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Founded in 1915, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest and largest Civil and Human Rights organization in the Dayton Region. Our members, volunteers, office staff, organizers, committee chairs, X and Facebook friends continue to fight for social justice for **ALL** Americans. We hope you will be enlightened as you view our latest edition of The Dayton Branch Chronicle.

The Dayton Branch NAACP **vision** is to fulfill the Dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the **2nd "A"** of the NAACP, which stands for **ADVANCEMENT**. We encourage you to join us and participate fully in this work for a better, stronger, engaged community.

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Message From The President

Fellow Citizens,

I am proud to announce that we made history once again by earning national recognition during the NAACP 116th National Convention, held in Charlotte, North Carolina. For the twelfth consecutive year, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was honored with two esteemed Thalheimer Awards which are the NAACP's highest accolade for outstanding achievements in programming and publications.

This prestigious award is presented annually to NAACP branches and units that demonstrate exceptional work in implementing the organization's strategic priorities, as mandated by the National Board of Directors. These priorities include: building membership, advancing civil rights and compliance, enhancing legal advocacy, promoting economic empowerment, ensuring educational equity, supporting health advocacy, increasing civic and political engagement, and strengthening the criminal justice system.

First established in 1944 through a grant from Dr. Ross Thalheimer, a philosopher and sociology instructor at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Washington, and president of the Thalheimer Foundation Inc., the award has long recognized excellence in grassroots advocacy and civil rights programming.

I had the opportunity to attend the convention alongside thirteen dedicated adult members from our branch, as well as thirteen passionate youth and college representatives from the Littlejohn Junior Youth Council, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall High School Chapter, Dayton Youth Council, and the Dayton ACT-SO Youth Program. Our presence at the convention not only highlighted the strength and diversity of adult and youth leadership in our community but also allowed us to build meaningful connections, share our experiences, and bring back valuable insights to further our mission at home. Each of these groups plays a vital role in our success.

The 48th NAACP National ACT-SO Awards also took place in Charlotte, North Carolina, where seven outstanding high school students throughout the Dayton Region proudly represented the Dayton Branch NAACP in the prestigious Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) national competition. Their participation marks a significant achievement, showcasing the academic excellence, creativity, and talent of Dayton's youth on a national stage. Four students were given the unique opportunity to perform as part of the National ACT-SO Choir during the prestigious awards show, showcasing their vocal talents on a national stage.

Several our delegates exercised leadership and were elected to national leadership roles. They included the following: Christina D. Jones, Vice President of Dayton Youth Council, was elected Vice Chair for NAACP Region III Youth and College Division; A'Mariyana Bennett-Crowder, President of Move Foward Thurgood Marshall High School Chapter, was elected to serve on the NAACP National Credentials Committee; and I was elected as the Chairman of the NAACP National Credentials Committee. ***To God be the Glory!!!***

Your community servant,

Dr. Derrick L. Foward



Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President
"Our Success is Influenced by Your Actions!"
"Zero Dollars, Zero Cents!"

"Move Forward With Foward"

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Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership continues to grow, up 10.80% vs previous year.

TAKE A STAND
FOR EQUALITY
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
Join the oldest and boldest and baddest civil rights organization in the nation.
Join the NAACP



Joann Cox
Silver Life Member

Subscribing Silver Life Members

Kevin O'Donnell | Larry Ramey

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Jo A. Lovelace Hill



Dinah M. Williams
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee



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Civil Rights Complaints



Dr. Morris L. Brown
Investigator



Chris R. Cortner
Investigator



Gary J. Leppla, Esq.
Advisor



Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Investigator



David K. Greer, Sr.
Investigator

The Labor and Industry Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee worked together to investigate 18 complaints of discrimination, down 27.27% vs previous year.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 33.33%
- Police Misconduct - 11.11%
- Housing - 11.11%
- False Arrest - 11.11%
- Education - 5.55%

The Role of the Legal Redress Committee

The Legal Redress Committee shall (1) investigate all cases reported to it; (2) supervise all litigation in which the Unit is interested; and (3) keep the National Office and the Branch informed on the progress of every case. It shall not give general legal advice.

Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Chair, Criminal Justice Committee

David K. Greer, Sr.
Chair, Labor & Industry Committee

Gary J. Leppla, Esq.
Chair, Legal redress Committee

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Labor & Industry Investigation



The Role of the Labor & Industry Committee

The Labor and Industry Committee shall seek ways to improve the economic status of minority groups by (1) working to eliminate discriminatory employment practices in industry and government, wage differentials based on race, unequal opportunities for training and promotion, and unfair dismissals; (2) encouraging greater participation in the trade union movement; (3) working to end discriminatory practices in labor unions; (4) securing the enactment of state and federal fair employment practices legislation; and (5) working for improved opportunities in vocational and apprenticeship training.

David K. Greer, Sr.
Chair, Labor & Industry Committee

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Criminal Justice Investigation



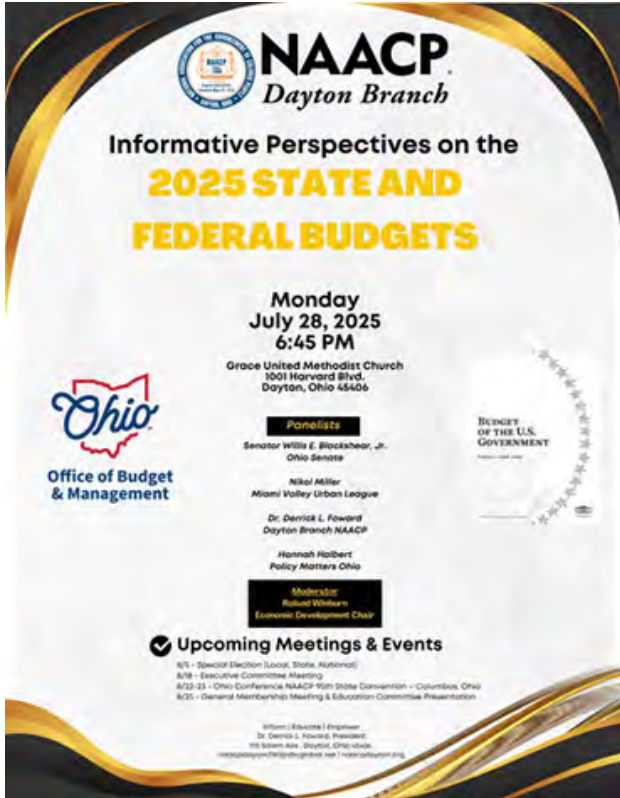
The Role of the Criminal Justice Committee

The Committee on Criminal Justice shall (1) seek to eliminate harsh and unfair sentencing practices that are responsible for mass incarceration and racial disparities in the prison system; (2) support and seek to increase trust and public safety by advancing effective law enforcement practices; (3) fight for the restoration of the voting rights of formerly incarcerated people and the removal of barriers to employment; (4) elevate the voices of crime victim survivors in order to identify and advance systemic breakdowns existing in the criminal justice system that perpetuate crime; (5) resolve to end the war on drugs for its disproportionate collateral consequences and harm to communities of color; (6) seek the institution and availability of alternatives to incarceration, including education, employment, and mental health services; (7) eliminate zero-tolerance policies implemented in our schools which keep kids out of the classroom and put them on a path from the schoolhouse to the jailhouse; (8) investigate programs implemented in our local law enforcement agencies which derail from their main purpose of safety and order to conduct the work of federal agencies for which they do not have the capacity; and (9) seek budget modifications in states where incarceration receives more funding than education.

Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Chair, Criminal Justice Committee

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Economic Development



Roland Winburn, Chair, Economic Development, moderated a panel discussion titled, ***“Informative Perspectives on the 2025 State and Federal Budgets.”*** This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on July 28, 2025.

The distinguished guest panelists were ***Willis E. Blackshear, Jr., Senator, State of Ohio; Nikol Miller, Executive Director, Miami Valley Urban League; Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President, Dayton Branch NAACP; and Hannah Halbert, Executive Director, Policy Matters Ohio.***

Educated over 570 citizens during this town hall via in-person and online.



Scholarship Checks Presented to Awardees



**Meeting With ABLE/LAWO to Discuss
Complaints Received from Public and Charter Schools**



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Youth and Young Adult Engagement

Monthly OHYC Advisors/College President's Meeting

YC Compliant Units

By the numbers:

- 9 compliant YC units*
- 601 YC members
- 32 YC Delegates

2025 YC Compliant Units				
Type	Unit #	Unit Name	Active Members	Delegates
YC	3797-B	Akron Youth Council	167	6
YC	3801-B	Columbus Youth	32	2
YC	3805-B	Toledo Youth Council	116	6
HS	38AJ-B	Move Forward Thurgood Marshall	29	2
YC	3837-B	Dayton Youth Council	55	4
C	3899-B	Univ. Of Cincinnati College Chapter	69	4
YC	3870-B	Wooster/Orrville Youth Council	35	2
C	3808-B	Central State University	39	2
JR	3919-B	Littlejohn Jr. Youth Council	59	4

*AFR pending: Cleveland YC, Ohio State University, Warren Trustball YC

Participants: Adoria Lloyd, Tiwona Foward, Isaac Wilson, Jayda Hodge, Matthew White, Brittany Brake, zora boddie, Tom Roberts, Pamela Sloan.

Dayton NAACP Youth & College Division Monthly Meeting

Participants: Lloyd Martin, Dr. Derrick L. Foward, Colin Kimuli, A Marybana Bennett, Tiwona Foward, Keara Thompson, zora boddie, Pam Sloan, Serenity Boone, Christina Jones, Troynesha Lloyd, Dinell Buford, Valerie Hayes, Adoria Lloyd, Jalen Day, Mattie White.

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Youth and Young Adult Engagement

***Montgomery County YouthWorks Summer Interns
Receive Work Assignments from President Foward
at NAACP Dayton Headquarters***



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Civic Engagement

Lobbying Congresswoman Shontel Brown



Lobbying Congressman Mike Turner



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Civic Engagement

Lobbying Congressman Bennie G. Thompson



Lobbying Congressman Mike Turner



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Civic Engagement

Meeting at White House After Lobbying Members of Congress



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Civic Engagement

President Foward Meets With
Trinidad and Tobago National Students (UNESCO Stem Program)
at White House



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Rule	Majority	Display	Raw Absolute	Result	Passed	Status	Closed
Education AS AMENDED							
The Impact of Dismantling Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in K-12, and Post-Secondary Education							
YES				887			
NO				25			
ABS				21			
Total				933			

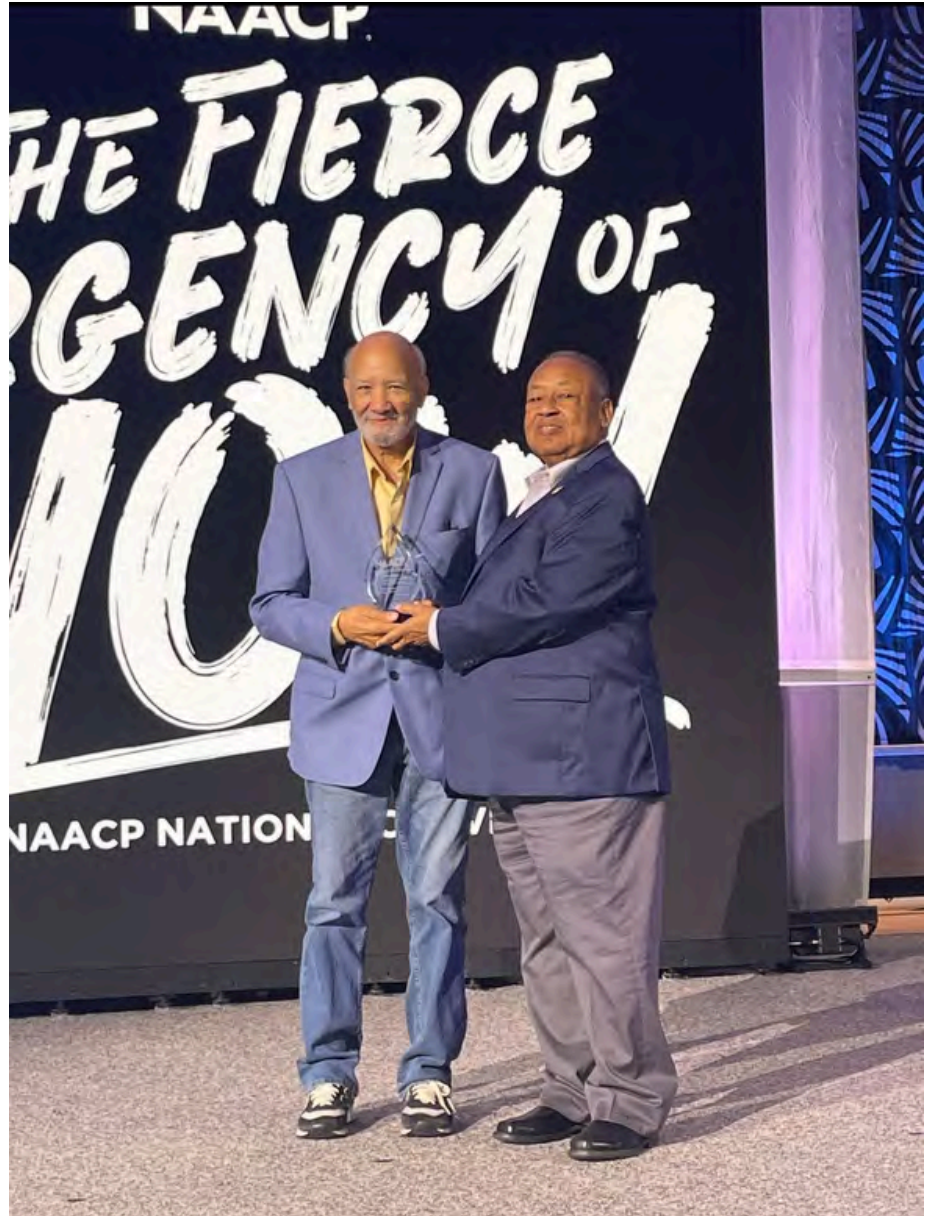


Rule	Majority	Display	Raw Absolute	Result	Passed	Status	Closed
Health AS AMENDED							
Health and Racial Implications of Hair Straightening Chemicals							
YES				962			
NO				24			
ABS				8			
Total				994			



Rule	Majority	Display	Raw Absolute	Result	Passed	Status	Closed
Environmental Affairs RESOLUTIONS 3, 4							
YES				769			
NO				10			
ABS				16			
Total				795			

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Upcoming Events

August 5, 2025

Special Election (Local, State & National)

August 18, 2025

Executive Committee Meeting

August 22-23, 2025

Ohio Conference NAACP 95th State Convention – Columbus, Ohio

August 25, 2025

General Membership Meeting

& Education Committee Presentation



President Foward & Lady Tiwona

Celebrate National Black Business Month with us this August as we recognize the achievements of Black-owned businesses and champion economic empowerment in our communities.



Fully Committed!

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