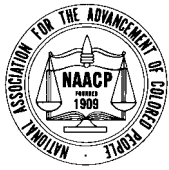


# "Lest We Forget"



NAACP

## Special points of interest:

What are the current accomplishments of the NAACP? Is there still need for change in 2006?

Who is the man behind the mission? Meet the President.

Do you have what we need to volunteer?

## Membership Drive:

*"Injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere." -MLK*

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## St. Paul NAACP 2006 Freedom Fund Banquet

*"A Community Affair Honoring Black History and Celebrating Excellence."*

February 9, 2006

## Why is the NAACP Important Today?

We live in a world of inequality and injustice. To think that the American landscape, the global community or even the local community is free of social maladies would be naïve. As long as there is a need for systemic change within economic, educational and social realms of society, the NAACP will be there to seek accountability. The NAACP needs you to advocate for justice.

The St. Paul NAACP is proud of its body of work. In many acts of discrimination they are a first call for help. Some involvements of the St. Paul NAACP include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advocated racial profiling study conducted by the St. Paul Police Department
- Facilitated agreement between the St. Paul NAACP, U. S. Justice Department and the St. Paul Police Department regarding racial profiling
- Advocated for Minnesota Racial Profiling Legislation
- Proposed Racial Harassment Policy adapted unanimously by the St. Paul School Board
- Established an After-School Tutoring program for grades K-12 (Summit University Education Consortium)

- Facilitated the establishment of accountability within Ramsey Action Programs
- Secured the freedom of wrongly accused citizens
- Facilitated the successful conclusion of a lawsuit for Blacks in Minnesota Corrections and Black Firefighters
- Facilitated settlement for numerous individuals wrongfully treated by employers in retail, hotels, and other businesses
- Member of the Equal Access Coalition whose purpose is to improve access to employment and contract opportunities within St. Paul City Government
- Secured vote of the St. Paul School Board to limit the use of taser guns in St. Paul schools
- Initiated audits of St. Paul City Departments to address issues of equal employment opportunity
- Advocated for victims of police brutality and misconduct with victims ranging in age from 11 to 85 years of age

As you can see the efforts and progress made by the NAACP clearly justifies the need. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, *"Injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere."* The "Lest We Forget" event reminds us that there is still a need to secure civil rights.

## Tutoring At Its Best - "Inspiring the Power of One"

"It takes a community to raise a child" is a mantra closely followed and clearly present in the commitment to excellence put forth by the St. Paul NAACP Education Committee.

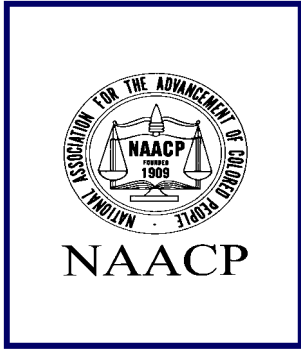
In 1986, disparaging test results and academic underachievement of African-American

students in the St. Paul Public Schools inspired the inception of the volunteer-based powerhouse Summit University Education Consortium, (SUEC).

Founded as a non-profit organization, SUEC continues to raise the level excellence of

African-American students today by operating community-based volunteer tutorial programs.

By the second year of the tutorial initiative, SUEC moved swiftly to expand opportunities for students to improve their skill level and



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Welcome our newest  
NAACP Member:

Ta-Tanisha Redidth

Thank you for all your  
time and hard work!

Unfortunately, freedom  
isn't always free

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prepare for post high school endeavors by creating a six-week summer enrichment program and a college prep program.

The summer school program provides enrichment through the extension of regular classroom settings, while building and maintaining skills necessary to increase

their academic performance throughout the school year.

In 2004, the "NAACP Help a Child to Read" program started from the collaborative partnership of the St. Paul NAACP Education Committee and Webster Magnet School.

Readers from a broad age range and background were recruited to create a presence that made a difference by reading to

children. Their philosophy is simple and inspiring: "The power of one. That is, I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. The things I can do, I should do; and with God's help, that which I should do, I will do." Increase your commitment to our community and volunteer with the St. Paul NAACP! For volunteer opportunities or more info call us at 651.649.0520 or visit us online at [www.naacp-stpaul.org](http://www.naacp-stpaul.org).

### Sow a Seed Today for Change Tomorrow

**How do you become an NAACP member?** Are you looking to expand your understanding of your community? Do you have skills/training to share that would benefit others? Become an active a part of this 100-year-old legacy and join the NAACP.

We are actively seeking to secure the legacy of the NACCP St. Paul Branch by recruiting new NAACP members. We invite individuals with a heart to serve and support minorities in the city of St. Paul who believe in civil rights and the advancement and well-being of people. Exercise your skills and talents by joining the NAACP today. Visit us online at: [www.naacp-stpaul.org](http://www.naacp-stpaul.org). Or call 651.227.5199. for more

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## Meet the President of the St. Paul NAACP: Nathaniel A. Khaliq



St. Paul NAACP  
President,  
Nathaniel A. Khaliq

A successful organization needs an experienced, qualified and capable leader. When you consider the credentials of the current St. Paul NAACP President, Nathaniel A. Khaliq, you'll understand why the community considers him an "awesome jewel."

Born Nathaniel Davis, he is known in St. Paul as, "Nick." Ask anyone who knows him and they will tell you he is a genuinely compassionate, sincere and dedicated humanitarian. Nick is highly respected by his peers, government officials and business leaders. His credibility is rock-solid. As a St. Paul native, Nick is intimately familiar with the many changes of this city.

During his youth in the 1940's racial discrimination was unbridled. Nick's first experience of civil injustice occurred when his family was instructed to move out of the way for the construction of Interstate 94. Nick's grandfather, Rev. George Davis, Sr., the head of the household, was said to have told the authorities, "If you force your way

in here, it'll be the last time you force your way in anywhere!" This traumatic encounter left more than an indelible impression on a young man, it sparked in him a life-long passion for justice.

It was in the sixties that Nick began to look at life more in depth. He joined and served in the Marines Corps for three years. He later graduated from Dunwoody Institute and St. Paul Vocational College and started N.R. Davis Construction Company. In addition, he later became a St. Paul Fire Fighter and retired after 17 years of service.

In 1970, Nick and his wife Victoria, married. A well-educated southern lady from Tennessee, Victoria shared a parallel desire for justice and equality. She worked in property management in the private and public sector, including Chief of Loan Management with HUD. After the birth of three children, and the blending of three children from previous relationships, the two partnered in joint business ventures; and later acquired real estate to create BNV

Properties. Victoria is also active in the community as the founding head of the tutoring power house, Summit University Education Consortium.

Some of Nick's past and present Board involvement includes: African-American Leadership Council, Inner City Youth League, District 8 Planning Council, Community Stabilization Project, Masjid An-Nur and Selby Area CDC. He received service awards from: City of St. Paul, St. Paul Urban League, Kappa Alpha Psi, Stairstep Foundation, Minority Lawyers Association, MLK Center, St. James AME and Shiloh Baptist Church, to name a few.

In 1995, he assumed the lead position at the St. Paul NAACP where he continues to answer the call to justice by serving the community. To learn more about the President and the St. Paul NAACP visit us online at: [www.naacp-stpaul.org](http://www.naacp-stpaul.org).