



# NAACP

## Corvallis/Albany Branch

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### Chapter Activities and Accomplishments Since the 2019 Freedom Fund Event

For over 100 years, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has worked to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. The Corvallis-Albany Branch of the NAACP has been carrying out this mission since 1971. Activities and accomplishments since our last Freedom Fund event include:

- ..... Partnered with the Corvallis School District and initiated a regional conversation about racial equity in our public schools in May of 2019. A Regional Racial Equity Group formed with representatives from the Corvallis/Albany NAACP, Corvallis School District, Greater Albany Public School District, Philomath School District, Lebanon School District and Benton Lincoln Educational Service District. A proclamation was signed in June 2020 outside of the OSU Black Cultural Center. The proclamation will be a guiding force for school district leaders and will be used to hold member organizations accountable to pursue racial equity.
- ..... Worked with school districts on structural and curriculum problems such as underrepresentation of Black, Indigenous, and Brown teachers, and dated curricula that may distort U.S. history and social studies, and do not adequately recognize the contributions of people of color to our national development.
- ..... Partnered with Black leaders and organizations across Oregon to advocate for the Oregon Cares Fund. The 62 million dollar fund is meant to provide the Black community with resources to weather the global health pandemic.
- ..... Partnering with Benton Community Foundation on a grant funded project that encourages K–12 youth and their families to meet other families of color, develop skills to navigate challenges such as race-based bullying, and build friendships and mentorships.
- ..... Offering support and guidance to the OSU chapter of the NAACP (first and only college chapter in the state of Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest).
- ..... Advocating for a Bias Response Initiative of the King Legacy Advisory Board to track bias incidents in Corvallis and fund staffing, programming, and community training for actively mitigating bias and hate.
- ..... Building a stronger community for people of color in the mid-Valley, and improving college-community connections, through events such as the Juneteenth BBQ, Soulfood Dinner, Keeping It 100 workshops, and diversity, equity, and inclusion related trainings and workshops throughout our region.
- ..... Collaborating with the City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation Martin Luther King Jr. Park Committee to ensure quality representation of Dr. King and other social change leaders are reflective throughout the park.

With about 200 attendees at previous Freedom Fund Banquets, and nearly 1,620 subscribers to our Branch's social media, your organization will be widely recognized as a proud supporter of the work of the NAACP.

Thank you for your support!