

NEW KENT NAACP Youth Council NEWSLETTER

May-June 2025

Hello everyone!!! I hope you are staying cool in this heat and having a great summer! The youth council did a lot of wonderful things in the community over the last two months and some of our youth council members graduated high school! Let's get into it!

Amari Robinson, President

Why Wait? Give Them Their Flowers Now! Event

In May, we got to volunteer at the Give Them Their Flowers Now event—and it was such a beautiful experience! We were there to help set up, break down, hand out programs and assist with the awards on stage.

Ms. Joyce Williams was one of the honorees (so well-deserved!), and the guest speaker was our amazing Parent Liaison, Dr. Mari Robinson.

She shared a powerful message about women and the community coming together to U.S.E.—Unite, Support, and Encourage—one another to keep making great things happen. The whole vibe was positive, uplifting, and truly blessed.

Thank you to Dr. Lisa Burrell for having us!



Freedom Fund Banquet

Also, in May, we volunteered to help out at the Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. We served food and assisted in any part of the program that was needed. YC Historian Ari Robinson introduced the Master of Ceremonies and Member Tristan Jenkins was able to share his writing about Dr.

Martin Luther King (read by Amari Robinson). We were inspired by the speaker, Ms. Tirffany Lewis, Henrico County Public School Chief of Equity, Diversity, and Opportunity. She spoke about being advocates for us, the children, in our community. It was a powerful and needful speech.



🎉 Congratulations to NKHS graduates!!! 🎉

Three of our members graduated from high school on June 3rd and were able to walk the stage their NAACP Honor Cords! Congrautionsl to Gabby Butler, Damani Jackson, and Tristen Jenkins!

We honor your hard work, determination, and commitment to excellence. We are confident that you will continue to make a meaningful impact in whatever path you choose.

As you step into this next chapter, know that your NAACP Youth Council family is cheering you on every step of the way.

The future is bright—keep shining!



Juneteenth Walk

This June, we were able to participate in the Juneteenth Walk and it was truly inspiring! It was a beautiful reminder of the power of community, as people came together to honor our history and walk forward in unity and purpose. I was able to close out the day with a small speech highlighting the impact of this day on me and the other young people that were able to attend.

A heartfelt shoutout to Ms. Angela Hathaway, whose dedication and last-minute efforts made the event not only possible, but powerful. Your hard work brought beauty and meaning to the day thank you for being a light in our community!

Another special shoutout to Ari Robinson (and myself) for helping to make beautiful buttons to help us all remember the day!



Our Next Event!

Virtual Session will be from 10am-Noon!
Sign up at QR code below to receive the link
for the virtual event and the replay after!

"My Health is My Wealth" Masterclass

Speaker:
Dr. Shirley Hill, NFH
PhD Food Chemistry
Chicago IL
August 16, 2025
10am- 2 pm
Free & Open to the Public
Register here: 

Hosted By:
Dr. Lisa "Speaklife" Burrell

Community Partner:
Pastor Barbara Alexander
Higher Calling Ministries

Venue:
Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk Riverfront
100 East Constance Rd. Suffolk VA

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Upcoming Events

- Youth Council virtual meetings are on break for summer. We will be back in August!
- General NAACP meetings are at the Historic Courthouse and virtual at 6:00pm on the third Thursday of every month.
- Quinton Little Free Pantry donations will be taken to the pantry on the 25th of every month

Contact Info

Interested in joining the Youth Council??

Contact us!

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BDK! (Betcha Didn't Know!) Black History Fact!

Sister Rosetta Tharpe was born on March 20, 1915 in Cotton Plant, Arkansas.

Ms. Sister Rosetta Tharpe was an American singer, songwriter, guitarist of gospel, jazz, blues, rock-and-roll, and a recording artist, too! Ms. Sister was the first great recording star of gospel music and among the first gospel musicians to appeal to rhythm-and-blues and rock-and-roll audiences, later being referred to as "the original soul sister" and "the Godmother of rock and roll!" She also influenced a lot of other people, too!

To learn more about this person check out Episode 4, Season 2 of the BDK Podcast hosted by our President, Amari Robinson!



Amari Robinson, President

Ari Robinson, Historian