33rd Annual MLK Leadership Awards Breakfast

The St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) held their 33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Awards Breakfast on Monday, January 21, 2019 at the historic Coliseum.

The keynote speaker, Rev. Frederick Douglass Haynes, III reflected on Dr. King’s words when he said, “A time comes when silence is betrayal.” He also stated that he is a believer in service to the community and encouraged everyone to engage in some type of service every day throughout the year. This year, a $65,000 grant from the Ralph W. Young Family Foundation made it possible to give out 13 Educational Incentive Awards to deserving students.

Rev. Frederick Douglass Haynes, III, Sr. Pastor
Friendship-West Baptist Church, Dallas
As sure as March follows February, Women's History month follows Black History month. I dream of the day when the contributions of African Americans and women to our nation and world will be acknowledged and celebrated throughout every month in every year, and these two marginalized communities will have their full human rights. Until then we must continue the celebrations that Dr. Carter G. Woodson launched in 1926 as Black History week. In 1976, ASALAH extended the celebration of Black History from a week to a month. Between 1916 and 1984, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune was the first and only woman to serve as president of ASALH. The years of her presidency were 1936-1951.

Until women's contributions to every society are acknowledged throughout every year, we must continue to celebrate Women's History month that was officially recognized in the U.S. in 1980. Before 1980, only international Women's Day, March 8th, was acknowledged.

How our race is systematically used against us (racism) and our gender as well (sexism) are two of multiple jeopardies Black women continue to struggle against. As African American women, we experience the bitter stings of other jeopardies such as poverty (classism), sexual orientation (heterosexism), age (ageism) and disabilities (ableism).

Many years before the concept of “Double Jeopardy” was used by Frances Beal, Anna Julia Cooper (1858-1964) addressed what she saw as the unique role of Black women. In her book published in 1892: A voice from the South: By a Black woman of the South, Cooper, who is sometimes called “The Mother of Black Feminism,” said that self-determination of Black people would come from education and social uplift for African American women. She wrote these very moving words: “Only the Black woman can say when and where I enter, in the quiet, undisputed dignity of my womanhood, without violence and without suing or special patronage, then and there the whole Negro race enters with me.”

Another shero who should be celebrated in Black History and Women’s History months is Mary Church Terrell (1863-1954). A staunch activist for civil rights and women’s rights, she was co-founder in 1892, and the first president, of the National Association of Colored Women. This organization was formed out of the African American Women’s Club Movement, and its motto was “Lifting as We Climb.” In 1901, she co-founded with W. E. B. DuBois, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Mary Church Terrell's autobiography, A Colored Woman in a White World, was published in 1940.

Of course, any account of sheroes who fought for civil rights and women’s rights must include Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. She also served as the President of the National Association of Colored Women; founded Bethune Cookman College, one of our nation's HBCUs; and in 1935 founded our organization of organizations, The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Among the many lessons Dr. Bethune taught us is this: “The true worth of a race must be measured by the character of its womanhood.”

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Our incomparable leader, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, was a mighty advocate for our rights as Black people and as women. How succinctly she described our ongoing struggle when she said, “When you’re a Black woman, you seldom get to do what you just want to do; you always do what you have to do.” Among the many tasks that we Black women in NCNW must do is to vigorously engage in struggles for our rights as Black people and as women.

When compared to White people, Black people bear a disproportionate burden of disease, injury, death and disability. But it is important to note that when compared to White women, Black women are disproportionately plagued with mortality from and high incidences of heart disease, stroke and diabetes, breast cancer, premature delivery of babies, and sexually transmitted diseases.

In recent years, Black women have been more successful than Black men in earning college degrees. And yet, Black women as a group only earn 87.5% of what Black men earn. And while White women only earn 79% of what White men earn, Black women earn only 63% of what White men earn.

Then there is the shocking reality that in our nation Black men are 6 times as likely to be imprisoned as White men. There is also the reality that Black women are three times as likely as White women to be incarcerated. And, one in 9 Black children compared to one in 57 White children have an incarcerated parent.

Black women dare not cease to be in the struggle for freedom and justice for Black people, but Black women must also be in the struggle for gender equality in their own communities, and that includes the struggle against physical and sexual assault.

We applaud that the 116th Congress will be the most racially diverse in our United States history, with a record number of women. And yet this year’s Congress will still be one that is overwhelmingly White and male. In terms of all political offices held nationally, on a state level and locally, the numbers of Black women elected to date remain stark and small compared to Black men and all women.

When we confront the realities I have lifted up, there can be no doubt about the critical need for an organization of women of African descent that is dedicated to securing freedom and justice not only for themselves, but for their families and their communities. NCNW is such an organization. Indeed, if NCNW did not exist, it would be necessary to create it. But NCNW does exist----and each of us, the women of NCNW, must work together even more diligently and effectively for that time in the future when Black History Month and Women’s History Month are celebrated each and every day.

My Sisters of NCNW, let us keep the faith and let us do the work so that one day it will come to pass that Black people, that women, that those of us who are Black women, indeed that each and every human being will have all of their rights recognized and respected.

Onward!

Johnnetta Betsch Cole, Ph.D.
National Chair and 7th President
A favorite product of Black women has been linked to ovarian cancer. That product is baby powder, also known as talcum powder. According to the National Center for Health Research (NCHR), “A growing body of evidence suggests that using talc in the genital area can increase a woman’s chances of developing ovarian cancer. The more years she uses talc, the more likely she is to develop ovarian cancer.”

When ovarian cancer is found early, a woman has nearly a 93% chance of surviving at least 5 years after she is diagnosed. Nevertheless, ovarian cancer is one of the world’s deadliest cancers because there is “no recommended test to screen” for it. As a consequence, ovarian cancer is rarely diagnosed early. In 2017, there were over 20,000 new cases of ovarian cancer and over 14,000 deaths.

According to NCHR, dozens of research studies involving thousands of women have shown that women who have used talcum powder are about 30% more likely to be diagnosed with ovarian cancer than women who have not. Johnson & Johnson sought to boost its baby powder sales in the 1990s by targeting Black and Hispanic women, according to a company memo made public in lawsuits and reported on by Bloomberg Businessweek. Despite mounting scientific evidence that goes back decades, Johnson and Johnson, maker of Johnson’s Baby Powder and Shower to Shower, continues to deny the link between talcum powder and ovarian cancer.

Fortunately for the families affected, courts and juries have begun to take notice. Thousands of lawsuits are pending in courts from New York to California, contending that ovarian cancer is caused by asbestos that occurs naturally in the talc used to make baby powder and other consumer products. Convinced that the link exists, juries have awarded billions of dollars in damages. In light of the historical usage of talcum powder in Black communities, it is unclear why Black women have been slower to file suit than similarly situated white women.

What you need to know:

■ About 90 percent of ovarian cancers are epithelial tumors, which begin in the thin layer of tissue that covers the outside of the ovaries

■ Ovarian cancer can occur at any age but is most common in women ages 50 to 60 years

■ People with two or more close relatives with ovarian cancer have an increased risk of the disease.

■ Women who use oral contraceptives may have a reduced risk of ovarian cancer.

What you need to do:

■ Discuss family history of cancer openly with close relatives

■ Consult your physician about your cancer risks

■ Visit https://www.bencrump.com/ to learn more about the link between asbestos in talc products and ovarian cancer
I began attending Towson University during the fall semester of 2018. During my college career, I hope to obtain a bachelor’s degree in exercise science. After college, I plan to attend graduate school to earn a doctoral degree in Physical Therapy. My motivation for joining the medical field is my mother, who has worked as a nurse for 31 years. My mother has inspired me to help others. I have always admired her for the hard work and dedication that she has demonstrated throughout her career. I have witnessed my mother’s passion for her patients and co-workers when I participated in job shadowing. I know a career in medicine is the right path for me because I want to make the same positive impact on patients that my mother has made.

When I first decided to pursue this career choice, I did not immediately know what area of medicine I wanted to focus on. One day, I came across an inspiring video on the internet of a young patient learning how to walk after experiencing an injury. The video made me realize that people often take simple tasks for granted, such as walking or lifting a fork to eat. After watching the video, I felt compelled to study physical therapy so that I could support individuals in regaining mobility and improving bodily functions. It is my hope that with a doctoral degree in physical therapy, I will be able to make a difference in enhancing the quality of people’s lives.

While attending Towson University, I have become a member of the Towson chapter of the National Council for Negro Women, Inc. This organization focuses on volunteering in the surrounding community and forming a sisterhood amongst its members. We speak about crucial issues regarding health, education, race, and social concerns. Because of my membership in my collegiate section, I had the opportunity to work as an intern at NCNW headquarters. It was a rewarding experience working for this organization. I have enjoyed seeing how NCNW empowers African American women to share their voices and become active members in their communities.
Led by Sharone Jones, State Convener, the NCNW Pennsylvania Coalition consisting of past and current section Presidents, Anna Harris, Tameko Patterson, Delores Dupree, and Deborah Johnson, set out to increase collegiate membership in their state. Recognizing that to sustain and grow their organizations and to remain an effective force in their communities, they needed to attract and engage and more young adult members. The PA State Coalition also recognized the need to help and prepare these young people to become tomorrow’s leaders.

The PA State Coalition created a roadmap to attract collegiate members near its community-based sections. Understanding how the young people communicated, shared and influenced one another, they used social media platforms and sent correspondence to the Multi-Cultural offices at PA Universities. They shared the mission of NCNW and how it would add value to their campus and community collaboration efforts and enhance diversity and inclusion attraction and retention.

In 2018, they were able to reactivate the Lincoln University, Penn State University, and Cheyney University (the oldest HBCU of higher learning in the United States) collegiate sections. In addition, they chartered 4 new collegiate sections: Robert Morris University, Widener University, East Stroudsburg University, and West Chester University. The Coalition’s interest and focus for spring 2019 include establishing a section at Bloomsburg University, a section in the State Capitol of Harrisburg, PA, and hosting the first PA State Leadership Conference.

These efforts have allowed the state to recruit 377 new collegiate members who support the VALUES embodied by our Founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. The Pennsylvania State Coalition continues to prove that the mission and vision of NCNW are still relevant and that NCNW is ready for the future!
The Stafford-Fredericksburg Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated hosted the Mid-Atlantic Region President’s Social titled “Strength in our Sisterhood, Power in our Voices” on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House (2801 Plank Road. Fredericksburg, Virginia). Eighty-five women converged on Fredericksburg to share ideas, fellowship and discuss the various ways that they can work together to make their communities a better place to live. The sections represented included:

- District of Columbia #2
- Greater Baltimore
- Metropolitan
- Mitchellville-Bowie
- Montgomery County
- New Dominion
- Northern Virginia
- Prince George’s County
- Potomac Valley
- Reston Dulles
- Richmond
- Stafford-Fredericksburg
- Tidewater
- Washington

We were delighted to have Sister Janice Peters, a member of the Tidewater Section, join us as she currently resides in North Carolina. She was recognized for commuting the farthest distance for the event.

Each Section was charged with presenting historical facts about one influential woman of color, as we continued to celebrate Black History Month. A wonderful meal, parting gift and door prizes were distributed.

At the conclusion of the event, the Montgomery County Section committed to hosting the President’s Social in 2020. We look forward to the continued success and fellowship that comes from participation and attendance at the Mid-Atlantic Region President’s Social.
Thanks to an ingenious partnership between NCNW and Rainbow PUSH Greenville, young people in Upstate South Carolina have a better appreciation of science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM), know the best places to study STEAM, after high school, understand what careers might await them as adults, and grasp what is required to fund their own business enterprises.

For the fourth consecutive year, Rainbow PUSH hosted and sponsored, along with the generous support of NCNW, Greenville Hospital System, Walmart, BMW, and other donors, King Legacy Week, which included the HBCU College Fair, Steamfest and PITCH Competition. According to one observer, the King Legacy Week events constitute one of the best King Holiday celebrations in the country.

The fourth annual King Legacy Week was successful beyond expectations. Organizers Davida Mathis and Avery Allen were particularly thrilled by the overwhelming attendance. More than 2,000 people participated in the educational programs. “We are so grateful for the support and assistance of NCNW. Their members came from across the state to be part of the celebration. We look forward to the new NCNW section that is being organized in Greenville.”

The HBCU College Fair featured Claflin College band and was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church, where Rev. Philip Baldwin is the pastor. More than a dozen HBCUs and 500 students attended the event. High schoolers brought their transcripts and many were admitted to college on the spot. BMW was on hand to explain a co-op program that helps students pay for college while they work at the Greenville assembly plant, the only BMW plant in the nation. Students, age 5-13, were introduced to coding concepts at their very own Steamfest. Studies show that children are more likely to develop an interest in science if they are exposed to hands-on activities at an early age. The PITCH Competition offered young adults a chance to earn prize money and practice presenting their business concept to a live audience.
As a national organization with a powerhouse of amazing women across the United States, we must equip ourselves with the necessary knowledge on technology and telecommunications policy in order to effectively advocate our interests to our elected representatives. Tech and telecom are becoming increasingly pervasive in our everyday lives. General Motors is cutting 15,000 jobs to shift the company’s focus toward costly, emerging technologies such as autonomous and fully electric vehicles; tech firms are incorporating artificial intelligence into all facets of business and government; and dangerous cyberattacks and data breaches are happening more frequently than ever. Thus, it is imperative that we are aware of the impact, often disproportionately, that technology issues, such as these, have on women of African descent, their families and communities.

On Tuesday, January 29, 2019, several panels of technology and telecommunications experts convened at the State of the Net Conference on Internet Policy at the Newseum in downtown Washington, D.C. In addition to keynote addresses from congressional members and agency commissioners, the Conference provided in-depth discourse on important topics, including the future of work, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity. The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. attended the State of the Net Conference in order to better understand how industry players are addressing consumer concerns and how Members of Congress make decisions on tech and telecom policy. Ultimately, Congressional members rely heavily on their staff to be “experts” in this area. However, there are fewer House staff and fewer legislative support agency personnel. According to Daniel Schuman, Policy Director of Demand Progress, House personal office, committee, and leadership staff numbers are at 87% of their 1979 levels. What does this mean? It means that with less staff to advise representatives, it is up to constituents to ensure that our political leadership is fully aware of the impact of their policymaking in this space. Thus, we must become the experts.

Remember, where you live matters in how you understand technology and telecommunications policy. Lorelei Kelly of Resilient Democracy made a stark comparison between how constituents in California and how constituents in Washington, D.C. interpret different tech terminology. In California, a “hacker” is viewed as an artist; in Washington, a “hacker” is viewed as a criminal. In California, “disruption” is a strategy for business innovation; in Washington, “disruption” is a threat to national security. In California, a “carrier” is a company like T-Mobile or AT&T; in Washington, a “carrier” is a U.S. Navy aircraft in the middle of the ocean. Thus, how we view technology depends on what state, or even what district, we live in.

We encourage you to find out who your congressional members are, if you haven’t already. Be encouraged to volunteer your expertise to your political leaders. Reach out to their office and ask them what their stance is on critical issues, such as algorithmic discrimination, net neutrality, and data security. Then share that information with us! We can begin building a database of information that we can use to cross-fertilize in pushing policy toward advancing our mission. Should you have any questions, NCNW will always be a resource!
NCNW was presented the Myrlie Tyler Faithful Award by the Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority on January 19, 2019 in Washington, D.C. The award was presented in recognition of NCNW's “tireless dedication to advocacy for women of African descent” on the occasion of the sorority's Pre-Centennial Gala. 25th National President of Zeta Phi Beta, Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker, was on hand for the festivities, which served to kick off the celebration of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority’s 100th Anniversary which occurs in January, 2020. Other award recipients included Gwainevere Catchings Hess, President of the Black Women’s Agenda and the Washington, D.C. Branch of the NAACP.
What You Need To Know To Weather The Next (Inevitable) Recession

The good economic news for 2019 is that most experts agree that the U.S. economy is not likely to enter a recession this year. 2018 was a good year for economic growth – hitting an annual rate of 3.5% in the third quarter and 4.2% in the second quarter, according to the Bureau of Economic Statistics. Some key indicators show that consumers and local government are spending and companies are investing. Consumer confidence is high and unemployment rates are relatively low.

Nevertheless, there are worrying signs on the horizon that a recession may come in 2020. Stock markets are volatile and growth projections for 2019 show the economy slowing in 2019. History teaches us that the U.S. experiences a recession about once every six years. By that reckoning, we are overdue. Some of us, especially in the Black community, have not fully recovered from the Great Recession of 2008.

Exactly what is a recession, anyway? One definition is a negative growth rate in GDP (gross domestic product.) GDP measures everything produced by businesses and individuals in the United States, with the effects of inflation stripped out. A recession represents a general slowdown in economic activity that lasts for six months or more. Recessions are characterized by falling GDP, less consumer and investor spending, falling capacity utilization, less household income and lower business profits.

How to prepare for a recession:

a. Save as much as you can  
b. Pay down debt as quickly as you can  
c. Make sure you can afford major purchases, such as a home or car  
d. Find additional sources of income  
e. Create meaningful partnerships  
f. Pay attention to your investments  
g. Embrace technology and innovation  
h. Pay attention to public policies that attempt to manipulate the economy for political gain as we approach the 2020 elections  
i. Attend NCNW’s WEP and ME! Webinars

There is a paradox inherent in recession. Two of the main elements of GDP are consumer spending and the confidence that encourages consumers to spend. If everyone stops spending because of fear of recession, the economic slowdown is only hastened, making recession more likely.
Thousands gathered at Freedom Park in downtown Washington, DC. They chanted “We won’t stop” as Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole took the podium during the 3rd Women’s March. Dr. Cole invoked one of her sheroes, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, who said “If the time is not ripe, we must ripen the time.” She went on to say that today they are marching to insist that America deliver on its promise of equality. Representing the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., she reminded the audience that NCNW is focused on eliminating what is minimally the double jeopardy that black women suffer ... Racism and Sexism. Moreover, we call for an end to all-isms that keep us, our families, and our communities from thriving. “We must ripen the time for the end to all systems of inequality.”

Recognizing we have a long way to go, she asserts that it will only happen if we do it together. Dr. Cole reminds us of what the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. said about all of us on a single path. “We are caught up in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. What affects one of us directly affects all of us.”

Dr. Cole closed by saying we stand in solidarity with our sisters of all hues, backgrounds, and conditions. She thundered that the women of NCNW are committed to the struggle for civil rights, women’s rights, and human rights. And, we will stay in this struggle until no girl; until no woman stands alone, stands afraid, or stands without equal rights.
A Tribute to
Dr. Manderline Willis Scales

Manderline Willis Scales, Ed.D., native of Winston-Salem, NC, was the longstanding NCNW State Convener for North Carolina. An experienced and respected champion for civil rights and for getting things done, she was appointed by the late Dr. Dorothy Irene Height and led North Carolina’s NCNW State Coalition for more than 47 years.

Dr. Scales earned a bachelor’s degree from Spelman College, a Masters of Education degree from The University of Pittsburgh and obtained her Doctor of Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Dr. Scales’ activism and thirst for community service compelled her to be a drum major in the crusade for education, justice and equality. Dr. Scales’ battle cry for educational rights in North Carolina was heard near and far. She held many leadership positions in her educational career. As an educator and advocate for more than 55 years, with boldness she impacted the lives of thousands of students, affectionately known as her “Little Darlings.” She began her teaching career in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System. She worked at Winston-Salem State University for nearly three decades, where she started the Spanish program and held the following positions: Director of Student Affairs, Dean of Women and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs & Development. Living a purpose-driven life, she continued her mission of impacting students by serving as the Executive Director of the Shilohian St. Peters Childcare Center for more than 15 years.

Dr. Scales was a member of many educational, civic and community service organizations: The Chamber of Commerce, NAACP, Project Blueprint for the United Way, Legacy 2000 for Forsyth County, Chair of Community Development, and Emancipation Proclamation Scholarship Chair. She was a proud member of Shiloh Baptist Church for more than 35 years, where she was a committed Trustee, Deaconess, and served with the Sunday school ministry. Dr. Scales was a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and served as third National President of National Women of Achievement, Inc. Dr. Scales was a member of the Order of Eastern Star (James H. Young #592), Sethos Court Daughters #105, Golden Circle King Solomon Assembly #64, NAACP, Top Ladies of Distinction and the Deaconess Board at Shiloh Baptist Church. She served on the boards of the Northwest YMCA, Delta Fine Arts Center, Social Services and Northwest Child Development Center.

Dr. Manderline Scales’ life trumpets the importance of love, tolerance and forgiveness. She leaves us with a legacy of progress and a desire to “live with a purposeful destination.” Dr. Scales’ closing and parting words to all she knew and to all who gathered for whatever occasion were “God Bless.”
NEW MEMBERS

Life & Contributing Members
(December 17, 2018 thru February 11, 2019)

LEGACY LIFE
Shalela Dowdy
Helene Fisher
Deborah Hanson
Alice Eason Jenkins
Gloria D. Jimison
Diane D. Miller
Dorothy Milton
Lula Mae Nichols
Janair Patterson
Marie A. Penn
Valeria B. Williams

LIFE
Alta Y. Alexander
Samoanna Cynthia Anderson
Felicia A. Banks-Ali
Crystal Barton
Carolyn Campbell
Cathy Davis
Michelle D. DeForest
Theresa A. Dillard
Ginger Farrow Williams
Jennifer F. Foster-Jones
Maggie Gibson
Alea Greer
Teresa Hardy
Deborah G. Harris
Catherine Hogan
Cleo MeriAbut Jarvis
Sheila V. Jefferies

Life Members (continued)
Tanjela Renee Johnson
Kimberly Jones
Shannon Jordan
Tamara Wild Lawson
Myrtle Malone
Nadine H. McElroy
Mika Slaughter Nelson
Tiffany Plump
Constance A. Portis
Gwendolyn M. Powell
Esther King Powers
Mary Helen Sinclair
Demaryl Singleton
Darlene Slaughter
Laura Stephens
Barbara Taylor
Joyce Thompson
Priscilla Harris Wallace
Maude Washington
Tamara Wilds Lawson

ASSOCIATE LIFE (Men)
Michael Grey

ADVOCATE
Adriana Boateng-Kuffour
Iris Jones
Michele LaMerrill

In Loving Memory
Jessica Ford
Washington, DC

Doretha B. Holmes
Life Member
Seattle, WA

Louise Strozier
Former NCNW Southeast Region Director
Atlanta, GA

Cynthia Taylor
Legacy Life Member
Former President, Black Adults of Action Section (Inactive)
Washington, DC

Elizabeth Renelle Webster-Brown
Twinsburg, OH
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