with Woody Green from 1973 as the duo with 2,399 yards! His record of 5 touchdowns against Oregon State held for 45 years, until broken recently! He also achieved back of the week by the NCAA. He was inducted into ASU Hall of Fame in football, in 1983. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education and will be forever remembered synonymously with ASU football.

After his NFL retirement he taught briefly. While his position was an aid, teachers called upon him to talk with the students and mentor them. His ability to relate and calm them helped the students open up to him. It was there where he was able to teach children life lessons that may not have been received at home. He understood that education was one of the most important tools in life so he remained steadfast in helping the youth see it.

During the 70's, Benny volunteered as a telephone celebrity, for the Arizona Easter Seals telethons, donating time and t-shirts. In retirement, he had decided upon a career change. His new calling, screen printing. He confessed that he never dreamed of this, but he found it fulfilling and peaceful. He opened Major T's, now known as Malone Sport and Print, in the late 80's. At that time, there were a few screen printers and none were black-owned. He served as a resource for many local black-owned businesses and organizations. He worked closely with the local NAACP chapters in Maricopa County,

BENNY MALONE POSTHUMOUS AWARD (CONT.)

Arizona Black Engineers, ASU sororities and fraternities, the Arizona Black Rodeo, organizers of Juneteenth, and the Arizona Black Expo, to name a few. He welcomed helping the community and contributing anywhere there was a need. His acts of humanitarian work included supplying clothing and jackets for victims of Hurricane Katrina and to organizations in the Phoenix community for many years. He understood the impact local leaders have in their communities and was a humble change agent and mentor to many. Participating in 15 Super Bowls as a vendor, he was able to provide 387 boxes of clothing to the people, in Africa! He also worked with the Arizona Steelers youth football group and sponsored youth athletic teams throughout the valley whenever requested.

Benny was recognized, in 2009, by the Arizona State University Black Engineers for his accomplishments at ASU and his community service work domestic and international.

Benny Malone passed away on March 19, 2020. He loved children and all the potential they held. He believed in the human spirit and being kind. Before his passing, he and his family provided life necessities backpacks to help aid homeless as chronic homelessness has risen in the Phoenix community this year. His wife, Laura Malone, and children will carry on his legacy.



Malone was inducted into the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School Hall of Fame in 2010.

PRESTIGIOUS PRESIDENT'S AWARD DR. WARREN H. STEWART, SR.



Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr. is a native of Coffeyville, Kansas where he was reared in a Christian family and African-American Church environment. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 16 and preached his Trail Sermon at the age of 17. He is married to the Rev. Karen E. (Curry) Stewart and they are the parents of a blended family of five sons, Warren, Jr., Matthew, Jared, Justin, Aaron and two daughters, Jamila Imani and Jessica Elizabeth (Curry) Morris. He is the grandfather of Warren Josiah, III, Micaiah Lovel, Matthew Christian II, Jared Chamberlain II, Kaira Nechee, John Paul Silas, Jase Alexander, Joshua Elijah, Mia Noelai, Sanaya Elyse, Janelle Elizabeth, Lance Nasir and Jayla Arielle, and “adopted” Jonny Angel. He is presently the

Senior Pastor of the First Institutional Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona and has served there since July 1, 1977. Dr. Stewart was appointed Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., in November 1994 and served through January 2005, and also continued serving as Chair of that Board through January 2010. In 2019, he became an Individual Life Member of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Dr. Stewart's academic achievements and awards include an Associate of Arts Degree, 1971, Honor Graduate, Coffeyville Community Junior College, Coffeyville, Kansas; Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Philosophy, 1973 graduating *Summa Cum Laude*, Bishop College, Dallas, Texas; Master of Divinity Degree, 1976, Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Master of Sacred Theology Degree, 1977, selected to deliver Commencement Address, Union Theological Seminary; Doctor of Ministry Degree, 1982, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, California; was recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, 1994; and the recipient of the Award of Excellence in Black Church Studies, 1982, Ecumenical Center for Black Church Studies, Los Angeles, California. Dr. Stewart has also been the recipient of numerous awards and commendations from churches, colleges, civic and community organizations, locally, statewide and nationally. He was recognized by *The Arizona Republic* newspaper as one of the ten most influential religious leaders in the Valley (Phoenix), October 6, 1985, *The Phoenix Gazette* 1993 Hall of Fame as being “one of ten people whose achievements had the most notable effect on . . . Arizona,” the *Arizona Daily Star* (Tucson) as a “Living Legend” on January 20, 2002, 2003 Calvin C. Mr. Goode Lifetime Achievement Award by City of Phoenix/MLK, Jr. Celebration, *Phoenix Business Journal* as one of 25 “Leaders and Legends” in the business community in 2005, *Phoenix New Times* “Best Pro-Civil Rights Pastor” and *Arizona Informant* “Faith Community Award”, both in 2011. Dr. Stewart was inducted into the 30th Anniversary

Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr. (cont.)

of the Martin Luther King, Jr. College of Ministers & Laity—Board of Preachers, and had his oil painting portrait unveiled and hung in the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel, Atlanta, GA, on April 9, 2015. Dr. Stewart and FIBC received the 2015 President's Volunteer Service Award. He was honored by being named a 2017 HISTORYMAKER by the Historical League, Inc.

Dr. Stewart is the author of *INTERPRETING GOD'S WORD IN BLACK PREACHING*, published by Judson Press, 1984 and in its fifth printing; *HOW TO HANDLE GIANTS: Sermons to African-American Youth and Their Mentors*, published by Townsend Press, 1995; *Do Prophets Exist in Contemporary Culture?*, 2009; *Our Values as a Pastor and People: The Bible Study*, 2013; and *VICTORY TOGETHER FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: The Story of Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr., Governor Evan Mecham and the Historic Battle for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday in Arizona*, 2015, as well as has published articles and sermons in several major publications. He has also served as Adjunct Professor of Ottawa University-Phoenix Campus, Phoenix Seminary and the Doctor of Ministry Program at Fuller Theological Seminary, as well as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, California. Currently, he serves on the Phoenix Seminary Board of Directors and as the Chairperson of the African American Christian Clergy Coalition, representing over 100 predominantly Black congregations and clergy in the Valley of the Sun.

Dr. Stewart served as Associate Minister of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, under the pastorate of the late Dr. Sandy F. Ray, in whose honor the Annual Sandy F. Ray Institute for pastors, ministers and lay persons was founded and held annually at First Institutional for years. At FIBC, Pastor Stewart has licensed 159 sons and daughters into the Gospel Ministry.

Dr. Stewart has traveled and preached extensively throughout the United States and internationally to include 38 States and Territories, and 52 Countries, including a challenging three-week Preaching Mission, sponsored by the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Foreign Mission Board, to several African countries including South Africa, and attended the First African/African-American Summit held in West Africa in 1991 convened by the late Dr. Leon H. Sullivan. Also, FIBC, under Pastor Stewart, built a new church edifice and parsonage for the First Institutional Baptist Church of Soweto, Republic of South Africa. In April 2004, he was extended an invitation by Executive Secretary Emile D. E. Sam-Peal to serve as the Guest Preacher during the 90th Annual Session of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc. Since February 2005, first participating on Baptist World Alliance Mission Team Trip to North-East India, he has been involved in ministry in India. Dr. Stewart's ministry is characterized by an unwavering commitment and Spirit-filled zeal to engage in *Evangelism and Emancipation*, meeting the needs of the whole person. As a result, since 1982, the First Institutional Baptist Church has intentionally BECOME A DISCIPLING FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr. (cont.)

THROUGH EVANGELISM AND EMANCIPATION under the leadership of the Holy Spirit through Dr. Stewart's pastoral ministry. In the 1990s, he led FIBC in completing three phases of the VISION 2000 Master Plan which built an educational, administrative and outreach building, acquired additional property, and renovated the worship center at a total cost of nearly four million dollars in cash debt-free. In 2004, a five million dollar family life center was built *completing the VISION 2000 Master Plan, totaling almost \$9,000,000.00*. In 2019, FIBC purchased historic property east of the FIBC campus. In addition, FIBC has established FIBCO Family Services, Inc., Samaritan House for Homeless Families, Ujima House for Unwed Teenage Mothers and their Infants, and sponsors the Broadway House low-income housing complex and several residential homes for the seriously mentally ill, all of which provide social services to thousands monthly.

Dr. Stewart served as the first General Chairperson for ARIZONANS FOR A MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATE HOLIDAY which contributed significantly to the legislative passage of Arizona's Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on September 21, 1989. Dr. Stewart also organized and led VICTORY TOGETHER, INC., a broad-based coalition that campaigned for a Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day in Arizona which was won by a historic vote of the people in the general election on November 3, 1992. He has also served as the President of the American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest and Paradise Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arizona, Inc. and Congress, respectively. In 2011, he organized an Exploratory Committee for the open U.S. Senate from Arizona in 2012 to consider running on a platform of justice. From 2012-2014, Dr. Stewart served as Chair of the Board of the National Immigration Forum as well as co-organized the Black/Brown Coalition of Arizona. He was drafted and ran for the Phoenix City Council-District 8 seat in 2013. Dr. Stewart is an enthusiastic advocate of the sanctity of life ethic which believes that all human life has intrinsic value from conception to natural death. He is also recognized by others as "a man of conscience, commitment and dedication to the cause of moral leadership, human rights and a soldier of justice and equality."



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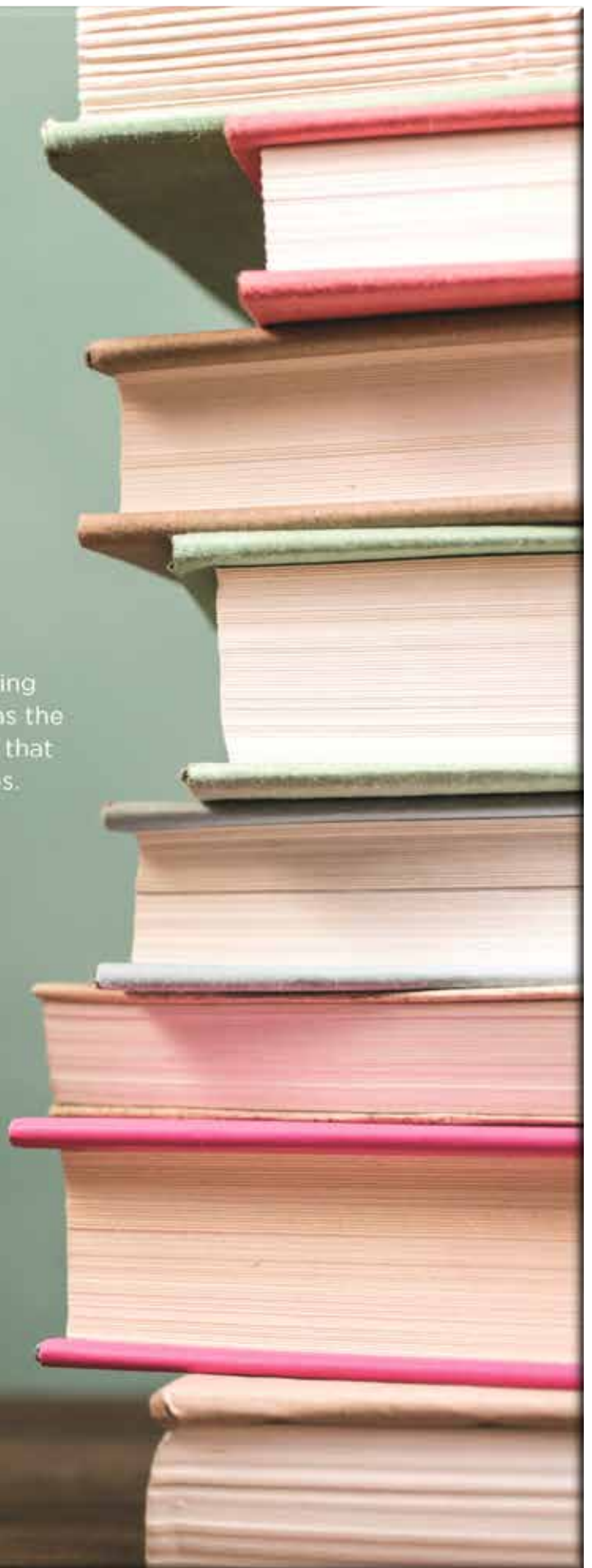
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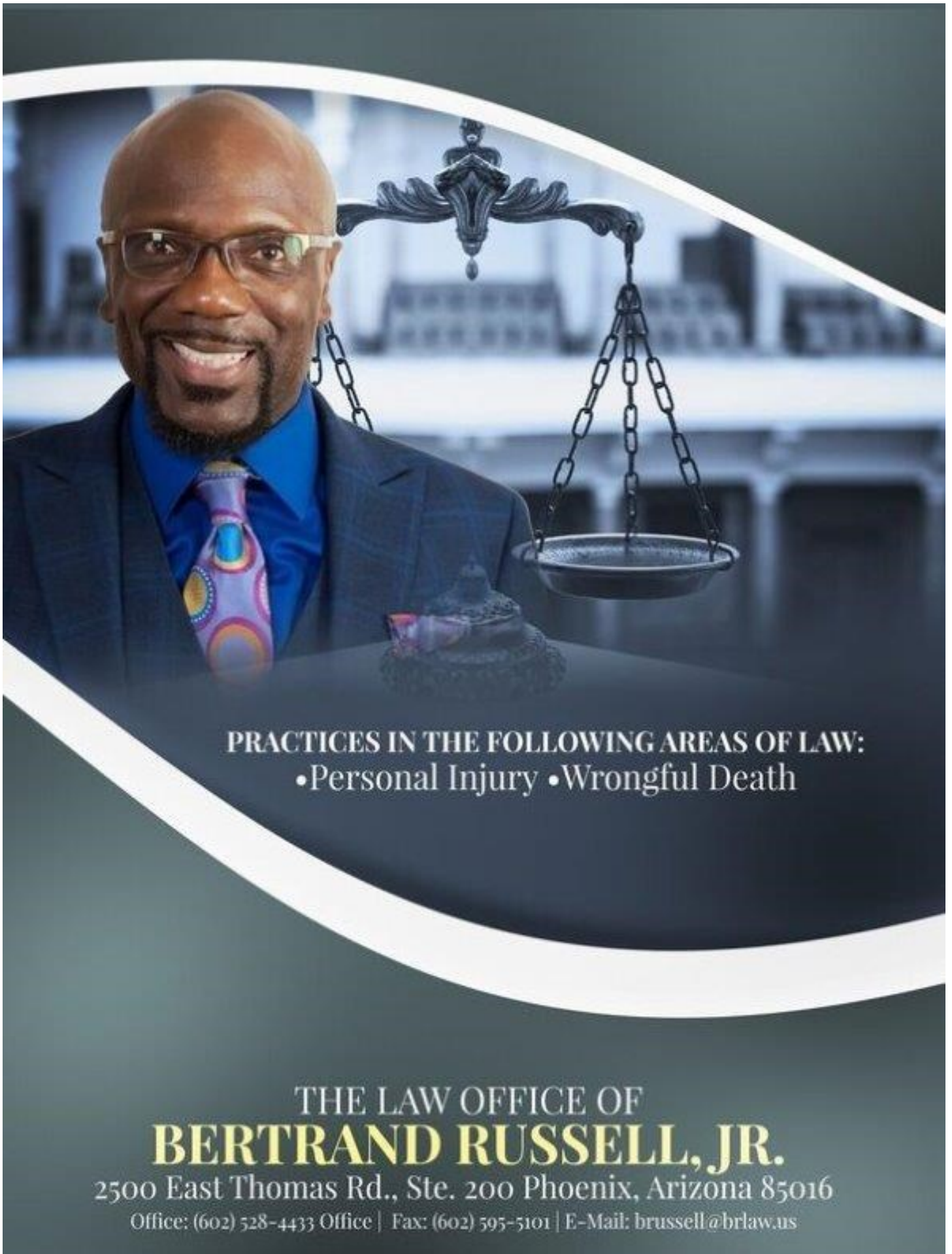
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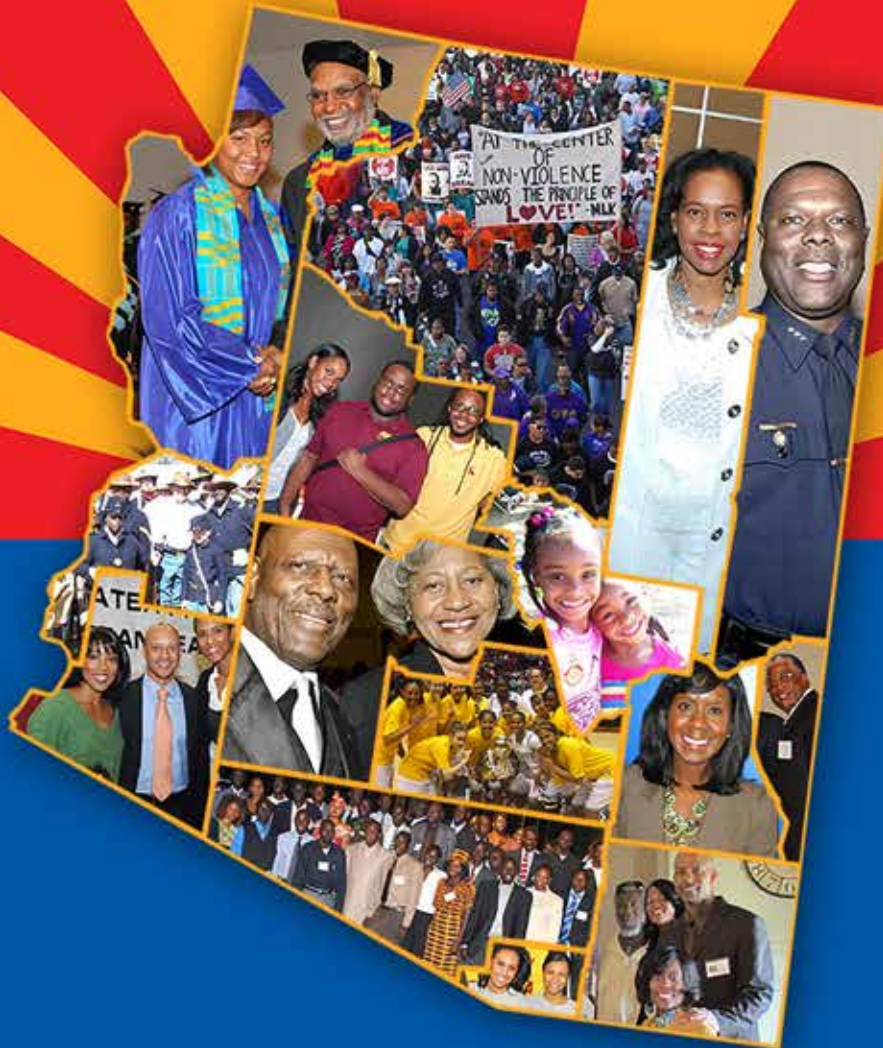
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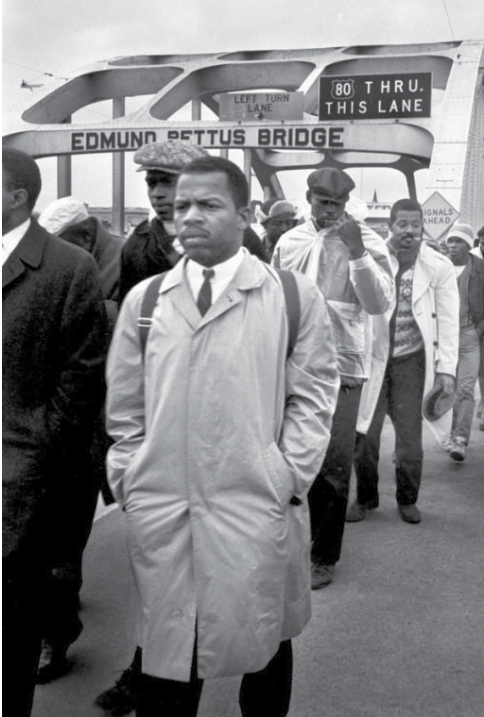
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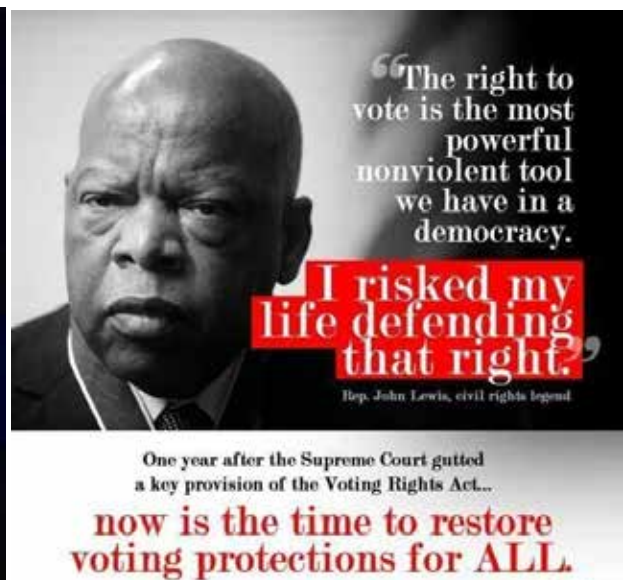
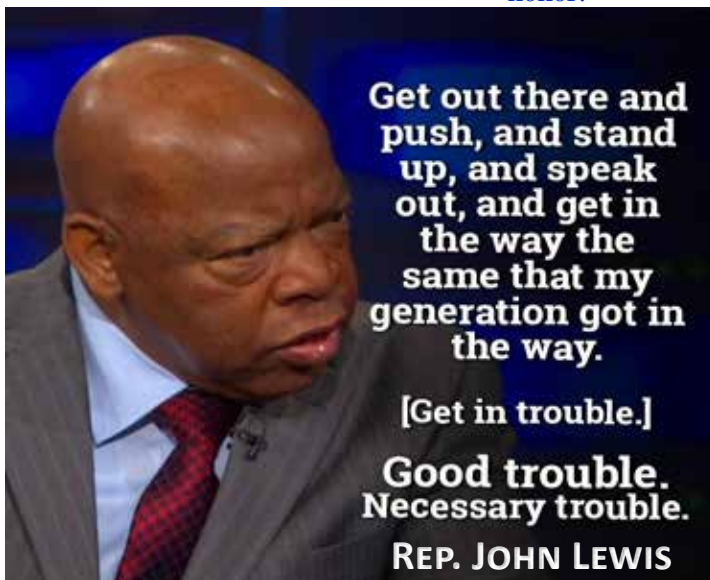
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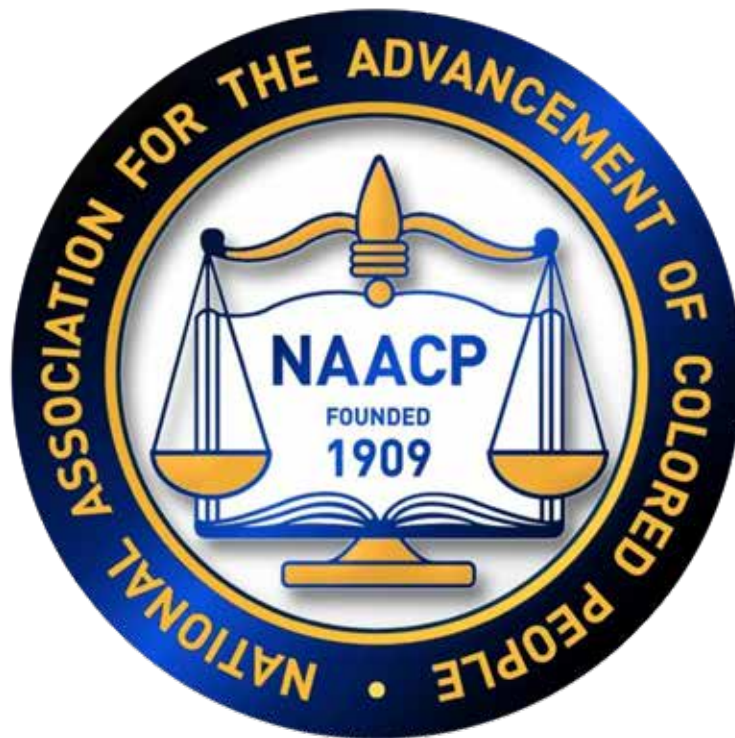
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