

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude for being reelected as the president of the Monterey Branch of the NAACP.

The Monterey Branch of the NAACP has a long and proud history of advocating for civil rights and equality across various sectors, including Education, Employment, Housing, Business, Representation and Criminal Justice. My vision for moving forward—stepping boldly to confront the challenges of misinformation and misconduct that disproportionately affect minorities, especially Black individuals in Monterey County—is both necessary and inspiring.

As we look to the future, I appreciate your focus on Retaining, Reclaiming, and Recruiting a membership that champions the cause of equality within our community. It is essential to build a strong, united front against injustices and racism, and I am confident that with your support, we will continue to uphold the golden rule of treating everyone with dignity and respect.

Thank you for your commitment to creating a more equitable society and for the hard work you put into representing the voices of those marginalized. Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to advocating for those who face discrimination and to fostering an environment where all individuals can thrive. I am eager to see the positive change that will arise from our continued efforts."

~Lyndon Tarver President NAACP Monterey County Branch

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

2025 General Membership Meetings

- January 25th, 7:00, Oldemeyer Center
- February 27th, 7:00, Oldemeyer Center
- March 27th, 7:00, Oldemeyer Center

## Other Events

- MLK Day Celebration 1/20/25 Oldemeyer Center
- Steven E. Ross Ministers Breakfast, 2/1/25, 9:00, Embassy Suites

## 2025 NAACP Scholarships

Each year the Monterey County Branch NAACP has granted scholarships to outstanding and qualified students within the county who are in pursuit of a college or university education, and from your very generous donations and support, the Education Committee has been able to fulfill one of its prime objectives by selecting those submitted applicants who have qualified for one of its scholarships.

During the past four years, the Branch has awarded scholarships in the amount of \$7000 to those scholars who applied and who fulfilled all of the stipulated requirements, and for the 2024-25 school year, the Branch will have its Scholarship Application on its website and open the initial application process on December 1, 2024 and close on April 30, 2025 at 11:59 P.M.

If you know of any 2025 high school graduating senior who meets the requirements for one of our scholarships, please encourage the student to apply.

Applications are located on the NAACP website at: <a href="https://montereynaacp.org/naacp-2025-scholarship/">https://montereynaacp.org/naacp-2025-scholarship/</a>