



Dayton Unit NAACP #3181

President Report

To: Dayton Unit NAACP General Membership

From: Dr. Derrick L. Foward

CC: D. L. F. Advisors

Date: 12/31/2024

Re: December 2024 Year End Report

“ Fully Committed!”

Hello team, this report reflects the business and activities conducted on behalf of the Dayton Unit NAACP throughout the 2023 calendar year.

Excerpts From The Optimist Creed – “Promise Yourself”

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind; To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet; To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best; To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own; To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

Dayton Unit NAACP Vision Statement

Our “**VISION**” is to fulfill the dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the second “**A**” of the NAACP, which stands for “**ADVANCEMENT.**”

Dayton Unit NAACP Goals

Our goals are clear. We want to better “**INFORM**” the community on what the Dayton Unit of the NAACP is doing. We want to proactively “**EDUCATE**” the community on issues that affect all Americans. By utilizing these methods, it will “**EMPOWER**” more of us to be Entrepreneurs, Educators, Community Leaders and Corporate Leaders.

President's Initiatives

- Organized a meeting with education leaders throughout the Dayton Region along with 1st VP White, Education Chair Williams, Labor & Industry Chair Cortner and Investigator Brown, to discuss various complaints of racism that has come to our office from various School Districts. We discussed language used by students & school leaders, ACT-SO Youth Program and School Board Responsibilities. Established a Collaborative Partnership between the Dayton Unit NAACP and each of their respective school districts through the Montgomery County Educational Service Center.
- Held an Office Volunteer Lunch Meeting with volunteer staff
- Held an Officer Dinner Meeting with Unit Officers
- Officially launched my campaign to seek the Office of State Representative for the 38th House District of Ohio. Will announce at our January 22, 2024 General Membership Meeting that I will temporarily step aside as President of the Dayton Unit NAACP and that 1st VP White will be placed on temporary assignment as President of the Dayton Unit NAACP until the Primary Election is over and winners have been announced the night of March 19, 2024. I plan to remain on the Executive Committee to support 1st VP White during her assignment. There is no Republican candidate seeking the office of State Representative leading up to the November 5, 2024 General Election. I believe the Lord will allow me to be victorious on March 19, 2024, at which time I will submit my resignation as President. The Executive Committee will vote to either accept or reject my resignation at the next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meeting which will be held on April 15, 2024. As previously communicated, my prayer is that you will reject my resignation so I can continue to serve as President. I have demonstrated that I have the best interest of the NAACP at heart and the ability to conduct work free of conflict.
- The filling of a vacancy on the Executive Committee as outlined in the Constitution of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Bylaws for Units (Page 41, Duty e) are as follows: (Action/Approved)
 - *At-Large Executive Committee Member – Derrick L. Foward*

- Recommend that we pay \$300 to field the first ever Dayton Unit NAACP First Dayton Little League Baseball Team. This fee covers Dayton NAACP hats, jerseys and socks. The FDLL baseball organization will provide the insurance, coaches, and scheduling of games. The registration starts in Mid-March. The season goes through June and the older kids season may go through July. The FDLL is looking for coaches and players in the age groups of the following:
 - Tee Ball: 4-6
 - Coach Picks: 7-8
 - Minors: 9-10
 - Majors: 11-12
 - *Seniors: 13-18*

(Action/Approved)

- Met with Steve Naas, President of CountyCorp Development, to take a tour of the CJ McLin Apartment Complex that they acquired and are in the process of rehabbing.
- Held a press conference to expose the flagrant treatment of our client Evangelist Helen Dewberry.
- Held a meeting with Sleep Number Executives, along with our client of Helen Dewberry to discuss a settlement agreement. Was able to secure a settlement that was meaningful to our client.
- Held a meeting with Tania Arseculeratne, Senior Community Engagement Officer for The Dayton Foundation, to discuss funding for our youth programs.
- Met with Elizabeth Gist, Kettering Foundation, to discuss funding for civic engagement work.
- Organized a press conference to address the Montgomery County Sherrif's Department high speed pursuit which led to the death of Colby Ross. Will implement a task force to address any pursuit policy discrepancies of the law enforcement agencies throughout the Dayton Region. I have been in contact with Attorney Michael Wright who is representing the Ross family. Awaiting a phone call back from BCI.
- Worked with Chairlady Nichole Smith (CP&P) to complete the Thalheimer Award submissions for Publications and Programs which were due by May 24, 2024.
- Will be conducting my annual congressional sponsored lobbying session on July 29, 2024 along with our NAACP lobbyist. Please text and/or email me concerns that you would like for me to address with our Ohio Congressman. Funds will be provided to the Dayton Unit

NAACP to pay for my accommodations as in previous years, and a check will be cut in the same amount for me. (Action/Approved)

- Worked with the Leadership Team for Honda, to secure a \$25,000 grant for our Operational Expenses. Will serve as administrator and marketing consultant for the grant, and administer funds accordingly. (Action/Approved)
- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommends to the General Membership that the following voting delegates represent the Dayton Unit NAACP at the NAACP 115th National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada and receive the expense allocation as listed by their respective name. The Unit will pay for their registration package and 1 additional ticket:
 - Dr. Derrick L. Foward
 - Tiwona L. Foward
 - Laurretta Williams
 - Harvey C. Bolden
 - Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
 - Dr. Morris L. Brown
 - Nichole Smith
 - Terrence Williams

(Action/Approved)

- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommends to the General Membership that the following voting delegates represent the Dayton Unit NAACP at the Ohio Conference NAACP 93rd Annual State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio and receive the expense allocation as listed by their respective name.. The Unit will pay for their registration package and allocate a specific amount of money for their hotel accommodations at a dual occupancy rate except the President, transportation cost and meal per diem as listed by their respective name.
 - Dr. Derrick L. Foward
 - Tiwona L. Foward
 - Mattie P. White
 - Willie A. Terrell, Jr.
 - Cedric L. McGhee

- Charlsie Edmonson
- Brian E. Dunson
- Ayo O. Ogunduyile
- Chris R. Cortner
- Rev. Arthur L. Williams, Jr.
- Stacey D. Benson-Taylor

(Action/Approved)

- Due to my campaign, Tiwona and I did not attend the 55th NAACP Image Awards as approved during our November 2023 Executive Committee and General Membership meetings. Recommend that transportation, room expenses, food cost and other misc. expenses be paid for Dr. Derrick L. Foward and Tiwona L. Foward to attend the 55th NAACP Image Awards to be held in Los Angelas, California in March 2024. (Action/Approved)
- Conducted an organizational meeting to start the chartering process for Athens County, Ohio
- Met with a contractor to discuss remodeling the bathroom and kitchen.
- Led a delegation to enjoy a day at the ballpark with the Dayton Dragons
- On June 15, 2024, was reinstated as Vice President of the Ohio Conference NAACP
- As a result of being notified that Nicole Smith will not be able to attend the 115th NAACP National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada as a delegate, recommend that Clair M. Thompson replace her and receive the expense allocation as listed by her name. The Unit will pay for her registration package and tickets (Action/Approved):
 - Clair M. Thompson
- Went to court with our client regarding the Lyft Driver murder case to observe the sentencing phase of the shooter Da'Trayvon Mitchell, answered questions and provided guidance.
- Negotiated with Central State University to secure 10 new laptops for Client Check-In, Office Volunteers and Unit Officers. This was a two-year journey but we got it done. Will purchase a laptop for President's use. (Action/Approved)
- Held a meeting with Attorney Jon Paul Rion to discuss next steps in the China Arnold microwave baby case.

- Held a meeting with the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Dayton Youth Council to train them on how to complete and understand their Treasurer's Report.
- Went to court with our client regarding the Lyft Driver murder case to observe the sentencing phase of Tylan Peaks, answered questions and provided guidance.
- Secured John Richardson (SugarCreek Packing Company) and Marilyn McGrone-Conley (American Honda Motor Co., Inc.), to serve as honorary chairs for the 73rd Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards. Had to drive to Richmond, Indiana, Blush Ash, Ohio and then Mason, Ohio to obtain signatures. E-mailed sponsorship packet to Executive Committee Members.
- Secured Curtiss Cook, a Dayton native and American Actor, to serve as the guest speaker for the 73rd Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards.
- Lobbied Congressman Mike Turner along with Patrice Willoughby, Senior Vice President and Global Policy Impact for the NAACP, and Tiwona L. Foward, Advisor of Move Foward Thurgood Marshall High School Chapter.
- Presented a President's Award of Merit to Greg Slaughter, owner of Greg's Tire Service LLC, for more than 25 years of service to the Dayton Community.
- Organized a press conference with our clients Brittney Cooper and Michelle Cooper, to discuss the sentencing phase of the suspects that murdered their loved one, and to address the upcoming civil case.
- Will attend the Black College Football Hall of Fame game featuring Virginia State University Trojans vs. Benedict College Tigers to be held on September 1, 2024 at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio at 4:00 p.m. Will receive same stipend that I received in past years. (Action/Approved)
- Attended the NAACP 2024 Branch Election Webinar
- Attended the NAACP All Unit Call: Project 2025
- Met with Jamal Watkins to discuss his availability to conduct a Town Hall on Project 2025 via Zoom. As a result, he agreed to address the Dayton community via Zoom on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommend to the General Membership that the Dayton Branch NAACP 2024 Election be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. via Election Buddy while the Citizens of Dayton as well as the Citizens throughout this Nation are in the spirit of voting. (Action/Approved)
- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommend to the General Membership that 15 members be elected to "At-Large" Executive Committee Seats during the Dayton Branch NAACP Election to be held on November 3, 2024 via Election Buddy from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Action/Approved)

- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommend to the General Membership that 7 members be elected to the Nominating Committee during the September 23, 2024 General Membership Meeting. (Action/Approved)
- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommends to the General Membership that the following voting delegates represent the Dayton Unit NAACP at the Ohio Conference NAACP 94th State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio and receive the expense allocation as listed by their respective name.. The Unit will pay for their registration package and allocate a specific amount of money for their hotel accommodations at a dual occupancy rate except the President, transportation cost and meal per diem as listed by their respective name (Action/Approved).
 - Dr. Derrick L. Foward
 - Tiwona L. Foward
 - Mattie P. White
 - Jo Ann Lovelace Hill
 - Cedric L. McGhee
 - Charlsie Edmonson
 - Nichole Smith
 - Elijah Rashaed
 - Harvey C. Bolden
 - Gary J. Leppla, Esq.
 - Roland Winburn
 - Dr. Morris L. Brown
 - Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
- Conducted a President's Briefing on Project 2025 via Zoom featuring Jamal Watkins, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Advancement, for the NAACP
- Met with Densie Williams, President of the Springfield Branch NAACP, to offer support and receive an update regarding the Haitian comments made by 45.
- Attended court with our client, J. Renee Jackson, to provide words of encouragement and moral support. The respondent was found guilty of aggravated menacing and will remain in custody until sentencing.

- Held a meeting to discuss the Dayton Branch NAACP participation in National Voter Registration Day. Kudos to all organizers on the event at NAACP Dayton Headquarters.
- Attended court with our client, J. Renee Jackson, to observe the sentencing phase of the respondent.
- Met with representatives of Ohio Power Solutions to discuss roof damage and leak in the President's Office.
- I want to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who was elected to office within the Dayton Branch NAACP on November 3, 2024. Look forward to working with all of you in the 10th Foward Administration.
- I want to thank all of you for your work and participation in the 2024 General Election. The efforts you exuded was par-excellent.
- Recommend that transportation, room expenses, food cost and other misc. expenses be paid for President Derrick L. Foward and First Lady Tiwona L. Foward to attend the Annual Meeting and Board Meeting of the NAACP to be held in February 2025 in New York City, New York. The amount allocated will be the same amount as in previous years for the President and his wife. (Action/Approved)
- As a friendly reminder, the Executive Committee and the General membership voted in June 2024 to send myself and First Lady Foward to the 56th NAACP Image Awards in 2025.
- Held a few transitional meetings with Treasurer Foward, Assistant Treasurer Bolden and Treasurer-elect Lovelace Hill. We will continue to have a smooth transition throughout the rest of 2024 to ensure that Treasurer-elect Lovelace Hill it set-up for success.
- Held a lunch meeting with Dr. David Lawrence, Superintendent of Dayton Public Schools to discuss ongoing Dayton Branch NAACP / DPS partnership.
- Held a dinner meeting with Hall of Freedom Winners to present new trophies.
- As we prepare for our Annual Meeting, please email your significant accomplishments for the year of 2024 outlined in no more than 5 bullet points by November 27, 2024. Please DO NOT send a PowerPoint, PDF, Pictures or any other type of presentation, only bullet points via email.
- Organized the Dayton Branch NAACP 5th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway for Families. I want to take this opportunity to say, **"Thank you"** to everyone who participated to make this event a huge success. We fed nearly 1,000 families.
- First Lady Tiwona Foward and I delivered a Thanksgiving basket to Robert Tootle and Taneshia Lindsay, the parents of Braylen Tootle, the non-verbal student who was hit in the head by Darrick T. Sorrells, a former DPS employee.

Donations & Membership Money Collected

Collected the following donations totaling \$0:

N/A

Collected the following WIN membership applications and payments totaling \$10:

Robin T. Titus (\$10) – 10/16/24

Collected the following youth membership applications and payments totaling \$30:

Colin L. Kimuli (\$30) – 3/1/24

Collected the following regular membership applications and payments totaling \$360:

Helen Dewberry (\$30) – 1/7/24, Diamond Enaysi (\$30) – 3/13/24

Gwendolyn Chenet (\$30) – 4/11/24, Sherri Walton (\$30) – 5/13/24

Steven Foote (\$30) – 5/24/24, Janet Foote (\$30) – 5/24/24, Tiffany Inskeep (\$30) – 6/2/24

Charlene Bayless (\$30) – 8/15/24, Anthony Graham (\$30) – 10/19/24

Shirelle Stroud (\$30) – 10/18/24, Nathan Butler (\$30) – 10/28/24, Colin Kimuli (\$30) – 11/15/24

Collected the following life membership applications and payments totaling \$14,150:

Harold Bailey (\$1,500 / Pay-Off of Gold Life Membership) – 1/8/24

Pamela Marie Hodge (\$750 / Pay-Off of Silver Life Membership) – 1/11/24

Harvey Bolden (\$75) – 1/26/24, Dorinda Bolden (\$75) – 1/26/24, Derrick Scales, Sr. (\$75) – 2/3/24

Sonya Foward (\$75) – 2/7/24, Shemeka Foward (\$75) – 2/7/24, Ozell Foward (\$75) – 2/7/24

Lovell Foward (\$75) – 2/7/24, Joanne Foward (\$75) – 2/7/24, Faye Foward (\$75) – 2/7/24

Brian Foward (\$75) – 2/7/24, Brandy Foward (\$75) – 2/7/24, Taiyisha Foward (\$75) – 2/7/24

Printus Foward III (\$75) – 2/7/24, William Spear (\$75) – 3/9/24, Shuthee Spear (\$75) – 3/9/24

Roberta Parker (\$75) – 3/16/24, Nadine Harris (\$75) – 3/16/24, Dorothy Smith (\$75) – 3/23/24

Sheton Foward (75) – 4/5/24, Guy White (\$75) – 4/25/24, Vickie Goode (\$75) – 4/25/24

Bradley Smith ((\$75) – 4/25/24, Elaine Springer (\$75) – 4/25/24, Otis White (\$75) – 4/25/24

Marilyn White (\$75) – 4/25/24, Stanley McKnight (\$75) – 4/25/24, Kavico White (\$75) – 4/25/24

Frank Swann (\$75) – 4/25/24, Gomez White, Jr. (\$75) – 4/25/24, A'Doria Lloyd (\$75) – 4/25/24

Troynesha Lloyd (\$75) – 4/25/24, Donovan Myers (\$75) – 4/25/24
Dorothy Dunford (\$250) – 5/13/24, Annette Frazier (\$75) – 5/13/24, Cynthia Long (\$75) – 5/13/24
Reginal Frey (\$75) – 5/13/24, Audrenna Whiteside (\$75) – 5/13/24, Lela Birdsong (\$75) – 5/13/24
Veronica Bedell-Nevels (\$75) – 5/13/24, Barbara Hudson-Banner (\$75) – 5/13/24
Pamela D. Sloan (\$75) – 5/18/24
Tiwona L. Foward (\$1,200 / Pay-Off of Gold Life Membership) – 6/29/24
Emilio Torres (\$450 / Pay-Off of Silver Life Membership)
Khalid A. Karriem (\$75) – 7/9/24, Jeffrey G. Trzeciak (\$75) – 8/11/24
Marilyn McGrone-Conley (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 8/13/24
Tiwona L. Foward (\$2,500 / Pay-Off of Diamond Life Membership) – 8/26/24
Renard D. Allen, Jr. (\$75) – 8/29/24, Edwina Swann (\$75) – 9/12/24
Rusty Clifford (\$750 / Pay-Off of Silver Life Membership) – 9/24/24
Edwin Johnson (\$75) – 9/24/24, Joy C. Johnson (\$75) – 9/24/24
Sharon R. Foward Johnson (\$75) – 9/24/24, Deborah L. Foward (\$75) – 9/24/24
Jerome C. Wright (\$75) – 10/1/24, Rhonda Murray (\$75) – 10/1/24, Erica Tillman (\$75) – 10/1/24
Frederick D. Harris (\$75) – 10/1/24
La Juanzo Davis (\$450 / Pay-Off of Silver Life Membership) – 10/1/24
Robin T. Titus (\$75) – 10/16/24
Silvia S. Anderson (\$750 / Pay-Off of Silver Life Membership) – 10/19/24
Ruby Bryant (\$750 / Pay-Off of Silver Life Membership) – 11/7/24
Monica Smoot (\$75) – 11/11/24

Standing & Special Committee Meetings Attended

- Finance Committee Meetings (12)
- Dayton NAACP Youth Consortium Meeting
- Community Coordination “Just Us, For Us, By Us” Meeting (2)
- Dayton NAACP Youth Consortium Meeting at Sinclair

- Gave Encouraging words to students during the Dayton NAACP ACT-SO Afternoon of the Stars Event
- Dayton NAACP Youth Consortium Meeting
- NAACP New Officer Training
- Freedom Fund – 2024 Theme Titled, “Fully Committed” (Action/Approved)
- Dayton NAACP Youth Consortium Meeting
- Education Committee Meeting with Dayton Public Schools leadership team
- Freedom Fund Tasting at DCC

Other Meetings & Events Attended

- Delta Peppermint Ball
- MVUL Strategic Plan Work Session
- Presented a Resolution to the Family of Minnie Fells Johnson
- Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association Meeting
- Northwest Priority Board Annual Christmas Celebration
- Just Us, For Us, By Us Roundtable Meeting
- Swearing-In Ceremony of Trotwood Mayor Yvette Page
- Swearing-In Ceremony of Dayton City Commissioners Matt Joseph and Chris Shaw
- Central State University Joint Trustee Holiday Virtual Celebration
- Swearing-In Ceremony of Dayton School Board Members Will Smith, Rev. William Bailey and Eric Walker
- Dayton Police Department Officer Involved Shooting Update Meeting
- Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Briefing
- MLK Musical, March and Dinner
- DPD Chief’s Advisory Council Meeting
- Northwest Priority Board Meeting
- Central State University Joint Foundation Board Retreat

- Victory Project Open House
- City of Dayton Neighborhood President's Forum
- Ohio Conference NAACP President's Roundtable Meeting
- Greater West Dayton Conversation
- Dayton Development Coalition Annual Meeting
- Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Briefing (2)
- Central State University Official Announcement of 10th President, Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti
- City of Dayton Issue 6 Kick-Off Meeting
- Parity, Inc. Top Ten African American Male Luncheon
- Social Action Town Hall
- Served as a Guest Speaker for the Thurgood Marshall High School Government Class
- Served as a Guest Speaker for the Ponitz Career Technology Center Government Class
- Served as a Guest Speaker for the Meadowdale High School Government Class
- Gave Remarks at the Central State University Alumni Achievement Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on behalf of the CSUF
- YWCA Women of Influence Luncheon
- National Council of Negro Women Dayton Section Monthly Meeting
- Heart of Gold Award Luncheon
- League of Women Voters Dangerous Dames of Dayton
- CSUF Spring Business Meeting
- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Annual Meeting
- A. Philip Randolph Institute Education Summit
- Wilberforce University Soul Food Dinner Scholarship Dinner
- Miami Valley Urban League Grand Opening
- Received the Toastmasters International District 40 Communication and Leadership Award during their Annual Conference

- President's Club of Dayton Luncheon
- Presented a Resolution to the family of life member Henry Arnold Wilson
- Presented a Resolution to the family of Pastor Darius Stanley
- Presented a Citation of Honor to the Dayton Police Department during their DPD Awards Ceremony
- Presented a Resolution to the family of member Gwendolyn C. Lee
- Central State University Commencement Ceremony
- Dayton NAACP Youth Consortium Car Wash
- Served as a Chef at the Dayton Chapter of the Links Cookin` Men Event
- Attended the Miami Valley Urban League Pillar Awards where 2nd VP Tom Roberts was honored.
- UD Greater West Dayton Conversation
- Attended the Visual Voices Art Exhibit at EbonNia Gallery where I was humbled to be recognized as one of the Dayton Skyscrapers along with Judge Mia Wortham-Spells, the late Carolyn Y. Perkins, Dr. Anthony B. Whitmore and Rev. Dr. Xavier L. Johnson, all of whom I've had the opportunity to work closely with down through the years with the Dayton Unit NAACP. I would like to take this opportunity to say, **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who has served in the nine Dayton Unit NAACP administrations (2007 – Present) that the Lord has blessed me to be a servant leader of for 18 years. I also want to thank my family which includes my Speedway, Christ Temple and Northern Hills families, along with my friends, for the love, support and mentorship you have shown over the years. The other Skyscrapers were Carolyn Wright, William Gillispie, Stephen R. Ross, Sr., Daria Dillard Stone, Nnodum Iheme, Troy John Pearson, Katt Williams, Helen Jones-Kelly and LaVerne Cecile Kenon Sci. Make no mistake about it, it's because of all of you that this recognition and many other honors has been bestowed upon me through the years. To God be the Glory for what he will continue to do!!!
- Presented a Citation of Honor to Pastor Hence C. Coats during his retirement celebration.
- Central State University Jazz Brunch
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Pink Carpet Affair in Celebration of 90 years of service
- Presented a Resolution to the family of Wayne Lee Wheat, recipient of the Dayton NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award, during his Celebration of Life service
- CenterPoint Energy Air Show

- DPD Chief's Advisory Council Meeting
- Ohio Conference NAACP Convention Planning Committee
- DPS Convocation
- Jefferson Township Day
- Northwest Priority Board Community Festival
- Black Cultural Festival
- Joined Mayor Jeff Mims for Funk Amplified Night at the Levitt Pavilion
- Ohio NAACP Youth & College Advisors/President's Meeting
- Presented a Resolution to the family of Derek Farmer, subscribing life member of the Dayton Branch NAACP
- Presented a Resolution to the family of the Honorable Floyd B. Johnson, 32nd President of the Dayton Branch NAACP
- Took a tour of Economy Linen to have a better understanding of the operation and the impact it has on our community
- Central State University Workforce Training and Business Development Advisory Board Meeting
- DPD Police Chief Briefing on Officer Involved Shooting
- Attended the Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic
- Chaplain Rev. Herman E. Branham 80th Birthday Celebration
- Gave remarks at the Grace United Methodist Church "Spirit of Justice: Toward Beloved Community, Away from White Christian Nationalism" lecture featuring Dr. Jamar Tisby
- Served as the keynote speaker at the Sinclair National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) General Body Meeting
- Attended the Dayton Democracy Summit hosted by the Kettering Foundation
- DPD Police Chief Briefing on Officer Involved Shooting
- CSU President's Reception for Businesses
- RAMA Consulting Interview Regarding Huber Heights Community
- Trotwood Madison Middle School Family Night

- Participated in the Twentig Diamonds and Denims Fundraising Event
- The President's Club of Dayton 73rd Citizen Legion of Honor Luncheon
- Kappa Black and White Charity Gala
- Participated in the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Dayton Police Department
- Participated in Mayor Mims Teen Voting Project
- Participated in the Dayton Public Schools Ford Next Generation Learning (Ford NGL) Project
- Gave remarks at the Honorary Street Designation of Cowart Ave. to "Joe Madison Way"
- Central State University Homecoming Weekend Activities
- Dayton NAACP Youth Program Voter Education Cook-Out Fundraiser
- Dayton Section, NCNW 64th Annual Membership Tea
- Gave remarks during the National Coalition of Black Civic Participation Bus Tour
- Participated in the Stroll Roll to the Polls event to thank people for early voting
- Attended the retirement celebration of Norbert Klopsch for his 32 years of service as Oakwood City Manager
- Attended the Access to Justice Awards Ceremony with Victor Goode, Associate General Counsel of the NAACP, serving as the keynote speaker
- Attended the African American Visual Arts Guild (AAVAG) in support of Kenny Wilkinson, Silver Life Members of the Dayton Branch NAACP
- Attended a City of Dayton Peace Campaign with many other community members to strategize ways to combat violence in our community. The meeting was facilitated by the Ohlmann Group.
- Participated in the Central State University Foundation Board Retreat in Washington, DC. Gave a report on the Dayton Branch NAACP Scholarships that have been awarded to CSU students, and gave an update on the scholarship(s) that will be designated and awarded in March 2025.
- Attended the Omega CDC Portraits of Hope Gala
- Attended the AKA Frosted Pearls Ball

NAACP 2024 Annual Meeting

- Meeting Called to Order & Invocation by Karen Boykins Towns
- Invocation
- Annual Meeting Minutes Approval
- Introductions
- Tributes
- Guest Poet Laureate
- Chairman's Remarks
- Treasurer's Report
- Annual Election Supervisory Committee Report
- President and CEO's Report
- Foundation Board Chairman's Remarks
- Greetings from NAACP Units
- New Business
- Adjournment

NAACP Board of Directors Meeting

- Meeting Called to Order & Invocation by Chairman Leon W. Russell
- Roll Call
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the consent Agenda
- Election Supervisory Committee Report
- Report of Officers
- Chairman's Report
 - Audit Report
 - Convention Planning Committee Report
 - Image Awards Committee Report
- President/CEO's Report
- Foundation Board Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
 - Committee on Membership & Units
 - National Youth Works Committee
 - Advocacy & Policy
- Adjournment

CRATI Virtual Session I

- Kick-Off + Crafting Your Story
- Strategy Refresh: What Happened to the Game Changers
- Driving Impact: NAACP Advocacy Training
- Navigating TIDES
- Hope for Housing
- Using Environmental Impact Assessment to Protect Communities
- Electioneering: Stay Out of Jail
- Election/Election Buddy Training
- Membership: Growing to Win-Building Membership Campaigns
- Fireside Chat with the Chairman and Vice Chair
- Unit Advocacy: Understanding the Dynamics of Power and Advocacy
- Leadership During Conflict
- Legal Redress
- Breakout Session: Data for Education Equity
- Breakout Session: Officer Training
- Virtual Office Hours – Advocacy
- Virtual Office Hours – Civic Engagement

NAACP 115th National Convention Report 2024 (Las Vegas, NV)

7/13/24 – 7/17/24 – Attended the following sessions of the convention:

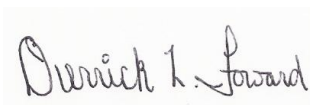
- Convention Registration
- National Board of Directors Meeting
- Prayer and Memorial Breakfast
- 47th NAACP ACT-SO Awards Ceremony
- State of Gun Violence Joint Rally
- Field First Fireside Chat
- Opening Public Mass Meeting featuring Chairman Leon W. Russell
- Delegates Reception Hosted by Chairman Russell
- Region 3 Meeting (1)
 - Elected to serve on the Credentials Committee
- AM Plenary Session featuring President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
- National Membership Luncheon
- National Credentials Committee Meeting
 - Elected to serve as Chair of the National Credentials Committee
- PM Plenary Session featuring President and CEO Derrick Johnson
- President's Reception
- Region 3 Meeting (2)
- Plenary Session – 2023 Resolutions
- National Credentials Committee Hearing
- Closing Plenary Session
- Labor Luncheon
- Spingarn Freedom Fund Awards Dinner

Ohio Conference NAACP 94th State Convention (Cleveland, OH)

9/13/24 – 9/14/24 – Attended the following sessions of the convention:

- Ohio Black Media Luncheon
- Responding to Community Tension Based on Race
- Legal Redress Forum
- State of Black Ohio Workshop
- President's Reception
- Executive Committee Meeting
- First Plenary Session
- Civic Engagement Workshop
- Final Morning Workshop
- Women in NAACP (WIN) Luncheon
- Create Taskforce on County Jail Reform
- Closing Session
- Labor Dinner

Your community servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derrick L. Foward". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Dr. Derrick L. Foward