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A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS

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Trump's Threat To "Nationalize" Our Elections Endangers Voting Security

By Rosaland Tyler
Associate Editor
New Journal and Guide

An obscure elections bill called The SAVE America Act, which aims to tighten voter registration standards, is receiving renewed GOP attention. Also receiving attention is the idea of "nationalizing" elections after Steve Bannon said in a Feb. 4 podcast, "President Trump has to nationalize the election. You've got to put — not just, I think, ICE — you've got to call up the 82nd and 101st Airborne [Divisions] on the Insurrection Act. You've got to get around every poll and make sure only people with IDs,

The SAVE America Act legislation, which is receiving renewed GOP interest, would trigger major changes in how Americans vote.

people ... actually registered to vote and people that are United States citizens vote in this election." The midterm elections take place this year on November 3. To date, a total of 51 lawmakers in the House have already ruled out midterm bids, (30 Republicans and 21 Democrats). Of those 30 Republicans, eight are leaving to seek a seat in the Senate, with almost half of those seeking to

unseat a senator from their party. The SAVE America Act legislation, which is receiving renewed GOP interest, would trigger major changes in how Americans vote. The changes would include requiring would-be voters to present proof of citizenship to register, eliminating mail-only registrations, and requiring photo ID in every state for the first time. ...see **Elections**, page 6A

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DR. CARTER G. WOODSON
"The Father of Black History"



Dr. Carter G. Woodson

Carter Godwin Woodson (December 19, 1875 – April 3, 1950) was an American historian, author, journalist, and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

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Two From Hampton Roads Who Made National History After Graduating From Norfolk's Booker T. Washington High School.

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Dr. Grady James At 100 Celebrates Lifetime Legacy Of Advancing Media

By Leonard E. Colvin
Chief Reporter
New Journal and Guide

For the past six-plus decades, Dr. Grady James has contributed to the development of the African American presence in various paths of journalism, including broadcast and print journalism.



A Youthful Grady James

Most of his professional journey occurred at Norfolk State University where he was hired by provost, Dr. Lyman Beecher Brooks in 1960 and spent the next four decades before retiring.

On Saturday, February 7, family, friends, former students and admirers gathered at Grand Affairs in Virginia Beach to help Dr. James celebrate his legacy and his 100th

birthday.

In a recent interview with the GUIDE, James was asked about his legacy which evolved from the era of Jim Crow segregation to today.

"Starting at Bethune-Cookman as a student, I always believed in using the media to educate and enlighten people," said James. "I always enjoyed



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teaching students — a difference in the lives of people and in the field of journalism."

An 11-year-old Grady James discovered his love for public speaking and later broadcasting.

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IN MEMORIAM

Hon. Florine R. Clarke
Passes At Age 96;
Was Chesapeake Pioneer

By Rev. Dr. Glenda Murray

Special to the New Journal and Guide

CHESAPEAKE

The community is mourning the passing of The Honorable Florine Randall Clarke, 96, known for her decades of community impact in Chesapeake. She is remembered locally for breaking barriers in civic participation and contributing to the city's governance in the 1970s.

Hon. Clarke was the wife of the former City Councilman, The Late W.P. Clarke, Sr. She worked diligently with The Late Dr. Hugo A. Owens, Sr., The Late Dr. William E. Ward and the Late Mr. Charles A. Brockett, along with other prestigious individuals in the early 70's, to gain seats and a voice for African Americans on the Chesapeake City Council.

After the death of her husband, the Chesapeake City Council appointed her to serve out his term from January 11, 1977-May 8, 1978. This honor gave her the status of being the first African American woman to serve on the Chesapeake City Council, according to the official website of the City of Chesapeake, VA.

Hon. Clarke graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and Howard



Hon. Florine R. Clarke

She is remembered locally for breaking barriers in civic participation...in the 1970s

University, 1951, in Liberal Arts. She was an educator in the Norfolk Public School System for over 26 years.

Her name appears among alumna members of community organizations such as the Chesapeake/Virginia Beach chapter of The Links, Incorporated, highlighting her role in community-building and service among local women leaders.

She was funeralized on Thursday, February 12, 2026 and is interred at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

NEW PARTNERSHIP BRINGS FILMS BY HBCU STUDENTS FREE TO TUBI-TV

By Rosaland Tyler
Associate Editor
New Journal and Guide

You can now watch films made by HBCU students on Tubi, the free online television and film streaming service. You can now watch films made by HBCU students on Tubi, the free online television and film streaming service.



Sheila Eldridge

This month, Tubi debuted the new channel which features films created by students and graduates at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. It is called the "HBCU First Look" channel. It features 100 films from HBCU-affiliated creators,

including films submitted to the 2025 HBCU First Look Film Festival hosted by Howard University in November.

"It took about a year to get this deal done," said Sheila Eldridge, the CEO of Miles Ahead

Entertainment, and the founder of the third annual HBCU First Look Film Festival held on Howard University's campus since its inception in 2023.

"I'm glad that Tubi was open to it when we went to them," Eldridge said. "Student filmmakers will be able to learn the full process of being able to put a film onto one of these FAST channel programs. With this deal, everyone will win. We

were able to create a revenue model so that students also can partake in some of the revenue. That was important to me because we want to see the next Spike Lee, the next Ryan Coogler, or Ava Duvernay."

Eldridge, a Howard graduate and D.C. native who worked at Howard-operated WHUR-FM radio, said creating a pipeline is crucial.

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Anchored In Faith, Education,
and Community

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2026 Black History Month Theme: A Century of Black History Commemorations

From The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH)

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The year 2026 marks a century of national commemorations of Black history.

On September 9, 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, George Cleveland Hall, William B. Hartgrove, Jesse E. Moorland, Alexander

L. Jackson, and James E. Stamps founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). Today, it is called ASALH, Association for the Study of African-American Life and History.

In 1925, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson planned the inaugural week-long observance of Black history, he could hardly have anticipated the imprint he would leave on the world. From Negro History Week to Black History Month, ASALH has carried forth the tradition, and the observances have become part of the warp and weft of American culture and increasingly the global community.

For our 100th theme, the founders of Black History Month urge us to explore the impact and meaning of Black history and life commemorations in transforming the status of Black peoples in the modern world.

As part of the global



Dr. Karsonya Wise Whitehead
President, ASALH

African diaspora, people of African descent in the United States have viewed their role in history as critical to their own development and that of the world.

Revealing their connection to the diaspora, they commemorated the Haitian Revolution, the end of the slave trade, and the end of slavery in Jamaica.

They observed American emancipation with Watch Night, Jubilee Day, and

Dr. Carter G. Woodson sought to turn the commemorations into a far-reaching, organized, and sustained effort to transform how Black folks viewed themselves and how the world viewed them.

Juneteenth celebrations. Eventually they feted the lives of individuals who fought against slavery, most notably Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

When Carter G. Woodson, as director of the Association, established Negro History Week, he did so as part of that tradition. Yet, he sought to turn the commemorations more forthrightly into a far-reaching, organized, and sustained effort to transform how Black folks viewed themselves and how the world viewed them.

Year after year, he built Negro History Week into an African-American and American cultural institution. He set the themes and provided materials to illustrate the contributions

people of African descent had made to the movement of history and modern culture.

As his contemporary W.E.B. Du Bois put it, "He literally made this country ... recognize and celebrate each year a week in which it studied the effect which the American Negro has had upon the life, thought and action in the United State."

Since the passing of the founder, ASALH has continued his work, making Negro History Week and Black History Month an even more deeply rooted American institution. On February 10, 1976, during the United States Bicentennial, President Gerald R. Ford became the first president to issue a message recognizing

Black History Month. Then in 1986, Congress passed Public Law 99-244 designating February as Black History Month.

This year, when we are also commemorating the 250th anniversary of United States independence, it is important to tell not only an inclusive history, but an accurate one. We have never had more need to examine the role of Black History Month than we do when forces weary of democracy seek to use legislative means and book bans to excise Black history from America's schools and public culture.

Black history's value is not its contribution to mainstream historical narratives, but its resonance in the lives of Black people.

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Dr. Carter G. Woodson: The "Father of Black History"

Carter Godwin Woodson (December 19, 1875 - April 3, 1950) was an American historian, author, journalist, and the founder of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH).

A founder of The Journal of Negro History in 1916, Woodson has been called the "father of Black history." In February 1926, he launched the celebration of "Negro History Week," the precursor of Black History Month.

Born in Virginia, the son

of former slaves, Woodson had to put off schooling while he worked in the coal mines of West Virginia. He graduated from Berea College, and became a teacher and school administrator. Earning graduate degrees at the University of Chicago, Woodson then became the second African-American, after W. E. B. Du Bois, to obtain a PhD degree from Harvard University. Woodson is the only person whose parents were enslaved in the United States to obtain a PhD in history.

Largely excluded from the uniformly-white academic history profession, Woodson realized the need to make the structures which support scholarship in Black history, and Black historians. He taught at Howard University and West Virginia State University, both historically Black colleges, but spent most of his career in Washington, D.C., managing the ASALH, public speaking, writing, and publishing.

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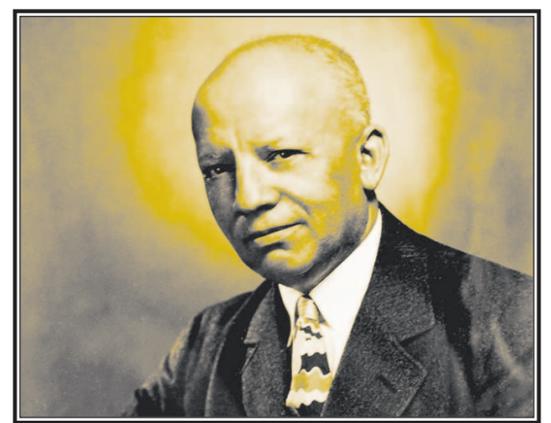


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Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson

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James

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Born in Ocala, Florida, his father died three years later. His godparents helped the son of a single mother who raised him and six other siblings alone, get a scholarship to college.

At 15, he was a freshman at Bethune-Cookman College (BCC), which had no media program, so he chose Business Administration at the HBCU founded by Mary McLeod Bethune. James worked to pay off his tuition at the Bethune Funeral Home run by her son, and he served as his boss' babysitter.

Too small for varsity football, James worked for the school's public affairs office writing sports stories for the Black-owned newspaper, The Pittsburgh Courier.

As president of the class of 1950, he landed a job at Daytona Beach's WROD-AM radio station, hosting



Dr. James in action.

Photo: Courtesy

the "Sepia Serenade," a jazz and popular music program.

During an interview with the GUIDE a decade ago, James said his career in broadcasting was on track at that time. But, instead, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, which had been recently desegregated by President

Harry S. Truman.

He was assigned to Fort Polk, in Louisiana to the 509th Heavy Tank Battalion, an all-Black unit.

Later at Fort Hood in Texas and Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, he gained essential media training

After the military, with



Dr. James with Greg Gumble and Robin Roberts during NSU Media Conference.

Photo: Courtesy

his wife, Ida, and two offspring in tow, it was off to Chicago to attend broadcasting school at Columbia College.

After that, he earned a Master's in Media at Indiana University before being hired at Southern University in Baton Rouge in 1957 as Director of the Audio-Visual Services and he taught in the School of Education.

Off campus, he worked at WXOK-AM in Baton Rouge, hosting a weekly

radio show "Sunday Morning Sports Page."

Arriving At Norfolk State University

The Norfolk Unit of Virginia State was casting a national recruiting net for academics with Master's and Doctoral degrees led by then provost, Dr. Lyman Beecher Brooks, and James was snared in 1960.

"I hated coming through that tunnel every morning from Portsmouth, where we moved," recalled James. "There were only two buildings at the school: Tidewater Hall (Brown Hall), which housed administration, the library, and classrooms.

The other was the former clubhouse of a golf course, which barred Blacks from using it, called the "White House".

James taught education majors how to run projectors and create "bulletin boards." He also wanted to use his broadcast/journalism skills.

He did play-by-play work for NSU football games on WRAP-AM and later WHIH AM in Portsmouth.

He was also instructing Norfolk Public School teachers to use the TV in the classroom before he took another tour of

academic training at Indiana University in 1966 for a Master's, then a doctorate from Temple.

Before he left, the school constructed the Communication Building, Madison Hall, and James helped build the initial infrastructure for NSU's Mass Communication program.

When he returned to Norfolk, he taught audio-visual and mass communications programs on campus, he said. He was a studio cameraman at WYAH-TV, owned by Conservative GOP Evangelist Pat Robertson. He worked shows like "The Jim and Tammy Show" and other live show programs.

James was an educator at NSU and was given the opportunity to develop programming at local commercial broadcast outlets to use his skills in media, highlighting Black culture and NSU's image.

WTAR-TV (now WTKR) News Director offered him a job co-producing a monthly documentary centered on urban affairs.

"I told him I would do it, but I did not want to be the Black cultural expert," said James. "The first program we did was on the Urban Church. I selected Bank Street Baptist Church, the home church of Dr. Brooks."

James never interviewed Brooks for that inaugural broadcast. He did talk to the senior pastor and several congregants.

"I would talk to people who said 'I used to attend Norfolk State,' indicating they had dropped out," said James. "So, I produced a show on college dropouts and what happened after they left campus."

The episode won the "School Bell Award" from the Virginia Education Association.

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Rebekah Huber died in 2007, but her love for the arts and other causes lives on through her donor-advised fund at the Hampton Roads Community Foundation.

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mathematical models and satellite data analysis made accurate global positioning possible. Without her work, GPS as we know it simply would not function. For decades, however, her contributions went largely unnoticed. She wasn't on magazine covers or in history books. Yet her equations quietly reshaped the modern world. That pattern – transformational impact without recognition – appears far too often in Black history.

In 2018, Gladys West was inducted into the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Hall of Fame. The honor was long overdue, but it served as an important reminder: Black excellence has always been embedded in America's innovation story, even when the credit was missing.

As we celebrate Black History Month, Gladys West challenges us to rethink leadership and legacy. Not all heroes give speeches. Some write formulas. Not all revolutions are loud. Some are precise, disciplined, and mathematical.

Black history is not just behind us. It is powering our present – and coding our future.

That's today's Digital Download.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month and The Power That Holds Democracy Together

Ben Jealous reminds us that the bonds African Americans held for each other over the years helped us resist the divisions that split others apart.

By Ben Jealous

(TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM)

Chicago's Mayor Brandon Johnson has emerged as a clarion voice for American democracy in turbulent times.

The values he represents reflect the voters who elected him. They remind us of the power of the Black community and the White, Asian American, Latino, and Native American voters who believe in multiracial democracy. Together they help ensure our country ultimately remains a place defined by a deep commitment to achieving freedom and opportunity for all.

Yet events at home and abroad show how fragile that path can be.

As Black History Month begins, let us rise to this moment again. Let us take stock of what has made the Black community the backbone of movements that strengthen democracy.

Our strength has never been our size. Our strength has been that we hang together. Since we first won the ballot, Black voters have stood remarkably united. Often 80 percent or more have chosen the same candidate and the same vision of fairness. That unity has given us influence far beyond our numbers.

It is no surprise that those who attack democratic rights try to break our voting bloc. They come for civil rights. They come for workers' rights. They come for equal pay and fair treatment. I have helped lead coalitions to defend our community from those attacks. I have faith we can see through them.

What keeps me up at night is quieter. It is the slow erosion of the cohesion that fuels our power.

Our political unity reflects our community life. For generations we were held together by congregations, by family reunions, by Sunday phone calls that crossed state lines. Cousins recognized one another by a reunion T-shirt. Even relatives we rarely saw were still close kin. Those bonds helped us resist the divisions that split others apart.

That cohesiveness was not magic. It was history. The Black community remained confined to segregated towns and neighborhoods long after White America began to suburbanize. We built economically mixed communities out of necessity. In them, elders—especially grandmothers and great-grandmothers—kept the circle tight. They did it in church basements after service. They did it around kitchen tables late at night.

From coast to coast, Black children heard the same maxim: "To whom much is given, much is expected." Elders organized



Ben Jealous

This Black History Month, let us hold our community together by holding our families together. Replicate the reunion. Make the phone calls the elders used to make. Tell the stories they told us. Democracy is under pressure. That pressure should remind us we need one another.

the reunions. They made the long calls between holidays. They told the stories that reminded us who we were.

That love became political power. It lifted leaders from Shirley Chisholm to Jesse Jackson to Brandon Johnson—leaders who speak clearly for democracy and equality.

But the elders who held us together are disappearing. One by one. Funeral after funeral.

They were born into communities that were integrated by necessity. Many of us were born into communities divided by class, except in a few sacred spaces, often the church on Sunday. As we entered the broader economy, we absorbed its class lines as well.

This Black History Month, let us hold our community together by holding our families together. Replicate the reunion. Make the phone calls the elders used to make. Tell the stories they told us.

Democracy is under pressure. That pressure should remind us we need one another. We must hang together so our children can live better lives than we have.

Let us never forget that the elders we are burying have already shown us how to keep this country free—by keeping our families connected, in tough times and even across great distance.

Ben Jealous is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania, former national president and CEO of the NAACP, and author of Never Forget Our People Were Always Free.

The Math That Found The World: Gladys West and The Power of Quiet Genius

By Dr. Cliff Hayes

Delegate Virginia General Assembly

West. Born in 1930 in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, Gladys West understood early that education was her path to a different future. She excelled in mathematics, earned advanced degrees – including a Ph.D. – and went on to work at the U.S. Navy's Dahlgren research center. There, she became one of the earliest programmers and

applied mathematicians, working with room-sized computers at the dawn of the digital age.

Her work focused on solving an extraordinarily complex problem: determining the precise shape of the Earth. That precision mattered. Satellites orbiting the planet must calculate location based on exact measurements of Earth's dimensions. Gladys West's

Every time your phone gives directions, a package arrives on time, or first responders find the fastest route in a crisis, there's a quiet miracle at work in the background. That miracle is GPS. And behind it is a Black woman mathematician from rural Virginia named Gladys

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

NTA OBSERVES 100TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2026 STEM CAREERS FOR BLACKS ROOTED IN HISTORY OF NAT. TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION

By Hattie Carwell

Special to the New Journal and Guide



Dr. Constance Meadors Current NTA President



Charles Sumner Duke First NTA President

When nine African-American technical professionals gathered at the Wabash Avenue YMCA in Chicago on November 12, 1925, they could not have fully foreseen the century-long legacy they were about to launch.

These men had already defied the odds, having navigated segregation and discrimination to secure technical education and employment in fields where African-Americans were routinely excluded. What they created became a permanent organization to exchange ideas, share knowledge, and encourage youth from underrepresented communities to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

National Technical Association (NTA) was officially incorporated in Illinois in 1926, and throughout 2026, the organization is observing its founding and legacy, and the contributions of its members to science and technology over the past 100 years.

The original nine pioneers were Samuel R. Cheevers, Fred C. Downs, Charles Sumner Duke, W. I. Gough, Oscar Randall, Howard D. Shaw, William Ferguson Thornton, August D. Watson, A. T. Weathers, who held such technical positions in 1925 as engineer, school instructor, electrician, draftsman, and chemist.

A week later, the group expanded to include E. M. Akin, Robert Lester Buffins, Dr. E. M. A. Chandler, Lloyd A. Hall, Henry R. Lewis, Thomas B. Mayo. Together, they laid the foundation for what would become the nation's first – and for many years only – multidisciplinary organization representing African-Americans in technical fields.

Chapters formed primarily along the East Coast and in the Midwest, creating programs that introduced Black youth to the excitement of science and engineering while building pathways to higher education. The organization developed strong, enduring relationships with historically Black colleges and universities, including Howard University, Morgan State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Tennessee State University, Hampton University, and Virginia State University.

NTA's advocacy extended beyond professional development into academic preservation. In 1931, when Howard University's Board of Trustees proposed closing the architecture department due to financial constraints, NTA Vice President John A. Lankford intervened. Lankford argued that Howard had a responsibility to educate Black architects who would serve underserved communities nationwide. His appeal was successful. Not only did the Board reverse its decision, but it also established the School of Engineering and Architecture. In 1934, Lewis K. Downing became NTA's fourth president and the first dean of that newly established school.

Throughout the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, NTA emerged as the primary source of information about African-American technical professionals and a trusted advisor on technical issues affecting Black communities. Its members were nationally and internationally

recognized experts who combined technical excellence with civil rights advocacy.

NTA also made history by becoming the first Black technical organization to publish peer-reviewed technical papers in its own journal. At a time when African-Americans were routinely excluded from mainstream academic publications, the NTA Journal provided a vital platform to showcase innovation, research, and professional achievement.

NTA's influence reached into national service as well. John Lankford, the first licensed African-American architect in Washington, D.C., served as an advisor to the U.S. Department of the Interior and assisted the U.S. Navy during World War II. Charles S. Duke served on the Hoover Housing Authority Commission and, with support from NTA members, helped facilitate the construction of Chicago's first public housing projects. James C. Evans later served as a special assistant to President Harry S. Truman and contributed to the postwar integration of the U.S. military.

As the nation entered the Space Age, NTA members were at the forefront. During the 1950s and 1960s, figures such as mathematician Katherine Johnson, astronaut Guion Bluford, NASA leader Julian Earls, astronaut Melvin Leland, operations executive Woodrow Whitlow, and NASA Administrator Charles Bolden shaped America's

space program. Their achievements underscored NTA's enduring role in cultivating excellence and opening doors once thought permanently closed.

Today, NTA's membership spans engineering, computer science, energy, environmental science, space exploration, and nanotechnology. The organization remains steadfast in its mission to inspire underrepresented minority youth and to support full participation in STEM careers. Since the 1970s, NTA has also worked to foster collaboration among minority technical organizations, helping to form the Coalition of Hispanics, African and Native Americans for the Next Generation of Engineers and Scientists in 2012.

As NTA celebrates its centennial throughout 2026, its leaders point to its legacy as a testament to vision, persistence, and collective action. For 100 years, the National Technical Association has reached forward and reached back – building opportunity, expanding representation, and shaping a more inclusive technical workforce. NTA leaders say this story is not only a reflection of the past, but a call to action for the future.

Hattie Carwell is a past president of NTA and currently resides in California.

“History shows that it does not matter who is in power or what revolutionary forces take over the government, those who have not learned to do for themselves and have to depend solely on others never obtain any more rights or privileges in the end than they had in the beginning.”

– Dr. Carter G. Woodson



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James

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James continued to grow in popularity. He became the first Black male host of a local TV show called "Norfolk State Highlights." It won the National Unity Award in 1977 for Best Educational Series.

"A lot of people called it the 'Grady James Show'. But I wanted to highlight NSU," he said. "No other school in this area had such exposure."

The show lasted eight years. He also covered the first three years of Brooks' replacement, Dr. Harrison B. Wilson.

James said when Brooks was retiring, he did a walking interview through the NSU campus with him. "We wanted to show just how much the school had grown under his leadership," said James. "That was the best show technically of them all."

By the early 70s, James continued to contribute to the university's expanding training facilities in Madison Hall, including the campus radio station WNSB FM 91.1.

Starting in 1986, he organized the three-day NSU Communications Conference, to honor print and broadcast journalists. It exposed students to David Brinkley, Tom Brokaw, Susan Taylor, Greg Gumbel, Robin Roberts, and others.

In a feature article of the NSU campus magazine "Behold," Regina Mobley, '81, anchor and reporter

for WAVY-TV 10/WVBT FOX43, credits Dr. James with teaching her how to navigate the complexities of the newsroom. "He offered a master class on how to survive and thrive in a television newsroom," Mobley said. "He also made us aware of the subtle ways bias could appear in news production and insisted we hold ourselves to the highest standards. I share these lessons with pride, admiration, and love for Dr. Grady James."

Even after he retired, James could be seen at various NSU sporting and academic events with a camera in hand, capturing images for campus publications and outlets like the New Journal and Guide.

Not able to drive these days, he still catches rides with friends to NSU football games and looks forward to the upcoming MEAC basketball tournament.

Outstanding Educator of the Year, Excellence in Mass Communications and Journalism and Pioneering in Media for Excellence are among the honors recognizing his multi-decades-long plus career.

In 2023, Dr. James received the Distinguished Virginian Award from the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, and a year before, he was inducted into the university's Emerald Society for his longtime support.

Dr. James is a member of the Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals Hall of Fame, the Virginia Commonwealth Communications Hall of Fame, and the NSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT

Commemorating A Native Daughter & Her History-making Service Career

By Leonard E. Colvin

Chief Reporter Emeritus
New Journal and Guide

This year, the class of 1966 of Norfolk's historic Booker T. Washington High School (BTWHS) will be observing its 60th Anniversary.

In 1966, Virginia was slowly complying with the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court ruling which declared racially segregated public schools illegal. By this time, Virginia and other southern states, to slow desegregation, used various ruses not to do so until the early 1970s.

After desegregation, many high schools built to serve Blacks during segregation, were closed.

But BTWHS and Portsmouth's I.C. Norcom, are the only two remaining in Hampton Roads.

These historic schools produced several generations of individuals whose careers deserve recognition during Black History Month including Evelyn Fields and her classmate former Norfolk Councilperson Paul Riddick, among others.

For five decades, Fields, now 77, was a pioneering officer of the line in the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

She was born on January 29, 1949, the oldest of five



RADM Evelyn Fields
(Now Retired)

was selected to take part in the U.S. Department of Commerce Science and Technology Fellowship Program.

Field's hydrographic knowledge and skills contributed to preparing nautical charts for the U.S. Navy to use during the 1991 Gulf War.

In 1995, at the rank of Captain, Fields became Director of the Commissioned Personnel Center (CPC), which is responsible for the personnel system in support of the NOAA Corps officers. She entered this new leadership role as the CPC was in the midst of a government-wide Presidential initiative to reduce the size of government, being told to reduce the office staff by half from around 25 to 12 and the NOAA Corps from 401 to 299.

Eight months into her role, the Administration announced a plan to disestablish the NOAA Corps, converting the work of the NOAA Corps to civilian jobs.

In 1997, Fields became the acting deputy director of NOAA's National Ocean Service, where she improved and streamlined the nautical chart making process.

She was nominated as director of the NOAA Commissioned Corps and NOAA Corps Operations by President Bill Clinton on January 19, 1999, confirmed by the Senate on May 6, 1999, and promoted from captain to rear admiral, upper half. Fields was the first woman, and first African American, to hold this position.

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children. Her father was a civilian employee at the Naval Shipyard in Norfolk, and her mother was a teacher.

She attended Liberty Park Elementary School. She said her fourth and fifth grade teacher sparked her interest in math and science. After BTWHS she enrolled at Norfolk State University (NSU) where she earned a BS degree in mathematics. As a freshman, she said, she was one of only four or five female math majors.

Fields began her career with NOAA in 1972 as a civilian cartographer at NOAA's Atlantic Marine Center in Norfolk. At that time, women were not allowed on NOAA's ships, but she did participate in shore-based research parties for data collection.

She worked in this position less than a year before NOAA began

recruiting its first female commissioned officers. Fields was commissioned an ensign in 1973 and was the first African American woman to join the NOAA Corps.

Fields served as an operations officer on the NOAA Ships Mount Mitchell and Peirce and executive officer of the survey vessel NOAA Ship Rainier.

In January 1989, Fields was chosen by NOAA's Selection Board to serve as commanding officer of the NOAA ship McArthur an oceanographic and fisheries research vessel based in Seattle, Washington.

Fields was the first female officer to command an NOAA ship and the first African American. She was also the first woman to command a ship for an extended assignment.

In July 1990, Fields

Elections

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It would also require states to take new steps to remove non-citizens from existing voter rolls.

"The issue is not going away," Politico noted on Feb. 6. "Besides the House action next week — the chamber's second vote on a version of the legislation in less than a year — there is a mounting campaign on GOP senators to find ways around Democratic opposition and get the bill to Trump's desk."

The president, who seems to believe he is running against former President Barack Obama, recently released and swiftly withdrew a widely-criticized social media post that portrays the Obamas as apes. He is also personally involved in the effort to change election rules for the 2026 midterms, according to Politico.

"Majority Leader Steve Scalise spoke with the president about the SAVE America Act bill at a Jan. 29 White House meeting. GOP Sens. Mike Lee of Utah, Rick Scott of Florida and Ron Johnson of Wisconsin met with the president to discuss it on Feb. 5."

Scalise said in an interview that Trump "wants to find the best place to get it passed so it can get signed into law" and Republican leaders are "in the process of working with the president to get the best path forward."

Meanwhile, Bannon, the former White House strategist, is urging the Trump administration to send Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers to polling sites to prevent noncitizens from voting.

"We're going to have ICE surround the polls come November. We're not going to sit here and allow you to steal the country again," Bannon said on his

podcast on Feb. 3. "And you can whine and cry and throw your toys out of the pram all you want, but we will never again allow an election to be stolen."

A day later, Bannon called for the president to go even further and send U.S. Army troops to voting locations as well as urging the President to "nationalize" the election.

But federal law prohibits the president from deploying military troops "at any place where a general or special election is held," and it is a crime in several states to carry a firearm at or near a polling place.

Democrats have already condemned any call to nationalize elections, with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer calling the proposal "outlandishly illegal" and Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) referring to it as "an authoritarian takeover of our electoral process."

Republican lawmakers have been reluctant to rally around the nationalization of elections idea, with Speaker Mike Johnson acknowledging that "it's always been the responsibility of the states to administer elections." Senate Majority Leader John Thune also expressed skepticism, saying that he's "not in favor of federalizing elections."

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt recently said she refused to rule out U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents being at polling locations during November's midterm elections, according to news reports.

Leavitt said it was not something she had heard the president consider, but added: "I can't guarantee that an ICE agent won't be around a polling location in November."

Federal and state laws prohibit the government from deploying federal agents to any polling place, according to the Brennan Center for Justice. Federal law also prohibits any activity that intimidates

voters.



Another news story related to the midterms involves the FBI inviting state election officials to discuss preparations for the midterm election.

According to NBC News, "The invitation to the FBI midterm election meeting, which was first reported by Crooked Media and confirmed to NBC News by an election official who received it, is scheduled for Feb. 25. It will include the FBI, the departments of Justice and Homeland Security, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Election Assistance Commission."

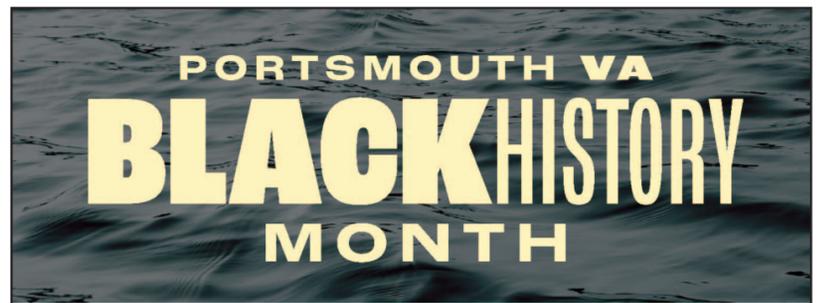
The invitation was sent recently, according to the election official, and was signed by Kellie M. Hardiman, who identified herself as an "FBI Election Executive." A LinkedIn page for Hardiman says she was appointed seven months ago.

The official who was invited and requested anonymity to speak candidly called it "unusual and unexpected," adding that they planned to attend and believed officials from all states were invited.

"No one has heard of this person — and we're all wondering what an 'FBI Election Executive' is," the official added.

The invitation said it was to "discuss preparations for the cycle, as well as updates and resources we can provide to you and your staff."

According to a Feb. 5 NBC News report, "An FBI spokesperson said, "The Election Executive is not a new role. There have been designated executives in previous election cycles to take point on coordinating election related matters and speaking on behalf of the FBI. The FBI has conducted outreach in prior cycles through groups like the National Association of Secretaries of States and participated in threat overview briefs with federal partners."



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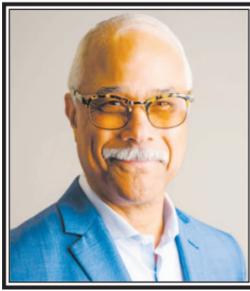
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT

FROM BTW VALEDICTORIAN TO NAVAL ACADEMY TO FORD EXECUTIVE

Submitted by **Audrey Avery**

Special to the New Journal and Guide



Leo V. Williams

The logistics of product planning in big auto companies are collaborative, but Williams is reliably credited with influencing the name and marketing strategy of the Expedition SUV.

It is a little known Black History Fact that a Black man who graduated first in his Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1966 became the first Black person from Virginia ever to graduate from the United States Naval Academy, completing the Academy in 1970 with a BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

From 1970-2004, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve (infantry, artillery and logistics), and retired as a 2-star Major General. From 1978-2004, he was a corporate executive for Ford Motor Company, retiring after 25 years. Then, for 10 years, he was Executive Vice President of health foods giant, Medifast, Inc., serving

as CEO/Chairman of its direct sales subsidiary.

He is none other than Norfolk native LEO V. WILLIAMS III.

While serving as a Marine, Leo W earned his MBA degree from Southern Illinois University. He was recruited by Ford Motor Company in 1978 because of his dossier of engineering degree, MBA and eight years of revered Marine Corps leadership experience.

Ford favored him with assignments that have had long standing impact on the world's automotive landscape. He was Brand Manager for the Ford F-Series trucks, and for Explorer, Excursion, Escape, and Expedition SUVs. He was a member of the teams that created the Ford Explorer, Excursion and Expedition. Believe it when I say it, the Ford Expedition SUV owes its name to LEO V. WILLIAMS III.

During the planning for the public introduction of Ford's second SUV, it was Leo W's responsibility to recommend the name for this larger-than- Explorer new SUV (Code named UN93). At the time, Leo was a Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve. He sensed that the 'Go Anywhere - Do Anything' character of this new SUV and the character of the U.S. Marine Corps were one and the same. The Marine Corps' military description for this is "Expeditionary". "WHOA", Leo thought out loud!

Ford had decided that the then and future full lineup of SUVs would begin with EX. What name could possibly be any better for this big new SUV than EXPEDITION? It was perfect for the tough character of the new SUV and it was a fitting tribute to every U.S. Marine who ever has and ever will serve! All of Leo's team agreed enthusiastically for approval. Leo took the

recommendation to Ford's leadership. They LOVED it! The rest is history!

The year 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of the Ford EXPEDITION! Ford F-Series pickup trucks are the best-selling trucks in America for 48 years in a row; Ford Explorer remains the best-selling SUV in America. Leo W is proud to have played a role in the success of each of these remarkable vehicles.

With regard to the U.S. Marine Corps, Leo proudly served for eight years on Active Duty and 25 years in the Marine Corps Reserve. His leadership roles ranged from infantry platoon commander and artillery battery commander to Commanding General of a 10,000 Marine Logistics Command with Marines spread across all 50 states.

Leo W readily admits that he is in awe of the life he has been blessed to live and the many opportunities to serve that he has enjoyed!

The logistics of product planning in big auto companies are collaborative, but Williams is reliably credited with influencing the name and marketing strategy of the Expedition.

And it all began on the second floor of the stucco house he was born in on Johnson Avenue in Huntersville, Norfolk, Virginia.

HBCU

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"This film festival is a career program. The whole concept for it was to create a career opportunity where I can bring HBCU alums and allies together with HBCU students to build a network. Alumni should be giving back and not just monetarily but giving back their knowledge and their time."

In 2008, Eldridge purchased five radio stations in Augusta, Ga. Prior to that, she established her marketing, public relations, and special events company, Miles Ahead Entertainment and Broadcasting. She hires Howard trained students and other artists.

Her company's Café Mocha Radio program, hosted by comedian Loni Love, rapper Yoyo, and broadcaster Angelique Perrin, is syndicated in more than 30 markets across the country. With Miles Ahead, Eldridge has worked with entities such as the Apollo Theatre, Coca Cola, Essence, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

"I've been very blessed, and I believe in the philosophy that if you've

been blessed then you have to be a blessing to other people, which is really what I hope that this film festival and this initiative will be able to do," she told HBCU News.com in an interview before last year's film festival was held at Howard. "I hope it will help propel so many young people," she said.

The 2025 film festival featured well-known artists such as Howard alum and actress Lynn Whitfield, director and producer Ryan Coogler.

Tubi is an American ad-supported streaming television service launched in 2014 as Tubi-TV by Farhad Massoudi and Thomas Ahn Hicks. Fox Corp. has owned TUBI since 2020. Headquartered in Los Angeles, it provides a wide range of on-demand content. The free streaming service is supported by advertisements. Its goal is to provide users access to on-demand content without the need for a subscription. It has grown rapidly as viewers have sought low-cost alternatives to paid platforms like Netflix and Hulu.

In 2019, TUBI had over 20 million active users and a growing catalog of titles.

During Black History Month, TUBI is streaming assorted Black movies including "Murder in Harlem" (1935), and "The Blood of Jesus" (1941).

Fields

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While serving in the roles as both director of the NOAA Corps and the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, she was responsible for NOAA's fleet of 15 research vessels, 14 aircraft, and over 700 commissioned NOAA Corp officers and civilians.

During her twenty-five years of commissioned service, RADM Fields served in a variety of billets, both staff and operational. All but two of her assignments on land

and at sea were within the National Ocean Service and related to nautical charting. Deployments included both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, specifically the Gulf of Mexico, Mexico, Caribbean, and Alaska waters.

After an exchange program, she was responsible for reviewing, critiquing, and determining whether the hydrographic survey data submitted by Atlantic Marine Center field units was complete and adequate for final acceptance into the processing system.[10]

In 2003 Rear Admiral Fields retired and now resides in Florida.

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Dr. Carter G. Woodson, The Mis-Education of the Negro, 1933



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COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Hampton Roads AHA Names Jaylyn Brown Exec. Director

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HAMPTON ROADS

On Jan. 20, 2026, the American Heart Association announced the promotion of Jaylyn Brown to executive director for Hampton Roads. Brown, a nationally recognized communications leader and award-winning strategist, has spent the past four years driving some of the Association's most innovative and high-impact initiatives in the region in the role of marketing communications director.

A catalyst for first-ever collaborations, Brown has led groundbreaking activations including the Women in Media Luncheon, collaborations with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and engagement with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). Her work has brought national talent to local platforms, elevating community-focused campaigns and strengthening the Association's reach across Hampton Roads.

Brown has also contributed significantly to progress in public policy and youth health protection across the state. She played a key role in shaping the strategy, communications and stakeholder engagement that supported the successful passage of Virginia's Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERP) bill, collaborating closely with the NFL's Smart Heart Sports Coalition to champion the importance of emergency planning in schools and youth athletic settings.

The legislation represents one of her most meaningful impact milestones, advancing lifesaving readiness statewide.

Brown's influence extends beyond the region through her contributions to Scientific Sessions,

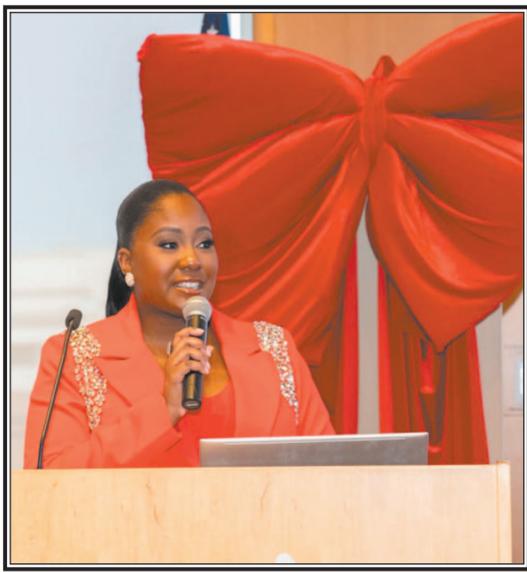


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Jaylyn Brown during 2026 Women in Media Luncheon.

service on the National Crisis Communications Team, participation in the McKinsey Leadership Program and leadership within the National Equitable Health Media Cohort.

She has been recognized globally at the GDS CMO Summit and named among Women We Admire's Top 50 Women Leaders of Virginia Beach in both 2024 and 2025.

Her accomplishments have also been celebrated through the American Heart Association's Eastern States Award for Building Powerful Partnerships (2023) and Making an Extraordinary Impact (2022).

"Jaylyn's transition to executive director is a natural progression," said Ashley Schade, region senior vice president of development and community health for the American Heart Association Eastern States.

"She leads with authenticity, creativity and vision. I could not be more excited to work alongside her in this new role. I have tremendous confidence in

her ability to deepen our community impact across Hampton Roads."

With more than a decade of experience spanning public relations, marketing, events and sports collaborations, Brown's work has been featured in Forbes, ESPN, USA Today, Peacock and Ebony. Her history of producing high-profile collaborations and purpose-driven campaigns has positioned her as one of the region's most dynamic leaders.

"I am honored and filled with gratitude as I step into this role and continue advancing the lifesaving mission of the American Heart Association across Hampton Roads," Brown said. "Our work is more critical than ever, and I look forward to expanding our impact and building stronger, healthier communities throughout the region."

Brown also serves on the board of the Hampton Roads Youth Foundation and is an active member of the Public Relations Society of America.

Happy Birthday



Mrs. Effie Foster Revis

SHE'S 104 YEARS YOUNG!

Effie Foster Revis – A Life Anchored In Faith, Education, and Community

Submitted By **Estherine J. Harding**

The year was 1922. A gallon of gasoline cost twenty-five cents, a new home sold for \$5,400, and Warren G. Harding was President of the United States. On February 2, 1922, Effie Foster Revis was born to Ulysses and Eunice Foster in Emporia, Virginia.

Raised on a farm, Effie learned early the values of discipline, perseverance, and hard work. Yet even as a child, her deepest passion was reading and education. Her academic gifts were evident early – she graduated from high school at the age of fifteen and went on to attend what is now known as St. Paul's College. In 1939, she earned her Normal Degree and began what would become a lifelong commitment to education, teaching for six years before stepping away to devote herself fully to raising her family.

In 1958, Effie returned to St. Paul's College, demonstrating that learning has no expiration date. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1959. During this second chapter at St. Paul's, she became a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, embracing its mission to enhance the quality of life for Black women and their families through community service, civil engagement, and social action. Education, health awareness, and leadership development became pillars of her life's work.

Together with her husband, Tom, Effie raised three children – Tommy, Eunice, and Eric – while continuing to invest in her own growth. In 1969, she earned a Master of Education degree from the University of Virginia, becoming a member of only the second class of African-American students to receive a graduate degree from UVA – an achievement she holds with great pride.

Throughout her distinguished teaching career, Effie received numerous accolades, but she is perhaps best remembered for her quiet, consistent service – providing

free tutoring to children who needed help with reading and mathematics. Her belief was simple: every child deserves the opportunity to succeed.

Beyond the classroom, Effie's commitment to justice and equity was unwavering. She is a life member of the NAACP and a dedicated community activist, focusing on voter registration and helping to lay the groundwork for diversity in local government.

After retiring from teaching, Effie continued her service by representing the City of Emporia on the Crater District Area Agency on Aging for 21 years. Over more than two decades, Effie and three close friends fundamentally changed the political landscape of Emporia. Their long-term vision and strategic effort led to historic outcomes – the election of a Black mayor, Black sheriff, Black city council members, and a Black clerk of court. Their work stands as a powerful testament to patience, planning, and perseverance.

A woman of deep faith, Effie remained actively involved at St. James Episcopal Church, where she helped coordinate community programs and outreach events in the parish hall, always seeking ways to serve others.

Today, Effie resides in Chesapeake, Virginia, with her son Eric and daughter-in-law Shirley. She enjoys genealogical research, keeping up with politics, listening to music, watching General Hospital and MSNBC, and staying mentally sharp through Sudoku and daily reading. She cherishes long phone conversations with family and friends – and is well known for enthusiastically giving instructions to Alexa.

On February 2, Effie celebrated her 104th birthday. She gives all glory to God for her longevity and continues to advocate for community involvement, care for the homeless and those in need, and the lifelong pursuit of education.

Effie Foster Revis's life is a living testament to faith, service, resilience, and the enduring power of education.

Black History Observance Richmond Group Plans Day Of Dance, Drum, Food, Culture

RICHMOND

Elegba Folklore Society, Richmond's Cultural Ambassador, will present CONVERGENCE – DANCE ■ DRUM ■ FOOD ■ CULTURE on Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., in the Ballroom Pavilion of the Greater Richmond Convention Center, downtown at 5th & Broad Streets.

The public is invited to a day of African dance and drumming classes, shopping and a dinner of delicious African food and

meaningful conversation in this 100th Black History Month.

The Class Schedule and Tuition:

- 10:30 a.m. – Doors Open
- 11 a.m. – Children's Dance Class (Ages 5-10): \$10 (advance) / \$15 (at door)
- Noon – Drum Class: \$20 / \$25
- 1:30 p.m. – Adult Dance Class: \$20 / \$25
- 3 p.m. – Adult Dance Class: \$20 / \$25
- 5 p.m. – Dinner & Conversation: \$20 / \$25
- 7 p.m. – Doors Close



Wadsworth Jarrell (American, b. 1929) Revolutionary, 1972. Color screen print. Museum purchase, 2017/34

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New Mixed-Use Approach To Transform MacArthur Center

NORFOLK

The City of Norfolk is moving forward with plans to redevelop the MacArthur Center site as part of a long-term strategy to strengthen the City's continued economic growth.

The redevelopment is intended to position the site for its next phase, with a mixed-use approach to include new market-rate residential units, additional hotel rooms, street-level retail and a network of neighborhood streets connected by open spaces. This vision reflects adopted downtown planning goals and the City's broader commitment to a walkable, active and connected urban core. The focus is on creating a destination that complements surrounding

neighborhoods, supports local businesses and contributes to Norfolk's continued vitality.

"The redevelopment of MacArthur Center represents a significant milestone in advancing a downtown that reflects Norfolk's continued momentum. As this work progresses, the City remains steadfast in its commitment to cultivating a downtown that embodies the strength and creativity of our community while establishing the foundation for new jobs, new housing opportunities, and renewed vitality in the heart of our city," said Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander, Ph.D.

To allow redevelopment planning to move forward, MacArthur Center is scheduled to close by June

30, 2026. This transition marks the conclusion of one chapter and the beginning of another for a site that has long been part of Downtown Norfolk.

As part of this transition, the City has developed a plan to assist current mall tenants. That plan is designed to provide support and access to resources, including information about timelines, relocation assistance and connections to commercial real estate opportunities within Norfolk, small business resources, and individualized guidance to help tenants understand their options and plan next steps.

The City's Economic Development team will assist tenants by connecting them with available

resources, relocation opportunities and business support services. Additional tenant resources, as well as project updates, are available at www.norfolk.gov/MacArthurCenter.

Following the closure, the City will begin site preparation and redevelopment planning, including demolition. Demolition is anticipated to begin toward the end of 2026, with a multi-phased development to follow.

MacArthur Center has played an important role in downtown Norfolk for decades. City officials say the redevelopment of the site builds on that legacy while looking ahead to new opportunities that build on the City's economic strength.

HRT DISPLAYS AT 3 FERRY SHELTERS WILL UPDATE ON SCHEDULES, SERVICE

NORFOLK

Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) has completed the installation of digital displays at three Elizabeth River Ferry docks, providing passengers with information about schedules and service.

The displays can be updated remotely to provide the latest information about weather delays or other service disruptions. The screens include a ferry route map to help visitors and first-time users.

Integrated speakers enable HRT to make announcements directly to passengers, keeping them informed

and connected.

"This new addition to our ferry docks is part of our ongoing investment in new technology to improve the customer experience," said William E. Harrell, President and CEO. "We're looking forward to a busy spring and summer season, and these new screens and signage will provide a welcoming gateway to our ferry service."

In addition, ferry shelters at Waterside in Norfolk and North Landing and High Street in Portsmouth now feature bold new signage identifying the ferry stop.

The shelters, unveiled last June, are designed with both residents and visitors in mind. The vibrant waterfront shelters offer protection from the elements while enhancing the customer experience with sweeping views of the Elizabeth River.

The shelters were designed and constructed to resemble cargo ship containers, reflecting the working waterfront along the Elizabeth River. Each shelter is painted in different hues to reflect HRT's blue and green brand colors.

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By Wornie Reed, Ph.D.



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TRUMP'S INTERNATIONAL DOCTRINE

With its Right-Wing Anti-Globalism on top of Trump's malignant narcissism, which makes him think he is the smartest person in the room despite his ineptness, the world is rapidly becoming less safe. Trump's impulsiveness and haphazard operation of what should be a coherent foreign policy is making the world more dangerous.

He is bashing our friends, destabilizing NATO to the apparent delight of Putin, enabling America's real enemies, and making friends of our enemies.

Even the verbal attack on Greenland and its owner, Denmark, a member of NATO, is weakening this important alliance. NATO is widely considered the most successful defensive military alliance in history. Its achievements span over 75 years, primarily focused on maintaining peace in Europe through collective defense. However, the only time it was called upon to defend a member nation was to assist the U.S. after the 9/11 attacks. Denmark sent troops to Afghanistan and suffered proportionately more military deaths than the United States.

Further, in his speech at Davos last month, Trump followed up on his national security document issued last November by lambasting European immigration, economic, and climate policies. Astoundingly, he argued that Europe's focus on "radical left" agendas has caused them to falter compared to the U.S. Of course, his administration has signaled a preference for nationalist, right-wing parties in Europe over existing leadership, with Trump officials warning that European policies have led to "civilizational suicide."

It seems that saving our democracy from people like Stephen Miller and Donald Trump can help save the world.

Meanwhile European leaders are rightfully recalibrating their positions.

In his important speech at Davos, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney addressed this new world order that Trump was pushing and talked "about a rupture in the world order, the end of a pleasant fiction and the beginning of a harsh reality, where geopolitics, where the large, main power, geopolitics, is submitted to no limits, no constraints."

Carney emphasized the end of the rules-based international order and outlined how Canada was adapting by building strategic autonomy while maintaining values like human rights and sovereignty.

The Canadian PM called for middle powers, such as his own, to work together to counter the rise of hard power and the great power rivalry, to build a more cooperative, resilient world.

Donald Trump's interactions with European leaders are currently marked by tension, especially after his attempts to buy Greenland, prompting EU leaders like Emmanuel Macron and Ursula von der Leyen to push for greater European strategic independence, though some Right-Wing allies like Italy's Giorgia Meloni try to mediate, while a strategy emerges for Europe to stand firm against Trump's volatility by threatening countermeasures like tariffs, despite uniting even his critics on the continent. This includes Germany's Chancellor

Friedrich Merz pushing for reduced business regulations in Europe to counter U.S. economic dominance.

Stephen Miller explains the Trump doctrine: "The USA is Running Venezuela. By definition, that is true. We live in a world in which you can talk all you want about international niceties and everything else. But we live in a world, in the real world, that is governed by strength, that is governed by force, that is governed by power. These are the iron laws of the world that have existed since the beginning of time."

Pete Buttigieg responds, "That's Stephen Miller, the most powerful policy voice in the White House. We live in a world where 'might makes right' and whoever can beat up somebody else is going to get their way. This flies in the face of the whole point of what we have learned as a country and as a species, especially in the 20th century. One of America's greatest accomplishments was leading humanity out of that into a world where values and rules matter. At least as much as brute force. And dragging us into the past with that kind of ideological bulls*** will make Americans less safe. It doesn't have to be this way. It is not worth responding to all or most of the crazy things that Trump officials say. But this one we have to deal with."

It seems that saving our democracy from people like Stephen Miller and Donald Trump can help save the world.

CARRTOON By Walt Carr



THE BROKEN PEOPLE

By Dr. E. Faye Williams

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Ordinarily when we elect people, there was a time we believed their intention was to make life better for all our citizens.

Even when we Black people could only hope for the lesser of two evils, we didn't think things would be the way they are now. We're not even talking about one man who is so broken that he doesn't know how to be truthful or fair to all citizens. He doesn't care if we Black people function in disbelief about how far a President would go to try to belittle us.

Fortunately, sane people can see that everybody who is in charge of our government these days, doesn't deserve our spending our time trying to figure out how low they will go. We now know there are no limits! Trump even wants to nationalize voting and figure out how many ways he can stop us from voting! Steve Bannon told us one of the ways is to frighten people away from the polls by surrounding them with ICE agents!

We remember "The list is on my desk" said by Pam Bondi when she was speaking of the Epstein case. Then it wasn't! Recently trying to understand why Tulsi Gabbard was hanging out in Georgia - first we were told Bondi sent her. Then she just happened to be in Georgia, then President Trump sent her there. We still don't know who sent her, but we now know she was there to forcibly take voting ballots!

Truth is a casualty with this group. Bondi didn't



Dr. E. Faye Williams

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coming out of the White House" it had to be serious!" He widely condemned Trump's action as racist, and urged him to remove the post, but the damage had already been done.

Some days we are outraged, but Eddie Glaude warned us to beware of the rage and not succumb to it or allow the rage to harm us. Even though, we have come to a point where Trump is known as "America's Hitler" around the world and he's followed up by his supporting cast: Steve Miller, Steve Bannon and others. While we are concerned that the American people elected such a person as Trump, he brought along with him some scary people! Don't let that traumatize you.

If the Broken People are not fired or impeached by then, remember when you go to the polls in November that Trump caused food prices to go sky high, personally took huge amounts of money from sources that are against our laws for Presidents while they are in the White House, was convicted of 34 crimes, hung out with the child molester Jeffrey Epstein, worked to destroy DEI and Black History, embarrassed us numerous times before the world, and disrespected the First Lady as she was having his child - and on and on.

Dr. E. Faye Williams, President of The Dick Gregory Society.

THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE BLACK HISTORY IS A FIGHT TO SAVE AMERICA

By Marc H. Morial
To Be Equal

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A core memory for nearly four generations of Americans, the first time their teacher announced at the beginning of February that it was time to honor Black History Month.

Lesson plans highlighted the work of Thurgood Marshall to desegregate the very classrooms they sat in. The words of Martin Luther King Jr. adorned hallways' corkboards, serving as a reminder to build character and to respect people regardless of race. And the contributions of Mae Jemison, Lewis Latimer, and George Washington Carver encouraged us to lean into our ability to wonder and shape the world around us.

A year ago, those lessons, the landmarks of those contributions, and the way we tell those stories in our schools, workplaces, and museums came under attack.

On the new



Marc H. Morial

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cases, any mention of Black history at all.

Museums like the Smithsonian were quickly targeted and monitored for promoting "woke ideologies" that may make white Americans "feel bad" about the sins of this nation's past, like slavery, redlining, and Jim Crow.

After 15 years, a bust of Martin Luther King Jr. was removed from the White House.

And in the last month, the administration removed a memorial honoring people enslaved by George Washington in Philadelphia.

The most sinister part of this effort to erase Black History is the pasturing. Announcing a list of Black iconic figures who will be featured in the proposed National Garden of American Heroes will

dismantle the work they did to advance voting rights for all Americans. Honoring Muhammad Ali while waging unjust and unconstitutional wars in foreign lands is hypocrisy. Recognizing Coretta Scott King while removing mentions of her husband in White House is disgusting. And lauding the work of Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman while sending armed, masked agents into our cities and homes without warrants to terrorize and kidnap Black immigrants is criminal.

Recognizing Black History Month has been about more than slapping a kente cloth label on a packaged good or passive social post with a still shot of the March on Washington. It's an opportunity for

humanity to reflect on what can be accomplished in the face of state-sanctioned oppression. It's a reminder of what's at stake in this nation if we disregard hatred and extremism. And it's a call to action to defend our Democracy, defeat poverty, and demand diversity everywhere in this country.

The National Urban League is no stranger to this fight.

We supported A. Philip Randolph's 1941 March on Washington Movement to combat discrimination against Blacks during World War II, and advocated for the integration of labor unions under the leadership of Lester Granger.

In the 1950s, we lobbied President Dwight D. Eisenhower to urge the enforcement of the 1957 Civil Rights Act. We participated in the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights with Dr. King, other civil rights organizations, and labor unions to discuss the

progress of a new civil rights bill on Capitol Hill.

And we hosted meetings with the planners of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom at our headquarters in New York.

As we celebrate 40 years of Black History Month being recognized by federal law, we are reminded of how quickly the tide can turn against us and how we must double down in our fight to preserve and advance our progress.

Sixty years after the March on Washington, we stand in solidarity with our peers in civil rights, fighting back against the assault on diversity, anti-Democratic plans to nationalize our elections, and guard ballot boxes with armed, untrained, violent agents, and policies that threaten to impoverish millions, leaving them uninsured, hungry, and facing homelessness.

This Black History Month is a reminder that the Urban League is fighting for you.

Hampton Opens New Satellite Site To Support Family Resilience, Mobility

NJG Newswire

HAMPTON Aiming to dismantle systemic barriers that hinder upward mobility, the Department of Economic Empowerment and Family Resilience in Hampton recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony at a new satellite site located in the Phenix Commerce Park, while the department is also collecting data through a survey that is available online through Feb. 28.

The new office will help residents develop skills and locate opportunities that will break the cycle of poverty. A large crowd turned out for the ceremony and toured the facility, which is the former home of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind that has been transformed into a

commerce center. Mayor Jimmy Gray said the new city office has a proud legacy. "It is a place where vulnerable people came to be empowered, and where they learned to be resilient," he said at the satellite site's recent ribbon-cutting ceremony. "So today, we honor the past and we look ahead to the future — and it's a future where our residents and our families are able to reach their fullest potential here in Hampton."

City Manager Mary Bunting said the new center is a place "where opportunity and resources come together." Many have already benefited from resources offered by the office which has partnered with local organizations such as the Stone Soup Collective and

LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc.

"We want to help people find that path connecting them to living-wage employment and LIFE support," said DeAnna Valentine, director of the Department of Economic Empowerment and Family Resilience.

A confidential online survey is available until Feb. 28 to gather data that will help the city understand challenges and barriers that hinder economic mobility. It includes questions related to workforce development, child care access and affordability, and financial education.

The Department of Economic Empowerment and Family Resilience is located at 60 Aberdeen Rd., Hampton. Phone: 757-726-6973

LOCAL VOICES

The Impossible Tariff Dream of Total Superiority

By Sean C. Bowers



Sean C. Bowers

A person who is hollow and shallow, is incapable of understanding kindness, empathy, joy, and respect.

Having a positive advantage in every foreign country trade relationship sounds like a reasonable goal, on the surface.

Upon deeper internal experience from this past year, 2025 clearly shows us that other countries won't continue to respect us, want to do business with us, follow our lead because it makes sense, or look to us as the protectors of freedom of speech and justice in the world.

It is ok to be pro-American, but the world will choose another route when forced to deal with a tyrannical

unethical emperor-wanna-be. America has always led by offering better choices, and options, based on mutually respect, order, and the rule of law.

The failure to adhere to "Common Sense" (Thomas Paine shout out) is unfortunate. Paine synergized the anti-KING movement of the early 1770's in his pre-colonial times. His arguments, pamphlets, and books all when applied to England's King and the current wanna-be-king 45-47 parallel the results and concerns.

Using the carrot-and-stick analogy, when ICE agents beat and kill Minnesota citizens with disdain and then lie about it in real time, is LOCAL.

Attacking NATO's (Greenland), Venezuela, Iran, Syria, the Mexican-supposed-drug boats in the Caribbean and the Pacific is deranged tyrannical of the O' ranged and unhinged one, is GLOBAL.

Seizing 2020 Georgia Voter-data in Fulton county, GA blurs the non-existent lines of CIA and FBI, further breeding and braiding distrust throughout the entire corrupt inept 45-47 owned fake royalty loyalty," is MENTAL.

When exaggerations of every point is your only go-to move, you become a one-trick mini-pony of total dysfunctionality.

Having a nuanced conversation becomes impossible when one side speaks truth, and facts, evidence, law, math, science, faith, and empathic American values, while the other side excuses pardons, sells pardons, promises pardons. They pardon themselves while knowingly breaking laws with a "Wink-wink nod-nod." O'range HO HO has built an army of enforcers who are unaccountable to Americans in the deranged image of their leader, "Sir Stupid Is, Stupid Does." America, we face this craziness here at home on our street corners every time he opens his divisive clap trap of dissension and disunion.

His rants: White, group hate, group think, group grope (Epstein Island edition,) group persecute, group ostracize, group marginalize, group rights destroy, group laws break, group foundations erode, group deportation, group subpoenas ignore, group responsibility avoid, group oath breakers, all to the

last takers and fakers. Our eyes tell our souls, hearts, and minds what we have been feeling the past 10 plus years with this truth-defying King of lying, He is the smokey eye, of smoking his own stash, and has gotten the entire MAGA Right to the brink, of his brinks-manship, -BRINKS' banked insolvency insanity.

A person who is hollow and shallow, is incapable of understanding kindness, empathy, joy, and respect. This promotes an angry "wreck-it-all and-then-name-it-after-me" mindset, that is of untethered to reality-a corroded set of broken values with (low to) no morals or scruples.

Our current President is a criminal, a scoundrel, a convicted felon, a fraud, a fake and broke crook. He is the best worst example of "WHITE PRIVILEGE" on steroids: total control, zero responsibility shown or taken. The rest of us have to wake up from this O' ranged fever, NOW!

The lesson: You can't tariff your way to world domination. Other countries and your own countrymen will unite against you because you are un-American. In fact, you have evoked the UGLY AMERICAN IMAGE then reinforced it, worldwide.

Selling bibles (you hold upside down,) does not make you right, wholly, Godly, or saved. You are still a scared little punk who has always had his daddy and his lawyers fight his battles. Now he uses his HE-IN-CAR-NATED armed January 6th proudest little boys, now turned (OUT OF CONTROL) ICE Boarder agents. If that don't work, he doxes supposed "others" (as terrorists or paid agitators) throwing out actual red meat to his followers who never have to pay or be held accountable.

The Corrupter and Thief, just breaks more foundational norms and dances faster, in this, his KING-ME, CHUMP-CHECKERS chapter of HIS self-imposed O' ranged disaster.

Sean C. Bowers has written for The New Journal and Guide, Championing overcoming racism, sexism, classism, and religious persecution. More of his work can found, on social media at LinkedIn.com.

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By Rev. Dr. Archie L. Edwards, Sr.

DEVOTIONALS: EATING THE BIG ONES READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

He who soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly.

– 2 Corinthians 9:6

According to an oriental legend, some farmers decided they should keep only their small potatoes for seed. That was so they could enjoy the large ones for their meals. So that's what they did – they ate the big ones and planted the little ones.

As the years passed, the practice was continued. Eventually the farmers began to notice something unusual at harvest time. Although the small seed potatoes produced a crop, the new potatoes gradually reduced to the size of marbles.

These farmers had learned

a costly lesson. They could not expect to grow a crop of large potatoes if they ate the best ones and used the small leftovers for seed.

This story vividly illustrates the sowing and reaping principles set forth in 2 Corinthians 9:6. In God's field of service the generosity or stinginess of our planting will be revealed in the kind of yield we receive at harvest time.

All too often we feel that God will somehow reverse His spiritual laws and that we will be rewarded in spite of our selfishness.

But this can never be! In fact, the apostle Paul directly related the fruitfulness of the Christian life to "sowing bountifully" and "giving cheerfully."

Let's think about how this affects the use of the money,

the skills and the talents God has given us. If we invest only a little of ourselves in using these gifts and keep the rest for selfish reasons, our fruitfulness as believers will meager at best.

What are we doing with God's gifts? Let's be sure we are "planting the big potatoes."



*But surer than autumn's harvests
Are harvests of thoughts and deeds;*

*Like those that our hands have planted –
The yield will be like seed.*

– Harris

THOUGHT: *He who sows sparingly cannot expect to reap bountifully!*



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Feb. 28: Aspire Art Gallery To Feature Talks By Gallery Artists

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Aspire Art Gallery, Norfolk's new art gallery at Church Street and Brambleton Blvd. will feature Artist Talks on Saturday, February 28, 2026, in observance of Black History Month.

Those participating will be the gallery artists whose work is on display in the VISIONS AND VISIONARIES: From the Past to the Present." These talks will be held starting at 1 to 4 p.m. The artists will discuss how their selected works relates to the theme of Black History Month.

The Exhibition focuses on works that describe and/or feature life and experiences of African-Americans throughout

these 100 years. Artists whose works will be on exhibition include Deborah Branch, Janice Johnson, Elginia McCrary, Chioke Murray, Tracey Owens, Steve Prince, Synthia St. James, Clayton Singleton, Ralph Thomas, Donald Wilson, Dennis Winston and Ken Wright.

Aspire Art gallery is a community focused art gallery that features works by local and national artists. The Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery provides classes, workshops, and is available for group meetings and functions.

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REBECCA'S WELL

WE ARE AMERICA'S JOSEPH

By Dr. Rebecca Rivka



Dr. Rebecca R. Rivka

This article is composed of notes that I took during a profound keynote address given by the late Dr. C.T. Vivian, the legendary Civil Rights Activist who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Vivian was speaking at an Annual Founder's Day Celebration, February 16, 2012, at Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Fort Washington, Maryland. The title of the speech was "Faith and Freedom." However, the line that stood out and grabbed me was - "We are America's Joseph."

Dr. Vivian started by saying: "I am looking for a scripture to fit - that we could talk about, this struggle of ours - our story of "Faith and Freedom" from generation to generation. The scripture must be one to help us think about events in a different way. We must ask the mystery question. Who are African-Americans? Why are we here? What are we doing to continue the civilization? We are here - singing songs in a strange land. How did we get here? And why are we here - up in trees to escape the stealers, so we could live another day? Now we are ready to dialogue for generations, the question of the very soul of African-Americans. For the answer, go

back to the ancient scriptures to find the lead to talk in depth. God is working in our midst."

"How thankful we are as a culture within a culture that did not and does not receive us and for this we are glad. We are glad America did not receive us so we could seek another way to work out our salvation, moving back to the way, truth and the eternal." (Not soul salvation; Jesus took care of that.)

"The story of Joseph is our story, Genesis chapters 37-50. We are America's Joseph. What Joseph was for the great culture of Egypt, so African-Americans are the saviors for America. Let's look at Joseph, that great typologist of character. What's in Joseph that's like us? Here was God in Genesis, weaving in and out, up and down. Joseph's father saw the innocence and beauty of his son's inner self and gave him a coat of many

colors to show he accepted Joseph. I wouldn't do that today. I wouldn't put one child over another."

"We as African-Americans wear Joseph's coat. We are the coat of many colors - light skin, dark skin, tans, pale yellows, kinky hair, blond hair. Something beautiful about us. There's nothing and no one like us. We know some of us have made it good in this land because of color. Why are we here? It has something to do with the Eternal whose Thought moves on. God has us here for His Glory. The story for us doesn't end here. God wouldn't let our story end in color. God has made us to be here for more than a moment. It takes time for God to weave His tapestry; His Word of Justice, Righteousness and Brotherly Love. Jesus said love your enemies. The truth is you can't hate a person because of color."

"We should have marched in white churches instead of streets with the question - 'What color is your God? If he's white you have no God, for religion has no color.' It's a matter of purpose, goals and ethical character in life. We sing deeper, expressing convictions of the soul: 'Everybody talking about Heaven ain't going there,' 'There's a balm in Gilead.'"

"The story won't end here in America with man hating man. Joseph went looking for

his brothers who hated him. Are we America's Joseph? We took care of white babies, nourished them, loved them, cradled them. The dream with God is that humanity will come together. The dream with Jesus who is God is not storybook but Bible. Our God is a Seeking God. God's democracy is different from America's democracy."

"It took the white dominated Southern Baptist Convention 30 years after Martin to bring Black Churches into its conference. The Black Church must convert the White Church. They thought we had money. Until you love your brother, you don't love. Our story will not end with the dream unfulfilled, for it's God's dream in the cause of Christ Jesus."

"South Africa Churches say you don't need to hate people. We are the only people seeking non-violently to create God's Dream. Joseph in the pit is our ghetto, public housing for us - where people are put that nobody wants. One man in a pit and another man in the high rise."

"All the brothers didn't want to kill Joseph. Shall we slay him? Segregate him? Integrate him? Let him vote? What to do with Joseph? What to do with African-Americans, the Josephs of America?"

... to be continued in February 26th issue.

Newport News Residents Get National Training On Preventing Violence

NJG Newswire

NEWPORT NEWS

Local leaders and organizations in Newport News attended two events recently in partnership with the Cities United National Leading the Way Tour.

An interactive session presented by Cities United was held on Feb. 11 which focused on building safer, healthier, and more hopeful communities through community-led public safety strategies.

Newport News community

leaders were provided training on effective community violence intervention strategies and tools.

Later in that afternoon, the Leading the Way Community Dinner event featured youth-led discussions on what safety means in their communities and table conversations exploring solutions to prevent and reduce community violence.

To learn more about the Leading the Way Tour or local engagement opportunities, visit citiesunited.org/leadingtheway.



THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY FEBRUARY 12 - 18

February 12, 1909 NAACP is founded in New York City by a group of black and white citizens committed to social justice.

February 13, 1970 The New York Stock Exchange admits its first Black member, Joseph Searles.

February 14, 1946 Gregory Hines, actor, dancer, singer and choreographer, born

February 15, 1848 Sarah Roberts barred from white school in Boston, Her father, filed the first school integration suit.

February 16, 1923 Bessie Smith makes her first recording, "Down Hearted Blues," for Columbia Records

February 17, 1891 A. C. Richardson, a black inventor, invented the churn

February 18, 1894 Paul Revere Williams, renowned architect, born



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Holdings Of Race Here Five Million

RICHMOND

The real and personal property holdings (assessments) of the colored people of Norfolk exceeds that of any other city in Virginia, including Richmond, according to records of the state auditor of the public accounts. These records show the total assessed value of real and personal property of Negroes in this city to be \$5,373,620.

The Norfolk figures exceed those for the capital city by more than a million dollars, the sum for that city being \$4,133,950.00. The holdings of the colored people here as assessed for taxation, are more than those of Lynchburg, Roanoke, Suffolk, and Danville combined and equal to the combined assessed holdings of the Negroes of Newport News, and Petersburg and two and half million more than that of Portsmouth or nearly doubling it.

The colored population of Richmond is still a good deal larger than Norfolk's which is indicated in the capitation tax assessment for the two cities. Richmond Negroes capitations tax assets total of \$537,671.00 while that of Norfolk is \$30,478.50

President Refuses To Pardon Garvey

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Marcus Garvey, self-styled "provisional President of Africa" must serve at least one third of his term of five years in the federal pen at Atlanta, Ga. before he will be granted executive clemency. His application was denied as premature by President Calvin Coolidge.

In his petition for executive clemency, Garvey has requested permission to remain in the United States for 90 days after his release to transact "important business." This request had been denied by Assistant Secretary of Labor Husband who declared that Garvey could not remain for any period unless exceedingly important.

A warrant for his deportation had been issued and he would have been immediately deported to the British West Indies, if his sentence had been commuted.

February 15, 1936 Edition of the Guide

Cops Get 58 In Raid

By Lem Graves

Those citizens of Norfolk who failed to hit the "home number" should not again visit the wrath of their curses on Dame Fortune or Lady Luck for their failure to capitalize on the digits recently.

Rather they should charge this misfortune to the "carelessness" of the Second Precinct force, headed by Sargeant J. L. Relihan which failed by three minutes to "time successfully" a raid on a numbers' headquarters on Church Street.

The raid was eminently successful as they nabbed 58 out of 59, a percentage not to be sneezed at.

Because they arrived at three minutes of ten instead of 10 o'clock the "home" number which is usually determined at 10 p.m. promptly, was rolled out on the big wheel found in the room

Fifty-five men and two women were caught in the police dragnet which struck at the "uptown headquarters" of the numbers racket, located at 833 Church Street, upstairs. Only one man escaped. He slid out of the second story window as the police squad crashed down one door and forced the occupants to open another. Numbers books, tickets, lottery paraphernalia, adding machines, a large wheel, telephone and a long wide counter were all found in the two rooms, otherwise barren of all furniture.

February 12, 1949 Edition of the Guide

Booker T, Graduates 107 Seniors

By Lin Holloway

NORFOLK

The 107 graduates of Booker T. Washington High

School were admonished during the mid-term commencement at the school by guest speaker, Prof .Alonzo Myster, of Virginia State College. He urged them to acquaint themselves with problems of the world and prepare to solve them.

J.J. Brewbaker, assistant superintendent of the Norfolk Public Schools, told the graduating class, which for the first time has more boys than girls, that he wanted to see all the children in the city have as good an opportunity to be as properly educated as the city could afford.

The high school's choir, under the direction of I. Sherman Greene, furnished music with Daisy Holmes at the piano. Clarence Wallace, valedictorian, and Jean Salters., salutatorian, were congratulated for their record in school work by speakers and visitors.

Class night was held at the Center Theater last week. The commencement activities closed with the senior prom at the high school gymnasium, from 8-11 p.m.

The Rev. H. T. Myers, who delivered the baccalaureate message to the 54 boys and 43 girls, urged them to face the obstacles and problems of the world boldly and courageously.

February 16, 1983 Edition of the Guide

School Board Members Explain Decision

NORFOLK

Drs. Lucy Wilson and John Foster, two Black School board members, vetoed the plan for neighborhood schools' assignments.

Foster, is Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, and Wilson is interim associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at ODU.

Both view the proposal as resegregation.

"We must consider 35 schools as the total number involved in the proposed neighborhood concept," said Dr. Wilson. "Of this number, and consistent with the 70/30 definition of racial identifiability, six schools would become all white, and 12 schools would become racially identifiable as Black." "This means that 51 percent

of Norfolk's elementary schools would beam 'racially indefinable' under the neighborhood school plan as compared to 15 percent racially identifiable schools under the present system.

Dr. Wilson said "It is readily apparent therefore that Norfolk would be returning, however gradual to a segregated school system", she continued.

Dr. Foster echoed Dr. Wilson's argument. He noted that Norfolk students would spend their final six years of education in a segregated environment.

Dr. Wilson listed several objections to the adopted plan in a statement to the public and fellow school board members.

She noted the data gathered in her own study indicated that members of a group of bused Black fourth graders, while scoring seven points below their non-bused counterparts in 1975, outscored their non-bused peers four points in 1978. Foster and Wilson believe that busing is a viable tool to assure educational equality and racial balance in the city's schools.

February 14, 1990 Edition of the Guide

Nelson Mandela: Free At Last!

SOUTH AFRICA

Nelson Mandela, the symbol of Black struggle in South Africa, was released after 27.5 years of imprisonment February 11. Mandela, now 71, emerged from the walls of the Victor Verster prison, holding the hand of his wife, Winnie, and surrounded by security guards.

This was his first time sightings since being imprisoned in 1962 for seeking to overthrow the racist South African government. Mandela's release by South African President Frederick De Klerk was met with world applause and by thousands of South African Blacks who lined the streets to celebrate his release.

It is popularly believed that Mandela, a leader of the African National Congress (ANC), will be instrumental in helping to negotiate an end to racial apartheid in South Africa.

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FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR KIDS ACTIVITY SHEET

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Hi Everybody! While I was visiting high schools in Indiana, I discovered that by the year 2028 it will be mandatory for all Indiana high school students to take a financial literacy course and pass in order to graduate! Let's take a closer look at why financial literacy in ALL schools is so important.

WHAT IS FINANCIAL LITERACY?

Financial literacy is the ability to use financial information to make informed decisions. The goal is to help children to make responsible decisions, prepare for unexpected life events, develop healthy spending and money management habits, and to understand how the economy works.

POP UP FACT

90% of a child's brain is developed by age 5 and therefore a good time to introduce financial literacy concepts.

KEY TERMS FOR KIDS TO KNOW

- Savings** – money you keep to use later for something important or fun
- Investing** – using your money to help it grow by putting it into something, like a business or project, that can make more money for you over time
- Debt** – money you owe to someone else because they let you borrow it
- Budget** – a plan for how you spend and save your money so you don't run out
- Taxes** – money that people pay to the government so they can help pay for schools, parks, and other things everyone uses.
- Credit** – a way to borrow money that you promise to pay back later, often used to buy things now and pay for them over time

POP UP FACT

94% of paper money in the United States have viruses or bacteria on it.

AGE APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL LITERACY TASKS AND GOALS FOR KIDS:

- Ages 2-5:** learning to count coins and dollar bills.
- Ages 3+:** use a clear jar for savings.
- Age 4+:** read money themed books such as, "The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money."
- Age 5+:** Start an allowance. The dollar amount should vary with the age and amount of responsibility given the individual.
- Age 16:** Kids can sign up for a student checking account, with parents co-signature.

TELL THE TRUTH!

Print the letter **T** on the line if the statement is True or **F** if the statement is False.

- By 2028, Indiana high school will have mandatory financial literacy course.
- The government requires that you pay taxes on money that you earn during the years.
- Money is made in factories called mints.

ONE MINUTE MADNESS!

In one minute or less, unscramble the words. The first letter of the word is in **bold**.

deBiugtng
lAncelwoa
eCtdri
nltevsntme

POP UP FACTS

Money is made in factories called mints. The United States dollar is the most used currency in the world.

KNOWLEDGE IS WEALTH!

Author Teri Williams, "I Got Bank! What My Granddad Taught Me about Money."

I Got Bank! increases financial awareness while sharing the lives of two African American boys growing up in the city.

MATCH ME!!

Match the word to the correct definition.

Savings	Budget	Credit	Debt
_____ is a plan for how you spend and save.	_____ is money you owe to someone else.	_____ is money you keep to for a rainy day.	_____ is a way to borrow money and pay back.



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ANSWER KEY

TELL THE TRUTH!
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MATCH ME!
Budget
Debt
Savings
Credit

ONE MINUTE MADNESS!
Budgeting
Savings Account
Allowance
Credit
Stock
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FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10 - 16, 2026

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



Tuskegee Sports Photo

HANDCUFFED NO MORE!: Tuskegee head coach Benjy Taylor's troops have won two straight after the ugly incident at Morehouse, and still lead the SIAC West.

STRETCH DRIVE

CIAA, SIAC RACES ENTER FINAL WEEKS; NEW COACH AT BOWIE STATE; SUPER BOWL LX REPS

MEN'S 2025-26 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings & Players of the Week)

CIAA					MEAC					SIAC					SWAC					INDEPENDENTS										
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE															
NORTH DIVISION		DIV		CONF		ALL		W		L		W		L		W		L		W		L		W		L				
Virginia Union	5	1	10	2	21	3		Morgan State	6	2	10	13		Clark Atlanta	14	5	17	6		Bethune-Cookman	10	1	13	11		SAC				
Bluefield State	5	1	9	3	11	12		N. C. Central	5	2	9	13		Morehouse	14	5	14	9		Arkansas-Pine Bluff	8	3	11	13		Langston (72nd)	14	4	19	5
Virginia State	5	1	8	4	15	9		Howard	5	3	15	10		Savannah State	12	7	12	9		Southern	7	4	11	13		GLVC				
Lincoln (PA)	2	4	4	8	9	15		S. C. State	4	3	6	17		Fort Valley State	11	9	12	9		Alabama A&M	6	5	13	11		Lincoln (Mo.) (12th)	4	11	10	13
Elizabeth City State	1	5	2	10	3	16		Norfolk State	4	4	11	14		Edward Waters	10	10	12	12		Florida A&M	6	5	9	13		SUN				
Bowie State	0	7	3	10	5	20		Mid. E-Shore	4	4	8	17		Benedict	8	10	8	10		Jackson State	6	5	7	17		Florida Memorial (3rd)	9	4	17	8
SOUTH DIVISION					W L W L W L					W L W L W L					W L W L W L					W L W L W L										
Fayetteville State	5	0	9	2	15	6		Coppin State	2	6	4	21		Albany State	8	11	9	14		Grambling State	5	5	11	12		W. Virginia State (10th)	2	13	5	17
Clafin	4	2	11	3	14	9		Delaware State	1	7	6	17		Allen	3	15	4	16		Texas Southern	5	6	7	15		OVC				
Johnson C. Smith	4	2	6	6	9	11		PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					PLAYERS OF THE WEEK												
Shaw	3	3	5	7	14	7		Larry Howell, 6-6, Sr., G/F, FSU - Averaged 17.5 points and 7.0 rebounds in two wins with 16 points, 9 rebounds in 89-83 win over Shaw Monday, 19 points, 5 rebounds in 84-74 win over WSSU Saturday.					Cedric Taylor III, 6-7, Jr., G, HOW - In 1-1 week, had 24 points, 9 rebounds, 5 steals and assists, 2 blocks in win vs. SCSU, 18 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals in loss to Yale Monday.					Quion Williams, 6-5, Sr, F, UAPB - Avgd. 25.0 ppg, 8.5 rpg, in two wins with 25 pts., 7 rebs., vs. ALC, 25 pts., 10 rebs., 6 assists vs. JSU.												
Livingstone	0	5	3	8	8	14		Elijah Davis, 6-1, Gr., G, MSU - Near triple-double with 11 points, 8 rebounds, 9 assists (1 turnover) in win vs. UMES.					Jaquan Scott, 6-8, Sr., F, UAPB - Avgd. 15.5 ppg, 9.5 rpg, in two wins with 13 points, 11 rebounds, vs. ALC, 18 pts., 8 rebs., vs. JSU/					Tyler Chapman, 5-11, Sr., G, LINCM - In two wins Holy Cross transfer averaged 28.0 ppg with 22 points, 4 assists, 2 steals and a steal vs. Lewis.												
Winston-Salem State	0	4	2	8	7	13		Marland Harris, 6-9, Sr., F, MSU - 17 points on 7 of 7 shooting, 11 rebounds, 4 blocks vs. UMES.					Jakobi Heady, 6-6, Sr., G/F, B-CU - Averaged 23.0 points and 7.5 rebounds in two wins with 16 points, 6 boards in vs. TSU, 30 points, 9 rebounds vs. PVA&M					Antoine Lorick III, 6-8, Jr., F, TNST - 24 points, 5 steals vs. E. Illinois, 18 points vs. W. Illinois.												

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ODUMS NEW MAN FOR BOWIE STATE FOOTBALL:

(BOWIE, Md.) — Bowie State announced Tuesday that former Norfolk State and Southern head coach **Dawson Odums** will be the next head football coach at Bowie State.

A native of Shelby, North Carolina, Odums spent four seasons in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) as head coach at Norfolk State from 2021-24, guiding the Spartans to a 15-31 overall record including a 6-5 record in his first season, the program's first winning campaign since 2007.

Before Norfolk State, Odums enjoyed a 10-year run (2012-21) in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) at Southern where he compiled a 63-32 overall mark while posting an impressive 53-16 mark while competing in the SWAC's West Division with four division titles and championship game appearances. He led Southern to a winning record in each of his eight full seasons as head coach, including a 5-1 mark during the 2020-21 spring season. His overall career record is 79-72 including a 1-9 record during one year as interim head coach at Clark Atlanta.

"To the Bowie State University community, I am honored and grateful to formally accept the position of head football coach," Odums said. "I want to thank President (Dr. Aminta) Breaux for her confidence and leadership throughout this process. I also thank Dr. Jolisa Williams for the opportunity to lead this proud program. I am truly appreciative of the trust placed in me to guide Bowie State football into its next chapter. I firmly believe that discipline, character, leadership and citizenship are the foundations of sustained success. Those principles shape young men and prepare them for life beyond football and ultimately create a winning culture. When those standards are upheld, championships follow."

Odums' coaching background also includes stops at North Carolina A&T and Bethune-Cookman while they were in the MEAC, as well as Clark Atlanta, Georgia Southern and Gardner-Webb. His experience spans roles as assistant head coach, interim head coach, defensive line coach, special teams coordinator, defensive coordinator, outside linebackers coach and defensive ends coach.

Odums was a team captain and all-CIAA defensive lineman as a senior during his collegiate playing days at North Carolina Central where he received a bachelor's degree in physical education.

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 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUPERBOWL LX OFFICIALS

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

UPCOMING 2025-26 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

- CIAA**
February 24-28
• CFG Bank Arena • Baltimore, MD
SAC (Langston)
Feb. 25-27
• Abe Lemons Arena • Oklahoma City, OK
- SIAC**
Sat., Feb. 28 (Opening Round) at Highest Seed
March 4-7 (Quarterfinals - Championship)
• Clayton County Convention Center • Morrow, GA
- CAA MEN (Hampton & NC A&T)**
March 6-10
• CareFirst Arena • Washington, DC
- OVC (Tennessee State)**
March 4-7
• Ford Center • Evansville, IN
- MEAC**
March 11-14
• Norfolk Scope Arena • Norfolk, VA
- SWAC**
March 9-14
• Gateway Center Arena • College Park, GA
- CAA WOMEN (Hampton & NC A&T)**
March 12-16
• CareFirst Arena • Washington, DC

BCSP Notes

'Down the stretch they come' Basketball races enter final weeks

There are two weeks of regular season basketball play ending on Saturday, February 21 before the February 24-28 CIAA Tournament tips off at the CFG Arena in downtown Baltimore.

The SIAC basically ends regular season play on the same date (Sat., Feb. 21) with just one game (Allen at Lane) scheduled after that date on Thursday, Feb. 26.

The SIAC basketball tournament begins on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the homes of the highest seeds and then shifts to the Clayton County Civic Center in Morrow, Ga. from March 4-7 for the quarterfinal to championship rounds.

Here's a look at the standings as the races head 'down the stretch.'

CIAA Men

Whether the conference uses conference or divisional records to determine tournament seedings, it is clear that the tourney will be hotly contested. Unconfirmed reports say conference records will be the determinant. Efforts to reach the CIAA office for clarification Tuesday morning were unsuccessful.

As it stands now, Virginia Union, Bluefield State and Virginia State are each 5-1 in North division play, head-and-shoulders above the other division opponents. VUU is 10-2, BLST is 9-3 and VSU is 8-4 in the conference play hierarchy.

So far, VUU's conference losses are to South leader Fayetteville State (75-62) and in the division to Bluefield State (75-57). Head coach Jay Butler's Panthers' 21-3 overall record (the only other loss was a season-opening loss at Millersville, 82-66) has them ranked 21st nationally in this week's NABC Div. II poll. VUU is only black college men's team in the national Top 25.

Bluefield State's lone division loss was to VSU (60-59) and has also dropped conference losses to South members Livingstone (63-60) and Clafin (87-67). VSU's division loss was to VUU (65-37) and also has losses in the CIAA to South members Livingstone, Shaw and Clafin.

There are only division games over the next two weeks. VUU has dates at home vs. Bluefield State (2/18) and on the road at VSU (2/21). Bluefield State played at VSU Wednesday (2/11).

In the men's South, high-scoring FSU (league-best 89.4 points per game) is undefeated (5-0) in the division and 9-2 in the conference with losses at N. Div. members VSU (79-77) and BLST (81-74). FSU also suffered a 93-88 3-overtime loss to VUU that does not count in the conference standings. FSU has not lost in the new year, knocking off ten straight opponents beginning with the aforementioned 75-62 win over VUU on 1/8.

Clafin and J. C. Smith are behind FSU with 4-2 marks. Clafin, under head coach Brian Dunlap, sports an 11-3 conference mark while JCSU is just 6-6. Dunlap's Panthers have three two-point losses to FSU (82-80) and Shaw (81-79) in the division and to VUU (66-64) in the conference. They

are a team to watch.

FSU closes at home vs. JCSU (2/14) and on the road at Clafin (2/18) and at Shaw (2/21).

One of the interesting sidebars as tournament time nears are the fortunes of new FSU head coach **Devin Hoehn** and new BLST head coach **Luke D'Alessio** who basically swapped jobs after last season. D'Alessio's BLST squad prevailed in their only meeting this season (81-74). Hoehn and BLST prevailed over D'Alessio and FSU in last year's tournament championship game, 81-75. D'Alessio has three former FSU players and six other former CIAA players on his BLST team. Hoehn has five former BLST players and two other CIAA transfers on his FSU squad.

SIAC Men

After a ten-game SIAC win streak, Morehouse dropped two straight home games last week to LeMoyn-Owen (73-72) and Lane (94-87) to fall into an East Division tie with nextdoor neighbor Clark Atlanta at 14-5.

Head coach Larry Dixon's Maroon Tigers will have to regroup in a hurry as they have a rematch with Alfred Jordan's CAU Panthers at home Saturday (2 p.m.). Morehouse pulled away to 86-64 win at CAU in their 1/17 meeting in a game where Jordan was tossed late. Morehouse's other losses were before the New Year's break to Tuskegee (67-55), Miles (78-69) and Lane (69-62).

CAU, who lost to Miles (85-76) and Tuskegee (56-45) before the new year and Savannah State (64-60) and Tuskegee (59-51) again after, play at LOC (2/19) and Lane (2/21) to close out the season.

Tuskegee (16-3) holds a two-game lead over Miles (14-5) in the West Division heading into the final stretch. The Golden Tigers, after the 77-69 loss at Morehouse and the postgame handcuffing of head coach Benjy Taylor, have posted Columbia, S.C. wins at Allen (75-57) and Benedict (71-65). Savannah State (60-57) and Fort Valley State (70-67) hold the two other wins over Tuskegee.

A showdown at home vs. Miles Saturday (3 p.m.) and a rematch with Savannah State on 2/19 are two of the five games left on Tuskegee's schedule.

Three of Miles' losses have come in the last three weeks to conference leaders, at home to Tuskegee (76-65), at Clark Atlanta (66-60) and at home to Morehouse (70-66). Fred Watson's Golden Bears lost earlier on the road to Savannah State (70-59) and Central State (65-58). Miles closes out the season at home on 2/21 in the rematch with Savannah State.

We handicap the CIAA and SIAC women's races next week.

BCSP News

HBCUs represented at Super Bowl LX

While the lone former black college player on a Super Bowl LX roster — Florida A&M product and New England Patriots running back Terrell Jennings — was inactive because of an injury, there was HBCU representation on the field in Sunday's big game.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) proudly celebrated two distinguished football officiating alumni, Greg Steed and Roy Ellison, who served on the officiating crew for Super Bowl LX marking another milestone in their accomplished careers and a powerful testament to the MEAC's officiating impact on the national stage.

Steed served as a back judge during Super Bowl LX. A graduate of Howard University and former Bison football player, Steed began

his officiating career in the MEAC before advancing through the Atlantic 10 and Big East conferences and ultimately earning his place in the National Football League (NFL).

Steed remains deeply connected to the MEAC, currently serving as a grader, clinician, and mentor for the conference's back judges, helping to develop the next generation of football officials.

His Super Bowl resume is among the most impressive in the profession. Steed has worked:

- Super Bowl XLIV (44) — On-field Back Judge
- Super Bowl LIV (54) — On-field Back Judge
- Super Bowl LX (60) — On-field Back Judge
- Super Bowl XLII (42) — Alternate Official

Ellison served as an umpire during Super Bowl LX. A graduate of Savannah State University and former Tigers football player,

Ellison also launched his officiating career in the MEAC. He later officiated in Conference USA before moving to the NFL, where he has built a highly respected career as an on-field official.

Ellison continues to serve the MEAC as a clinician and mentor for conference umpires, providing leadership, instruction, and professional guidance to current officials.

His Super Bowl assignments include:

- Super Bowl XLIII (43) — On-field Umpire
- Super Bowl LII (52) — On-field Umpire
- Super Bowl LVII (57) — On-field Umpire
- Super Bowl LX (60) — On-field Umpire

The BCSP and MEAC congratulates both Steed and Ellison on their continued success and national recognition, as they represent the conference and all of black college football on the sport's biggest stage.

WOMEN'S 2025-26 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Players of the Week)

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Virginia State	4	2	7	5	13	7		Norfolk State	6	2	11	12		Allen	12	6	13	7		Southern	7	4	11	11		GLVC				
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Elizabeth City State	0	5	0	11	4	18		S. C. State	2	4	5	17		Albany State	11	8	12	8		Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6	5	9	12		SUN				
Lincoln (PA)	0	4	0	7	3	20		N. C. Central	2	5	6	15		Savannah State	6	13	7	13		Florida A&M	6	5	7	15		Florida Memorial (6th)	6	6	11	8
SOUTH DIVISION					W L W L W L					W L W L W L					W L W L W L					W L W L W L										
Fayetteville State	5	1	10	2	16	3		Morgan State	2	6	3	21		Texas Southern	5	16	5	18		Jackson State	5	6	7	16		West Virginia State (8th)	5	10	8	13
Winston-Salem State	4	1	10	1	19	2		Delaware State	1	7	4	19		Miles	16	3	18	4		Grambling State	4	6	7	16		OVC				
Livingstone	3	2	5	6	15	5		PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					PLAYERS OF THE WEEK												
Clafin	3	3	8	4	12	6		Ashanti Lynch, 5-9, Sr, F, UMES - 18 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals in win vs. SCSU, 10 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals in win vs. MSU.					Shanyah McCarthy, 5-8, Jr., G, FAMU - In two wins averaged 18.5 points and 7.0 rebounds with 18 points, 6 rebounds vs. PVA&M and 19 points, 8 rebounds vs. TSU.					Janiyah Tucker, 5-7, So., G, LANG - In three wins that kept the Lady Lions in first place in the SAC, UAPB transfer got 15 points vs. Wayland Baptist, 15 vs. Science & Arts and 13 vs. Mid-America Christian.												
Shaw	1	5	4	8	12	6		DEFENSE					DEFENSE					DEFENSE												
Johnson C. Smith	1	5	4	9	7	13		Da'Brya Clark, 5-7, Jr., G, NSU - 23 points, 11 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 blocks and 3 steals in win vs. NCCU.					Shaira Fowles, 6-1, Sr, F, EWU - 7 points, 11 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals in win vs. SHU, 12 points, 11 rebounds, 4 assists, a steal and 3 blocks in win vs. ALB.																	