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Annual

Middlesex County Women In NAACP
presents the



Purpose, Power & Platform **LUNCHEON** *Recognizing Outstanding Women and Girls in Leadership*

April 5, 2025

Aqua Turf Club

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Barbara W. Holloman, WIN Committee Chairperson • Anita Ford Saunders, Branch President



**A Heartfelt Thank You
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Thank You,

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Vicky Susan Owens - Annette B. Ward Community Service Award

Tayna Oliver-Perry - Annette B. Ward Community Service Award

Eniola Shokunbi - Youth Leadership Award



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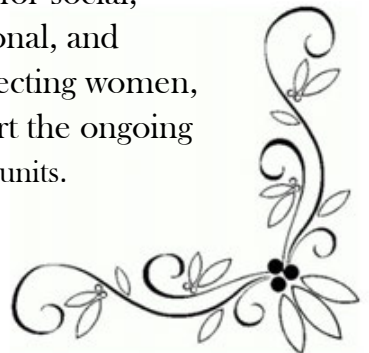
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The purposes of Women In NAACP (WIN) are:

- to enhance the leadership role of women;
- to serve as advocacy vehicle for social, economic, political, educational, and health and welfare issues affecting women, girls, and children; to support the ongoing work of the NAACP and its units.

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Program

Welcome

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Kim L. Cotten, CoPastor
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Middletown, CT

Greetings

Anita Ford Saunders, Branch President
Kai Belton, State Representative 100th District

Acknowledgements

Presentation of Young Readers

Melissa Askew-Hart & Terri L. Davis

Spoken Word: Danielle Journey-Ramiz

Lunch is served

Presentation of Awards

Barbara W. Holloman & Vanessa Cockrell

Award Recipients

Susan Vicky Owens

Tayna Oliver-Perry

Ava Hart

Eniola Shokunbi

Closing Remarks & Door Prizes

Barbara W. Holloman & WIN Committee

Benediction: Rev. Dr. Kim L. Cotten





Award Recipients



Susan Owens



Tayna Oliver-Perry



Ava Hart



Eniola Shokunbi



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations,
ENIOLA
SHOKUNBI!

The **American Lung Association** proudly celebrates Eniola Shokunbi on receiving the **Youth Leadership Award** at the **NAACP Middlesex County Branch's 7th Annual Purpose, Power & Platform Luncheon**. Eniola's dedication to lung health and clean air—including her groundbreaking work in designing and distributing air filters to schools—embodies the spirit of innovation and advocacy. Her leadership is shaping a healthier future for all.



We also applaud the NAACP Middlesex County Branch for their continued commitment to empowering the next generation of change-makers and extend our congratulations to all of today's honorees!



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The Hart Wellness Collaborative Inc. and A.M. Hart Parenting and Consulting LLC. congratulate their revolutionary CEO and Founder AVA M. HART, LCSW, IMH-E, EMDR CERTIFIED on being recognized as an outstanding woman in Leadership by Middlesex County NAACP. Ava's continued devotion to leadership in service to others, has fostered the design and implementation of innovative, therapeutic individual, family, and community programs with a special focus on the BIPOC community in Middlesex County. We couldn't be more proud of our fearless leader for exemplifying all that it means to be an outstanding woman in leadership each and every day!

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Congratulations Susan (Vicky) Owens
on your
NAACP Award.

Mom, Joshua, Kalomo, Skyler, Brian,
Tashawn, Dashawn, Joyce, Anita, Beverly

Congratulations, Jayna!

A Legacy of Service & Dedication



With immense pride and love, we celebrate you for your unwavering commitment to community service and incredible career. You are a role model and inspiration, breaking every glass ceiling along the way. Your dedication, kindness, and strength inspire us daily. Congratulations to the best Wife, Daughter, Mom and Grandma on this well-deserved honor!

We Love You!

Chris, Bettye, Alex, Mallory, Aaron & Roman



Congratulates the Honorees

**Ava M. Hart, LCSW
Vicky Susan Owens
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Eniola Shokunbi**

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be it."

Amanda Gorman (2021)





An Advocate for Change

Dr. Hazel N. Duker

1932 - 2025

An outspoken advocate for voting rights, economic development, fair housing, and quality education for all, Dr. Hazel N. Duker dedicated more than seven decades advocating for racial diversity, equity, inclusion, and long-lasting social change. She served as a NAACP National Board of Directors member and presided over the NAACP New York State Conference since 1977. In 1989, she was elected national president of the NAACP—one of the few women ever to lead the historic civil rights organization.

"...if I can help somebody as I pass along; then my living shall not have been in vain."

“

"Life is a hard battle anyway. If we laugh and sing a little as we fight the good fight of freedom, it makes it all go easier. I will not allow my life's light to be determined by the darkness around me." Sojourner Truth, 1867





Congratulations Ava

Your vision, perseverance and
commitment towards your goals are
admirable! We are very proud of you!
Wishing you continued success!!
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Greater New Haven Women in the NAACP (W.I.N)

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Middlesex County Branch of the NAACP Women In the NAACP*

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US*

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"There is no limit to what we, as woman, can accomplish." – Michelle Obama

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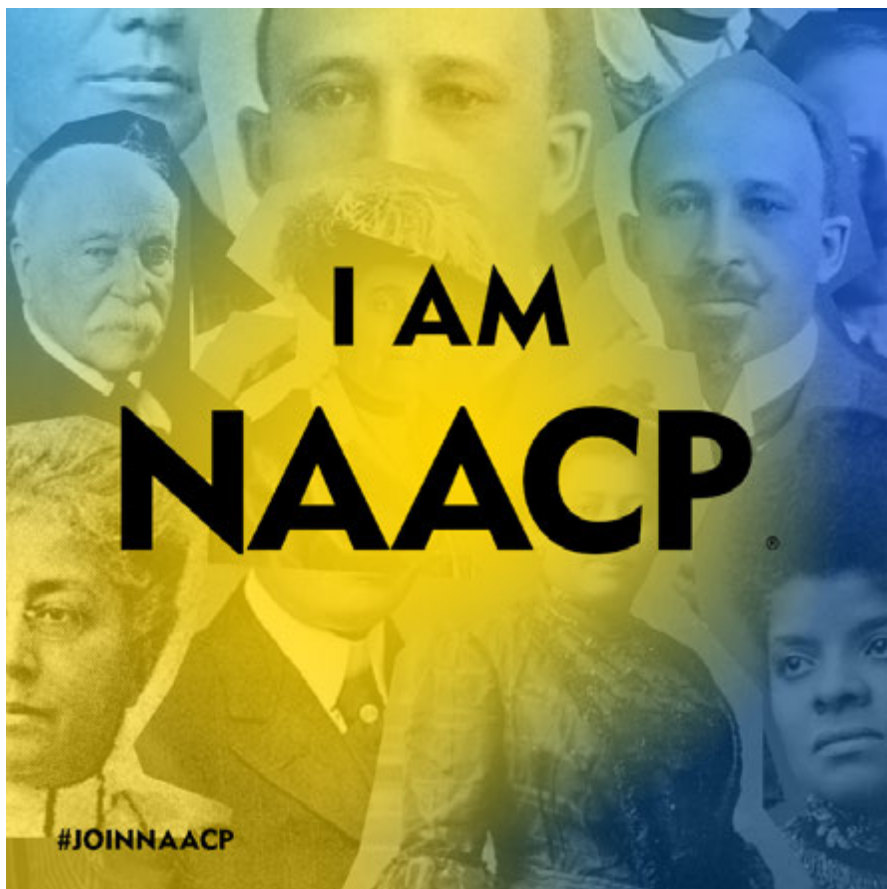
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