

GARLAND NAACP YOUTH COUNCIL *IMAGE AWARDS*

Saturday

June 14, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Celebrating Excellence
*"Today's Youth...
Tomorrow's Legends"*

**Mt. Hebron Baptist Church ~ Sanctuary
1233 State Hwy. 66 ~ Garland, Texas 75040**



Greetings: Garland NAACP Youth Council

Alana Lyons Williamson



Greetings to the Garland Branch NAACP and Youth Council. This year has brought me a little closer to my hometown. I am looking forward to seeing first-hand the work that the adult and youth members are doing in Garland.

Congratulations to the 2014 recipients of the Garland NAACP Image Awards. These awards are a testament to your dedication in your chosen area. Keep working hard in your high school years and beyond. Entering college and careers with a talent or a dream is rare these days, so you are one foot ahead of your peers. With focus and determination, today will be one more stepping stone on your road to success.

To the families of the recipients, thank you for raising youth who recognize their purpose. Your support and encouragement means more than any public recognition and your presence here today speaks volumes. Keep encouraging your youth to learn and grow.

"To know how much there is to know is the beginning of learning to live."

-Dorothy West (*The Richer, the Poorer*)

Best Wishes,
Alana Lyons Williamson
Charter President, Garland Youth Council

Greetings: Garland NAACP Branch President **Ricky McNeal, Branch President**



Greetings,

Wow, another year has passed and we are gathered again to celebrate the service and accomplishments of our youth. I would like to welcome each of you to this program where we will acknowledge and confer special recognition to youth in our community. On behalf of the officers, executive committee and members of the NAACP Garland Unit and Youth Council, we extend our highest regards and best wishes to each of you.

We have set aside this time and tailored this program for our young people. The late great poet and author Maya Angelou stated, "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But, people will not forget how you made them feel."

With this backdrop, we know that it is important to inspire and encourage each of them. We fully recognize that each one of the individuals being honored this evening is unique and has made a specific impact in our community.

Parents, grandparents, relatives, youth directors, and volunteers, I implore you to continue to encourage, expose and enlighten our youth. The Apostle Paul stated it like this, Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands, 2 Timothy 1:6.

I would like to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for endowing these precious young people with abilities and gifts that they have shared and will continue to share with their families, churches, schools, communities and the world.

Finally, I request that you join the NAACP and secure a youth membership for your son or daughter to help us make our community the very best it can be. We would love for you to join us in the fight for equality and justice. America is the greatest country on the planet; however, with you onboard with us she can and will become even greater.

Thank you again and we look forward to working with you.

Ricky McNeal,
NAACP Garland President



Greetings:
Texas State Youth and College Division

**Ericka Cain, Texas State
Conference Advisor**



**Erin Gaddis, Texas State Conference
Youth & College Division President**



Greetings Garland NAACP Youth Council.

It is my honor to welcome you to the Garland Youth Council Image Awards. We're happy that you could join us here in Garland, Texas. For decades, the NAACP has embraced a mission and vision of inclusion, a vision that encourages young people to seek their full potential and excel. The NAACP mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, economic, and equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The shackles of our past have been physically removed; however, we face the shackles that enchain our mind. We avoid the truth because it scares us, or makes us angry, or makes us feel like we don't know what to do. We can only avoid the truth for so long before it begins to make itself known in even more forceful ways. I encourage you to remember the struggle is not over and it is YOUR MOVEMENT to continue. I thank the leadership of the Garland Youth Council for all your hard work and your determination. The more you know, the more you owe, because you never know what can help your brothers and sisters to grow!

Sincerely,
Ericka A. Cain
Texas State Conference Advisor
NAACP Youth and College Division

Erin Gaddis
Texas State Conference President
NAACP Youth and College Division

Reflections

In the summer of 1998, the Garland Branch NAACP began recruiting and organizing a new youth council. On October 17, 1998, the Garland Branch NAACP Youth Council received their official charter. The council included more than 25 members, including President Alana Lyons, Vice President Ade Adeyemi, Treasurer Andrea Lyons, Secretary Jackie Barnett, Parliamentarian Reuben Griffin, and Sargeant-at-Arms Jonathan Miller. By the fall of 1999, membership had grown to more than forty students from all area high schools and several middle schools.

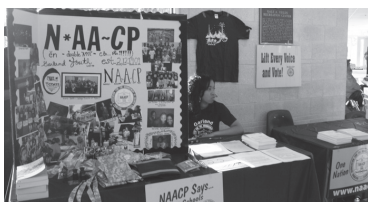


Greetings: Youth Council Advisor



Dr. Joyce E. Kyle Miller
Youth Advisor

To our 2014 Image Awardees...Congratulations, Congratulations, Congratulations!! You are each worthy of the recognition that you will receive this evening. Some of you may be wondering, "What have I done to receive an Image Award?" Well, I guarantee you that you are deserving of this honor and someone has recognized that you are the type of young men and women who deserve a "pat on the back" for a job well-done. When your name is called tonight know that you are highly thought of by many. Know that someone is always watching what you do and someone thinks that you are very special. Some of you are honor roll students; some of you are leaders in your community and in your churches. Some of you have graduated from high school this month; some of you have received full scholarships to highly acclaimed colleges and universities. Some of you are just good, sweet kids who are most deserving of the praise you will receive on this occasion.



Thank you so much for your presence here tonight. Proceeds from this event support the activities of the Youth Council. The Youth Council represents Garland NAACP Youth Council at State, Quarterly Board meetings, and State, Regional and National Conferences. In addition, the Youth Council meets monthly and annually joins the Garland NAACP Branch in sponsoring the Health Fair, the Freedom Fund Brunch, the MLK Parade and Program, the Youth Extravaganza, and the Goldie Locke Excel Awards Program, a program which has recognized over a thousand Garland ISD elementary and middle school youth for good behavior and academic performance since 1996. The Youth Council annually sponsors a Black History Program for the Garland community and joins the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church in supporting college tours and scholarship and resume writing workshops. Each semester the Youth Council joins other youth in serving as volunteers for the Middle School and High School Academic Enrichment Workshop held at Texas A&M University-Commerce Mesquite Metroplex Center. The Youth Council also stands ready to support youth who face unfair practices in school and in the community. The Youth Council is for youth and is led by youth and has a track record for helping youth develop skills needed to assume leadership roles in the community. Decide today to join the Garland NAACP Youth Council and become a part of the solution.

As you receive your award this evening, know that "you have only just begun!!

Dr. Joyce E. Kyle Miller, Youth Advisor
Garland NAACP Youth Council
2012 National Youth Council of the Year

Garland NAACP Youth Council

2014 Image Awards

Musical Prelude

Garland High School Jazz Band; Robert Beshears, Director of Bands

Shae Athas, Emilee Biles, Oscar Cruz, Chris Freeland, Kris Fussel, Seth Ghormley, Nick Gorietti, Jasmine Guzman, Sergio Hernandez, Austin Koontz, Matthew Kurilla, Andrew Pershey, Ronaldo Rodriguez, Jonathan Valenzuela, Tyler Waite

Invocation.....Sharra McRae
Garland NAACP Youth Council, Chaplain

Lift Every Voice and Sing.....Video Presentation

Welcome/Occasion.....Jershayla Johnson, 1st Vice President, Garland NAACP Youth Council

Master of Ceremonies.....Justin Herman, 2012 President Garland NAACP Youth Council
Greetings.....Ericka Cain, Youth Advisor,
Texas State Conference Youth and College Division

Erin Gaddis, President
Texas State Conference NAACP Youth and College Division
Kylie Beene,
City of Garland Youth Council
Ricky McNeal, President
Garland NAACP Branch

ACT-SO Vocal Contemporary Gold Medal Winner.....Blake Snearey
“Set Fire to the Rain,” Adele

ACT-SO Poetry Gold Medal Winner.....Reaunna Moorser
“The Behaviors of Color”

ACT-SO Instrumental Contemporary Gold Medal Winner.....Matthew Stell
“Mean Man Matt”

ACT-SO Short Story Gold Medal Winner.....Hannan Ahmed
“The Plight of the Disney Princess: Far From Perfect”

ACT-SO Oratory Gold Medal Winner.....Matthew Stell
“Where’s the Tide Stick”

ACT-SO Vocal Classical Gold Medal Winner.....Monica Ogbonnaya

Presentation of Image Award Honorees

Dr. Joyce Kyle Miller, Garland NAACP Youth Council, Youth Advisor
Jaalah Herman, President, Garland NAACP Youth Council
Carter & Janet Thompson, Donors

2012 National ACTSO Gold Medal Winner.....Ceon Rumphs
Sonata Op. 19 for Alto Saxophone and Piano, Movement 3 with Gaiet, Paul Creston, Composer

Remarks.....Jaalah Herman, 2013 President
Garland NAACP Youth Council

Benediction.....G’Leisia McRae, Assistant Chaplain Garland NAACP Youth Council

Dessert Reception in the Foyer

Youth Council Membership \$10.00



Garland NAACP Youth Council

Accomplishments

The Garland NAACP Youth Council was founded in 1998 by a group of teens led by founding President, Alana Lyons Williams (1999 Naaman Forest High School graduate, Garland ISD). The organization was chartered by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and its membership is open to children and youth ages 1 through 18. The organization addresses civil rights issues as they relate to youth in five areas: Juvenile Justice, Economic Empowerment, Education, Political Action (Voter Empowerment), and Health. Over the years, the Garland Youth Council has planned, sponsored and co-sponsored activities for youth addressing voter registration, college tours, college fairs, scholarship and resume writing workshops, education forums, SAT Preparation Workshops, Street Justice and the Law, Careers, and the annual Garland Branch NAACP health fairs which joins with other organizations in providing back packs and immunizations for hundreds of citizens. The Youth Council also has been selected to implement national initiatives such as the National Day of College Preparation and the Young, Black and Secure interactive game designed to teach middle school and high school students about social security.

The activities of the Youth Council also includes attendance at the quarterly board meetings of the Texas State Conference Youth and College Division, attendance at the annual Texas State Conference in October, the Regional Conference held in March and the NAACP national convention which will be held in Orlando, Florida in July. Attendance at the national convention affords the youth opportunities to meet face to face national leaders such as Roland Martin, Jesse Jackson, Julian Bond, Medgar Evers' wife, Merlie Evers-Williams, Judge Greg Mathis, Astro, a young rapper. Locally, the Youth Council annually participates in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade and youth extravaganza activities, the annual Black History Program for the community, political forums, and the Garland NAACP Branch health fair held in August of each year. Volunteering at the North Dallas Food Bank was one of the many community service activities of the Youth Council this year.

Over the years, the Youth Council has been awarded numerous honors. The Youth Council received the Southwestern Region Youth Council of the Year Award in 2009 and the Texas State Conference Juanita Craft Youth Council of the Year Award in 2011 and 2012. The Youth Advisor, Dr. Joyce Miller, has been awarded the Regional Clara Luper Award for Advisor of the Year in 2005, 2007, and 2012. During the 2012 NAACP National Convention in Houston, the Garland Youth Council was selected as the National Youth Council of the Year. In addition, the 2011-2012 Youth Council President, Erin Gaddis, was awarded the NAACP Glouster B. Current Award for Region VI which consists of Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

This year, the Youth Council has gotten off to a great start with the SAT Preparation Workshop held in October at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church and the Let's Move Activities for approximately 50 children in April. Tonight's celebration marks our 9th year for the Image Award Ceremony, and is one of the Council's signature events. The purpose of the Image Award is to recognize children and youth who have excelled academically, artistically, athletically, and in the area of leadership in school, in the community and religious institutions. Over the years, approximately 900 awards have been made to some of the best and brightest youth the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex has to offer. The youth are selected for the award by members of the NAACP, educators, pastors and other adults who work with youth. Youth from Duncanville, Lancaster, Wylie, Garland and the DFW community receive the award at a formal program which includes performances by ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics) Gold Medalists. Adults interested in nominating individual youth and youth groups are invited to join us in encouraging youth who deserve to receive the Image Award.

Membership in the Garland NAACP Youth Council is open to any youth who is interested in developing civic leadership skills; meetings are held the 1st Saturday of each month. For additional information contact Joyce Miller, garlandtxnaacpyc@gmail.com. We thank you for joining us this evening. You are invited to sit back, relax and join us as we encourage our youth to soar to even greater heights.



Garland NAACP Youth Council Presidents

Years Served	Presidents	Years Served	Presidents
1998 – 2000	Alana Lyons	2006 – 2007	Sasha Hampton
2000 – 2001	Jonathan Miller	2007 – 2008	Danielle White
2001 – 2002	Yendor Reese	2008 – 2009	Torrey Denson
2002 – 2003	Sarah Cook	2009 – 2010	Aeysha Brown
2003 – 2004	Reuben Griffin	2010 – 2011	Erin Gaddis
2004 – 2005	Kybron Hubbard	2011 – 2012	Erin Gaddis
	Anquetette Whiteman	2012 – 2013	Justin Herman
2005 – 2006	Anquetette Whiteman	2013 – 2014	Jaalah Herman
	Naima Blakes		

2013 - 2014 Officers

President, Jaalah Herman
 Secretary, G'Leisha McRae
 Treasurer, Dymetria Washington
 Chaplain, Sharra McRae

2014 Image Awards Honorees

Abderahman, Amani	Devine, Megan	Hayden, Devonte	Magee, Mikayla	Rendon, Johanna	Taylor, Jerrell
Abraham, Hailey	Dixon, A'rona	Hayes, Giovanna	Maldonado, Alexis	Rereddy, Rohan	Thomas, Bradley
Abu, Gracen	Dunnican, Laura	Henderson, Malik	Manassah, Amanda	Riveros, Juanito	Torrez, Matt
Ahmed, Ali	Edwards, Andre'	Hernandez, Aracely	Marsh, Raven	Robayo, Angie	Troeung, Meiline
Ahmed, Hannan	Evans, Jalen	Hernandez, Sergio	Marshall, Jayla	Robinson, Jr., Roy	Valenzuela, Jonathan
Aiyedun, Janet	Evans, Shaniya	Hunter, Brianna	McCray, Elizabeth	Rodgers, Armon	Valdes, Olivia
Akinsipe, Yaa-Kiah Y.	Evans, Travious	Hunter, Destiny	McGrew, Ebony	Rodriguez, Ronaldo	Valdez, Erickson
Ali Ahmed	Ewulu, Adaora	Ikechukwu, Kennedy	McKendall, Grant	Rogers, Yasmin	Velarde, Adriana
Anderson, Kyla	Farrow, Bre'una	Irvin, Richard	McKendall, Kennedy	Roy, Feby	Villalon, Cesar
Athas, William	Freeland, Chris	Jackson, Arnada	McLaughlin, Alexis	Runyan, Aaquila	Villalon, Celeste
Augsteen, Sahur	Fussell, Kris	Jackson, Kheivan	Monroe, Jaylon	Salazar, Asiel	Waite, Tyler
Baptiste, Alexander	Garcia, Diego	Jackson, Tyonna	Moorer, Reaunna	Sanchez, Mayra	Waites, Jason
Bazart, Melecia	Gates, Carvontez	James, Jaimy	Morgan, Aria	Sandoval, Jacqueline	Washington, Kavion
Bellew, Eric	Ghormley, Seth	Jenkins, Linnea	Morris, Olivia	Seales, Jordan	Watkins, Jailen
Bellfield, Chelsea	Gibson, Belisha	Jessup, Makalah	Mulugeta, Frazer	Seward, Sydnee	Williams, Jenesis
Bellfield, Alexander	Gorietti, Nicolas	Jones, Deondra	Mumphrey, Lexie	Silva, III, Jose	Wilson, Ricky
Benjamin, Lorian	Griffin, D.K.	Jones, Jayden A.	Myers, Kent	Silva, Rogelio	Winter, Theodora
Biles, Emilee	Guzman, Jasmine	Jones, Laytrion	Nisperos, Louise	Simmons, Tijonea	Woodard, Yasmine
Boss, Breanta	Hammonds, Bria	Koontz, Austin	Nguyen, Hogan	Simpson, Alexis	Woods, Alyssa
Brown, Devin M.	Hammonds, Brandi	Kurilla, Matthew	Ogbonnaya, Monica	Sims, Kameron	Woods, Marquis
Campbell, Tiatyana	Harris, Asya	Kwarteng, Albert	Pace, Hayden	Singleton, II, Steven M.	Wright, Makayla W.
Campbell, Tyson	Harris, Kenya	Lacy, Morgan	Pancotti, Elizabeth	Slaton, Brandon	Wright, Nicholas
Cerda, Bryan	Harris, Phaybeun	Lawler, Brittany	Perry, Brianna	Slaton, Nicholas	Yohannes, Esrael
Chikaeze, Alvin	Hart, Caitlin	Lawler, Paul	Pershey, Andrew	Snearey, Blake	Young, III, Harold
Cruz, Oscar	Haskins, Cameron	Leffall, Jason	Pierce, Teryn	Steele, Zaria	Young, Nia
Davis, Kahmeil	Haskins, Jaharrad	Louk, Lauren	Pollock-Jackson, Austin	Stell, Matthew Blake	Young, Taylor
Davis-Buffin, Kahmajia	Hawkins, Tatiyonna	Lucky, Rebecca	Purser, Lauren	Stimpson, Jonora	Zapata, Beatriz

Committees

These committees make monthly reports and plan programs for monthly meetings.

Education, Economic Empowerment,
Voter Empowerment,
Criminal Justice, Health

Youth Council Meetings

1st Saturday of each month, 12 noon

Location: TBA

Garland NAACP Adult Branch Meetings

4th Tuesday of each month

Location: Garland Women's Activities Building

Thanks to our Image Awards Donors

Awards to Go! Jim Fritts

Dee Dee Bates, Owner and CEO, State Farm

Gwen Clemmons

Mary Alsbrooks

Ethel Alsbrooks

Jakki Spencer

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

Kaiser Street Baptist Church

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church

Carter and Janet Thompkins

David and Ethelene Lyons

Jesse and Deborah Smutherman

David and Barbara Anderson

Mt. Hebron Urban Community Housing, Inc. (M.U.C.H.)

Walmart Store #1800 @ Marketplace Drive and Saturn - Melody Grim, Manager

Little Caesars Store #008 on Northwest Highway - Raul Figueroa-Herrera, Manager

Starbucks Store #6406 on E. Centerville Rd. - Starley Hankiewicz, Manager

Taco Casa Store #29 @ I-30 and Belt Line Rd. - Greg Fowler, Owner

Thanks to the Garland Area Alliance of Churches, Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Sims Chapel, Sweet Home Baptist Church, Northside Baptist Church, Christian Stronghold, New Works Community First Baptist Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, Victory Park Baptist Church, Zion Baptist Church, and Kaiser Street Baptist Church

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