Hanover County area schools continue to experience racial disparities with regard to administering school discipline. Hanover County has a 19 percentage point gap — 9 percent of the population to 28 percent of referrals. Hanover County NAACP will advocate to reduce the disproportionately suspension of black students.

Hanover County area school administration continue to experience a disproportionate number of black faculty in Hanover County schools based on African American Students. Hanover County Schools is the largest employer in the County. Hanover County NAACP will advocate to increase the disproportionate employment of African American faculty.

Hanover County NAACP will continue to advocate for the renaming of Lee-Davis and Stonewall Jackson schools because of their unwelcoming history toward African American students. A growing number of alumni, community members, other stakeholders, and allies locally, regionally, and across the nation have also been convinced that it's time to right this wrong.

As always, our goal is to increase Branch membership by 50% especially in our Churches and Community organizations by telling our NAACP story.

The Hanover County Branch meet every 4th Tuesday @ The Pride of Hanover Lodge 218 Berkley Street, Ashland, VA 23005 at 6:30pm. General meetings are open to the public. Executive Committee meetings maybe held 30 minutes prior to the general meeting. Next meeting January 22, 2019 @ 6:30pm.

Robert N. Barnette Jr
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Membership is the life-blood of the NAACP. We depend on our members' generosity to ensure the NAACP’s independence. We depend on you to keep the flames of freedom burning bright!

Joining is easy and quick. To become a member, just print out the membership form or contact us and we will send you a copy of the form. Once completed, simply return your membership form to us via email or regular mail and we will process your application immediately.

In a few short weeks you will receive your official membership card as well as receiving mailings and meeting notices. Remember, we are only as good as our members – in numbers we have power, join the struggle today.

Apply for Membership Online
www.naacp.org/membership/
You can also submit your membership application (or renew your current membership) online via the NAACP National website. Click on the following link [NAACP Online Membership Application] to fill out an application. Make sure you enter “UNIT #7076″ as your home branch to ensure that you are registered as an active member of the NAACP Hanover County Branch.

Virginia General Assembly News

Amendment to Restore Virginia Felons’ voting rights dies along party lines

For now, Virginia will remain among a trio of states — joining only Kentucky and Iowa — with a lifetime ban on voting rights for people convicted of a felony.

On Wednesday, the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections killed an attempt to allow Virginians who have been convicted of a felony to vote.

Hanover NAACP Newsletter

This year we imagine and will provide an increasingly active, vigilant and accountable Hanover NAACP. We need your participation to help make this happen. We need members with a passion for our youth.

We need your assistance in actively helping to notify us of disparities in our schools. Hanover County area schools continue to experience racial disparities in school discipline. Hanover County has a 19 percentage point gap — 9 percent of the population to 28 percent of referrals. Hanover County NAACP will advocate to reduce the disproportionately suspension of black students.

The Hanover County area school administrations continue to experience a disproportionate number of black faculty in Hanover County schools based on African American students. Hanover County Schools is the largest employer in
the County. Hanover County NAACP will advocate to increase the disproportionately low employment of African American faculty. Please report any issues you are having or have heard of happening in Hanover to our Task Force Chairman or our President.

We have asked for and will look forward to receiving updates from each of our Hanover NAACP committees to share their information with you in each e-newsletter. This will keep you informed and allow you to become more actively engaged.

Get involved in your local PTA’s or volunteer at our schools so that we may have an increased presence at our schools. Our visibility can assist in changing disparities that may occur.

As a branch, we need to become more involved in the politics of our county so that we can help make the decisions that affect our community. We need members willing to run for office to accept volunteer committee positions on the county level.

We need young people to become actively engaged in marching and representing us on county and National levels.

This newsletter is a part of our initiative to get the word out to more Hanover residents about the Hanover NAACP and to encourage more participation.

We ask our local churches, the back bone of our organization to begin Membership drives to not only increase paid members but to help provide the active leadership needed especially with our millennials and youth population.

There are times when we must go back to our foundations in order to move forward. Each year, our churches led the way for NAACP memberships. We are once again asking our churches to take the lead on making this happen.

Each church will receive a detailed letter from our President, with the dates and request for our membership campaign. Please make every effort to assist us in reinvigorating our organization. We have certainly been made aware in the past two years of the need for our organization. Perhaps we had felt the need had passed. We have been crucially reminded that is not the case. with us. We want to be available to help our community with these issues when they occur.

We hope you see the value in our reaching as many Hanover residents as possible. Please share with us other email addresses that can be added for distribution of our newsletter. Currently we anticipate a bi-monthly publication. Please send any questions, suggestions, additional emails, issues of which we need to make our community aware to hanovernaacp2@gmail.com.

We hope you find this e-newsletter- “Voice for The People” beneficial.

Editor- Pat Hunter-Jordan
The Hanover County Task Force for Students of Color falls under the umbrella of the Hanover County National Association for the Advancement of Color People (N.A.A. C. P). It is our purpose to advocate and to be a strong voice of support to Parents, Guardians and Students of Color attending Hanover County Public Schools. Some of our goals are:

- To engage with parents, guardians & students to create a list of concerns related to HCPS.
- To identify racial inequalities that continue to exist & thrive in the school environment.
- To encourage parental involvement in the education of their child/children thru community base activities embracing the African American Culture.
- To engage in conversations with HCPS officials to present concerns & resolutions to ongoing issues that are not being addressed in a timely manner.
- To insure equity and diversity within the school environment for students of color.

We extend an invitation for you to become a part of our interest group.

Mr. Christopher Martinez

We welcome the newly appointed Patrick Henry High School Principal, Mr. Christopher Martinez. He assumed his position January 2019. Mr. Martinez began his career in education in 2005 as a high school math teacher at Highland Springs High School in Henrico County, and he has been employed with Hanover County Public Schools since 2008. He has served with distinction in a variety of roles to include assistant principal, department chair, summer school administrator and coordinator, high school math teacher, assistant athletics director, head J.V. baseball coach, and assistant varsity and J.V. football coach.

Virginia Educators United is made of public education professionals, parents, students, advocates and community allies who lead the #RedForEd movement to fight for increases in public school funding that'll advance equitable education reform. Join them at the Capitol in Richmond on January 28th to
March, rally and meet with legislators to advocate for safe, clean and healthy public-school environments.

**RICHMOND, VA (WWBT) -** Governor Ralph Northam and the Virginia Council on Women have announced the 8th Annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Essay Contest for women in their junior and senior years of high school. At least five $5,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school junior and senior women pursuing a STEM career at a higher education institution. One scholarship will be awarded in each of five geographic locations in Virginia. To be eligible, the students must be a female or identify as a female, reside in Virginia, be a senior or junior in high school and have a GPA of 2.5. All entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 22, 2019. Winners will be notified by March 21, 2019. The scholarship awards ceremony will be held at the Executive Mansion in Richmond in April 2019.

Application and additional information can be found at the following link [https://www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/advisory-boards/council-on-women/](https://www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/advisory-boards/council-on-women/)

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

**Virginia FOR ALL**

A broad coalition that includes Virginia Civic Engagement Table, State Innovation Exchange, SEIU Virginia 512, ProgressVA and many other partners developed the Virginia For All of Us campaign to make Virginia a place where every person has the opportunity to pursue their dreams and be thriving community members. Their mission is to build strong and healthy families, communities and a democracy for all Virginians. The project will educate community members on the importance of advancing progressive policies and teach people how they can take actions to hold elected official accountable. There will be an event in Richmond to launch the campaign. Use the link below to find more info about the campaign.

Here’s the policies that we’re working on to make a better Virginia For All of Us—no exceptions:

- **Strong and Healthy Families**
  - Reproductive Health Equity Act
  - Paid Family and Medical Leave
  - $15 minimum wage
  - Borrowers’ Bill of Rights
  - Protections for pre-existing conditions

- **Strong and Healthy Communities**
  - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
  - Increased funding for education
  - Driving privileges for immigrants

- **Strong and Health Democracy**
  - Redistricting reform
  - Cash bail reform

**Youth Opportunities**

Rise for Youth will host their 3rd Annual Youth Lobby Retreat in Richmond on January 19th - 21st to help young advocates develop
civic engagement skills that can be used to influence policies related to youth justice. The retreat will offer young people and adults' opportunities to learn about strategic messaging, public speaking, policy reform and the state legislative information system. Contact Rise for Youth's Policy Director, Rebecca Keel, at rebecca@riseforthyouth.org if you're interested in attending the event.

Hanover County Model Congress

Hanover County Model Congress (HCMC) is a student-run Model Congress designed to give local middle school and high school students a hands-on opportunity to learn about government processes and to practice public speaking skills. Students will serve as delegates and chairs in the student House and Senate. The main goal is for students to learn by doing and have fun while learning. Each student delegate will serve on one committee and discuss its two issues during the event. Business dress is encouraged.

Event Information

Dates

Saturday, February 9, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In the case of inclement weather on February 9, the event will be moved to March 9, 2019.

You may register your child at the below link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfidM8s-yFITEVSjig6mZLBcsrdk8gv2B_mxyNyXnzIC0vd3g/viewform

Please gather beginning at 11:00 AM at VCU-Monroe Park, 620 W. Main St, Richmond, VA 23220. March to the State Capital will begin at 11:30 AM. You may sign up for this event @ https://www.virginiaeducatorsunited.com/join-the-march

Now Accepting Applications for VAPLP Cohort 6

We are now accepting applications for our Virginia Progressive Leadership Project (VAPLP). This program is designed to develop progressive leaders who represent and amplify voices in diverse communities to build more diversity in Virginia’s leadership. Visit the VAPLP website to learn more about the program and find out how to apply or nominate a leader in your community. The deadline to apply is February 15th, 2019.

https://vaplp.org/apply/
The Newly elected officers of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors were appointed on Jan 9, 2019.
Chairman: W. Conova Peterson
Vice Chairman: Scott Wyatt

This MLK Day, let's honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the indisputable civic power he taught. A lobby day has been arranged for hundreds of Virginians to gather on topics of political education and progress. Participants will have access to FREE lunch, fellowship, and opportunity to meet with state representatives about the issues that mean most to you!

**WHEN:** January 21, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.- 4:15 p.m. (you do not have to stay all day)
**WHERE:** John Marshall Hotel 101 North Fifth St, Richmond, Virginia

Help stand for democracy, justice, and progress with your day off (or on) this year. Ask elected officials to support legislation for restoration of rights, a statewide living wage, and driver licenses for all.

Sign up here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlvGvHhbKnZUcgMH0kdPScGrpRFV1sPm9l2h7hm_9S0ELOT3w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlvGvHhbKnZUcgMH0kdPScGrpRFV1sPm9l2h7hm_9S0ELOT3w/viewform)

**How to Run for Political Office**

Are you interested in Running for a Political office? Here is a great training opportunity [https://sorenseninstitute.org/candidate-training-program](https://sorenseninstitute.org/candidate-training-program)

The NAACP IMAGE AWARDS will be airing on TV ONE on March 30th. The show will air live for the 1st time ever from the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, CA.

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