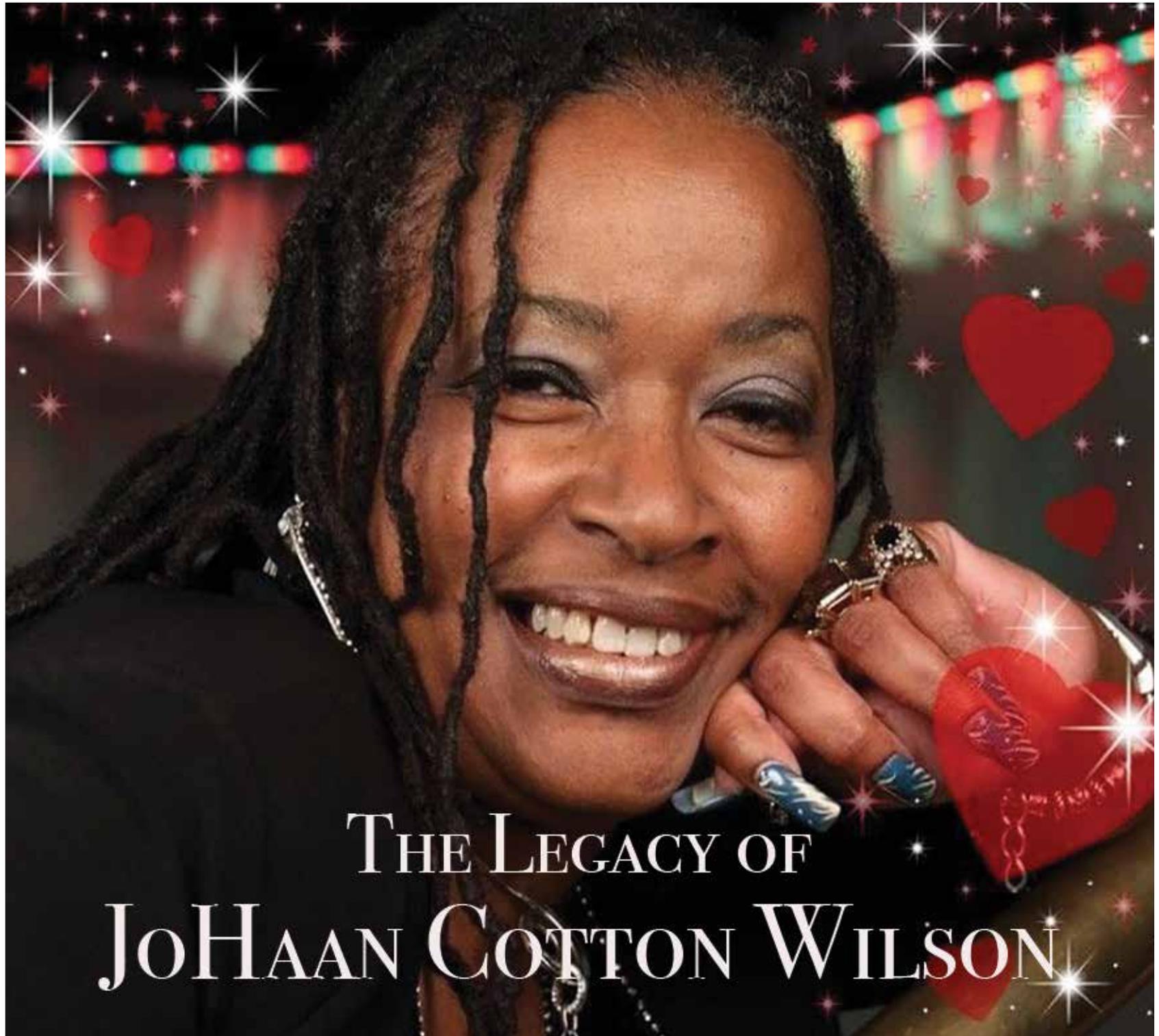


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The E.Reed Report: February 2023

By now, everyone has seen the horrific video of young Tyrese Nichols being pulled from his car and literally beat to death on a street corner in Memphis. Five Black Police Officers beat an unsuspecting young Af-

frican American male who had committed no crime, who was trying to get home to his mother's house. In one scene of the video, he was laying on the ground in cusp when one officer ran up and kicked him as hard as he could for no apparent reason. The use of profanity by the police was outlandish and ridiculous. These were the people who we are suppose to respect?

After the beating, officers were heard getting their lies together. One said that Tyrese tried to reach for his gun. Another said that he had jumped on his back. Another claimed that the young man was high after they had knocked the senses out of him.

Someone asked the question? Why did he run...He was running for his life. He didn't make it.

In the words of Al Sharpton, "it does not matter the color of the offending police officer who exact racist brutality upon Black men, it still must not be tolerated". And we as a community must stand up against it and eradicate it from the face of the earth.

But what is more disturbing than what we saw on the video, the behavior of the police officers, the death of Tyrese, is that they have done this many, many times before. The persons that they did it to just didn't die.

For too long, we have looked the other way when people in power purposefully harm others because they can. And it's not just the police. We as individuals have to stand up and help the little guy fight for his life, his dignity, his place in society. For too long we have said, oh, it's not my fight. But when the fight comes to our doorstep, we then want to march and protest, when the train of injustice has been running for a long time.

It's time to eradicate injustice every where, if not for the Tyrese Nichols of the world, but for ourselves.

Other News Around Town

New State Legislators Sworn In

The Illinois State Legislature swore in new state legislators on January 11, 2023. These individuals were elected November 8, 2022. The new senate president will be Democrat Don Harmon, House Speaker will be Chris Welch (Democrat), Majority Leader of the Senate will be Kimberly Lightford (Democrat), Majority Leader of the House will be Greg Harris (Democrat), Minority Leaders will be Dan McConchie (Republican) for the Senate and for the House, Jim Durkin (Republican).

Sworn in were 59 Senators, and 118 State Representatives. From a historic perspective, State Senator Adrienne Johnson (Democrat) will be the first elected African American to service the 60th District, and State Representative Rita Mayfield will be the first elected African American female to serve the 60th District, both were sworn in January 11 in a ceremony at the capital building in Springfield.

CLC to Honor Eleanor Murkey

The long-term Dean and Founder of the Lake Shore Campus of the College of Lake County Eleanor Murkey will be honored by the naming of a portion of the new College's Waukegan building in Murkey's honor. The ceremony will take place on February 5, 2023 at 33 N. Genesee St in Waukegan in a ceremony that will take place from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Juneteenth Commission

The Juneteenth Commission of Lake County is now accepting vendors for the Juneteenth Festival of Lake County. The three-day festival will feature a Black Expo on Saturday, A Gospel Concert on Sunday evening and a Prayer Breakfast on Monday morning. For more information or to register as a vendor, please call 847-473-5501

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Social Equity License Criteria Updates

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“IDFPR”) announced two key updates for the upcoming Social Equity Criteria Lottery for the next round of adult-use cannabis dispensary licenses in Illinois. First, the application deadline has been extended through Friday, March 3.

This replaces the original February 14 deadline and will give prospective applicants a total of five weeks to submit an application. The application window will still open for applicants on January 30 through IDFPR’s online portal. “We are committed to maximizing the number of people with the opportunity to participate in this lottery, which is the latest building block in the most equitable cannabis program in the country,” said Mario Treto, Jr., Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. “We encourage anyone interested in applying for the lottery to consult the resources available on our website to make sure they’re prepared for the application process and understand what the post-lottery process entails.”

IDFPR has also created an interactive map available on its website for applicants. The Department encourages individuals to utilize this helpful map as they prepare their applications. Additional resources for the Social Equity Criteria Lottery may be found on IDFPR’s Adult Use Cannabis



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Get excited for art events at CLC this spring

The spring semester at College of Lake County (CLC) is an exciting time for the arts, with a wide variety of events on the calendar. Productions, concerts and more are open to the public and happen throughout the semester.

The Community Outreach and Engagement in the Visual Arts workshops at the Lakeshore Campus in Waukegan continue with both Artist to Artist (ATA) workshops Jan. 25 and March 15 and Engaging Art Scholars for Excellence (EASE) workshops Feb. 22 and April 12. These workshops, which are free and open to the public, give people of all ages the opportunity to work with local artists, learn new skills, express themselves, have fun and connect with others. Please also stop by to see pop-up exhibits at Lakeshore which showcase beautiful pieces created by the participants of these workshops.

CLC's Theatre Department is performing two plays this semester, the first of which, "Desdemona," will have performances both in Grayslake Feb. 24-26 and in Waukegan at Three Brothers Theatre March 3-5. In April, the department performs Play On!, a production run by the students, with shows April 7-8 and 14-16. Tickets are available for purchase at www.jlcenter.clcillinois.edu

Eight concerts are lined up for the Music Department by seven different ensembles. The 46th Annual "Art of Jazz" Concert Series headlines the semester March 12, with this year's guest artist Steve Wiest. CLC's Annual Salute to Gospel celebration Feb. 25 features performances by GRAMMY Award nominee Jekalyn Carr and the uplifting voices of CLC's Gospel Choir. Tickets are available for purchase at www.jlcenter.clcillinois.edu

Dancers at last year's 24th Fear No Art Festival, the Dance Department's annual celebration, combines many different art disciplines into one big two-day event April 21 and 22 on CLC's Mainstage Theater at the Grayslake Campus. Tickets are available for purchase at www.jlcenter.clcillinois.edu. To audition or submit work for the festival, contact Valerie Alpert at valpert@clcillinois.edu or visit www.clcillinois.edu/events/the-arts-events

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College of Lake County
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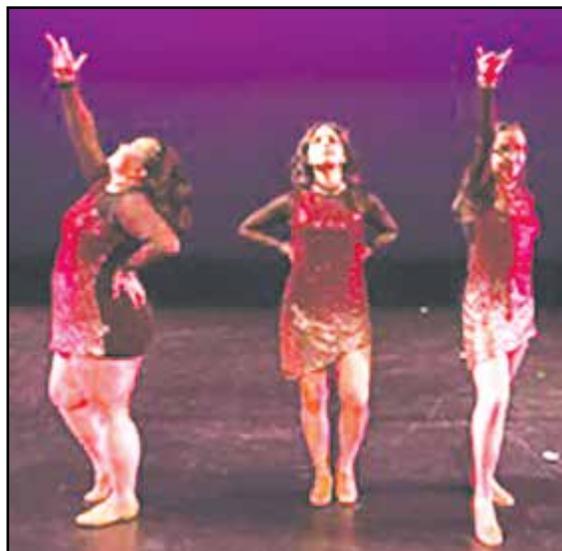
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Arts Programming at College of Lake County

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The Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art is hosting four exhibits free and open to the public, beginning with the 2023 Members Exhibition Jan. 20 to Feb. 16, with opening reception Jan. 20 from 5-7:30 p.m. From Feb. 24 to March 25, Roberta Ulrich-da Oliveira and Shu-Hei Hwang's ceramic artistry will be on display for Truth in Spontaneity Journeys in Clay. This exhibition reflects several decades of exploration in stoneware and porcelain clay. Opening reception is March 3 from 5-7:30 p.m. The semester is capped off with the Annual Student Art Competition April 13 to May 5, showcasing classwork created by CLC students. Opening reception April 13 from 5-7:30 p.m.



Dancers from last year's Fear No Art Festival

CLC's free international film series, hosted by CLC instructor and film buff Chris Cooling, continues with four films this spring. These films are: "Shoah" (France/Israel) Jan. 27-28, "After Life" (Japan) March 3, "Sakawa" (Ghana/Netherlands) April 7 and "The Destiny of Lesser Animals" (Ghana) May 5.

CLC has a full schedule for fans of literature, starting with a re-scheduling of author Toya Wolfe, the author of "Last Summer on State Street," Feb. 4. The Spring Reading Series on April 6 features Larry Starzec, whose essay "In this Neighborhood, of this Earth" was listed as a notable selection in Best American Essays. Also happening are the Willow Review 50th Anniversary Launch and Reading April 20 and the Prairie Voices Reading and Reception May 4. These events are all free.

For more information about the events, visit www.clcillinois.edu/events/the-arts-event

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Seniors May Now Use Ride Lake County

Introducing Ride Lake County! Lake County, Pace Suburban Bus, and the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee (LCCTSC) came together with members of the community to launch Ride Lake County, a borderless, countywide paratransit service that provides transportation to anywhere in Lake County for seniors ages 60+ and people with disabilities.

Registration

Before scheduling their first ride, residents must register through Pace by calling their call center at 1-800-201-6446. Residents can register as either a senior (60+) or as an individual with a disability:

The Pace Call Center will ask for birthdate information for residents registering as a senior.

The Pace Call Center will ask for an *RTA Reduced Fare Permit number for residents registering as an individual with a disability

Registering as an individual with a disability

For riders registering as an individual with a disability, Ride Lake County is using the Reduced Fare Permit to verify the status of an individual's disability to determine eligibility. Riders registering as an individual with a disability can either provide proof of disability benefits or have their doctor fill out a proof of disability form to obtain the Reduced Fare Permit.

Riders can apply for the Reduced Fare Permit in the following ways:

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- 1) In-person at one of the RTA's local offices.
- 2) Please call 312-913-3110 to find the RTA office located nearest to you to fill out an application.
- 3) By mail or downloading application. application from the RTA website and mailing to the address listed on the application



Booking a Trip

Residents can call the Pace Call Center at 1-800-201-6446 daily between 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. to book a trip.

Riders can schedule a trip any day of the week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the exception of certain holidays. Riders can reserve a trip as far as seven days in advance or as little as two hours in advance.

Ride Lake County is sponsored by Lake County and Pace Suburban Bus. The service is funded in part by grants from the Regional Transportation Authority. Local matching funds for these federal grants are provided by Lake County.

Vanity License Plates Could Be Rejected

There are nearly 400 requests for vanity and personalized license plates that were rejected by the Illinois Secretary of State's office in 2022, according to Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias. Last year, 54,236 Illinoisans requested vanity and personalized plate requests, and 383 were shot down due to their tawdry, lewd, or offensive nature or because they were difficult to read.

"We love the creativity and pride Illinoisans take in choosing their personalized license plates," said Secretary Giannoulias. "Most plate requests are approved, but a small percentage fail to meet the standards of good taste and decency and are rejected because they violate the state's vehicle code." The Secretary of State's office oversees the process by which Illinoisans may request specific vanity or personalized license plates for their vehicles. Many use the office's popular Pick-a-Plate feature at ilsos.gov. A small panel in the Secretary's office reviews the license plate requests.

Among those rejected included: PEEPEE, GOTPOOP, SUCKER, KISSASH, SUKIT, BITEU, DUCKYOU, COKAIN, HAILNO, and WHTHFUK. Secretary Giannoulias said his office maintains an ever-growing rejection list, which currently stands at more than 7,000 license plate combinations deemed offensive or difficult to read. The cost of a standard vanity license plate is \$245. –

Cashless Bonds On HOLD

While Cashless Bonds have taken effect in several states and communities, it was supposed to begin in Lake County as of January 1, 2023. However, due a decision by the Illinois Supreme Court, a stay of the Pretrial Fairness Act (a sublaw under the Safe-T Act).

Sixty-five counties in Illinois filed an injunction to stop the law from taking effect. The presiding judge issued an opinion that found the pretrial Fairness Act unconstitutional stating that the legislature to dictate pretrial detention procedures violated the separation of powers. The 65 counties that were a part of the lawsuit were able to keep their current bail system in place while the 37 counties that were not a part of the court proceeding were allowed to move forward.

However, the Illinois Supreme Court issued an order on Dec. 31 saying that "pending the appeal, it wwill prevent the bail modifications from taking effect in order to maintain consistent pretrial procedures throughout Illinois." So in essence, all jurisdictions within the state had to put the Cashless Bond procedures on hold.

With the new cashless bond system, judges would no longer order someone accused of a crime to pay a monetary amount in order to

secure their release from pretrial detention. Unless the crime mets certain high standards, individuals charged of a crime will not be detained until trial and will be released on recognizance.

A cash-only bond is typical in legal cases where a judge considers the defendant to be a moderate flight risk. This type of bond is often the result of actions such as failing to pay fines in prior court cases. In these situations, a cash bond ensures that the court will receive payment if the defendant fails to show up for further court proceedings. A typical bond for a minor drug charge was \$10,000 of which the defendant had to come up with \$1000 to be released from jail.

The impact upon individuals who were accused but not found guilty in a court of law, were sometimes incarceration because they could not come up with the money and then subsequent loss of jobs, careers, family and a number of other extenuating predicaments.

A Trial study in Washington D.C. Courts used an algorithm to determine if accused detainees should be allowed to be released on cashless bond. 90% of those individuals showed back up to court on time and crime did not rise.

The State of Illinois were to adopt cashless bonds as of January 1, 2023.



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Eligibility

For eligibility requirements for reduced-fee license plates, please visit the Illinois Department of Aging's website at www.state.il.us/aging.

Application

After you have been approved for the Benefit Access Program through the Illinois Department on Aging, you will receive a letter from Secretary of State Jesse White. When you buy license plates or renew your license plate sticker, submit the letter to verify that you are eligible for the discounted rate of \$24.

Types of Plates

The discount may be applied to the following plate categories:

- Passenger
- B-Truck
- Persons with Disabilities
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- Recreational Vehicle (up to 8,000 pounds)

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- The reduced fee of \$24 only applies to the applicable registration fee. **Additional fees for vanity, personalized or military plates must still be paid.**
- **The discount may be used for one set of plates titled to the person the discount is issued to.**
- Only one discount per household per year is allowed.

Civil Rights Pioneer, and Community Leader Passes

JoHaan Cotton Wilson



JoHaan Cotton Wilson's life was celebrated at a memorial service held at the First Corinthian M.B. Church of North Chicago, where the Reverend Eugene Roberson is the Pastor. Family members and friends attended the inspiring service. Pictured are members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority where JoHaan was a member.



Family Photo: Dr. M. Jeanne Dolphus Cotton (Mother), with her daughters Paula Martin, Regina Adams, JoHaan Cotton Wilson, Core' Cotton, and Stephanie Butler-Fallahi.

Civil Rights Leader, Entrepreneur, Visionary, Historian, and Mother of Juneteenth of Lake County are just a few of the descriptors associated with JoHaan Cotton Wilson, a long-term social advocate for the Lake County Community passed on January 17, 2023 from apparent complications of health-related issues.

JoHaan, as a Program Development and Planning for Special Projects, Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist, lead the College of Lake County's efforts to plan and implement the very successful Annual Salute to Gospel Music for about 21 years. She worked closely with the legendary Dean of the Lakeshore Campus, Eleanor Murkey. JoHaan was responsible for selecting talent, planning and overall management of the event which brought to the region such gospel greats as Hezekiah Walker, Vicki Winans, Richard Smallwood, and many many more.

She was known throughout the region as a dynamic strategic marketer team builder and project manager to both the private and public sectors of the County of Lake, Illinois, as well as a few select cities of Charlotte, Minneapolis, Little Rock, Houston and Chicago, to name a few.

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In January, 2022, she was selected as the Team Captain, of the Chicagoland Region (one of eight cities selected) for the launch of the National Stronger Than... Campaign, a special emphasis campaign of the 400 Years African American History Commission (YAAHC) enacted into Public Law 115-102, January, 2018, by the President of the United States. It celebrates the strength, courage and resilience of women across diverse dimensions, historical and present day; sung and unsung.

In 2001, formed the Juneteenth Cultural Committee of Lake County (JCCLC) in association with a few dedicated grass-roots volunteers who came together to build a legacy based on a platform of “the Black Family,” our Culture and Community. She consequently organized its first Juneteenth Celebration which ran for 17 consecutive years before the pandemic. Some notable national keynote speakers relevant to African American history have included Roy Wilkins, Jr., Glennette Tilley Turner, Marsha Brown Marshall, Benjamin Chavis, Reverend Dr. Jeremiah Wright, and Dr. Injoke McElroy and so many more.

“We encourage the community to take personal responsibility for their own education and economic welfare,” Cotton Wilson is noted for saying.

Thorough the Juneteenth Cultural Committee’s programming, they celebrated African American history and culture as they honored those who made contributions to civil rights.

In 2022, Cotton-Wilson joined with the newly convened Juneteenth Commission of Lake County as an advisor and trusted elder. The Commission built upon her legacy and vision to host a three-day festival that included a parade, an expo, a gospel concert and a prayer breakfast where community elders were recognized with Living Legend Awards.

At the Prayer Breakfast, JoHaan Cotton Wilson was named the Mother of Juneteenth of Lake County for her leadership in championing Juneteenth programming in the County for more than 17 years, putting on Juneteenth Celebrations before they wore popular and often at her own expense.

In her own words, “All of our efforts over these many years have been and will continue to be for one primary goal-- to stimulate a desire/thirst for more knowledge about “self,” while



Cutline JoHaan Cotton-Wilson pictured with sculptor created by African American Artisan Preston Jackson during an early Juneteenth Event.

stimulating a desire for “harmonious living” among all people across communities.”

JoHaan Cotton Wilson was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and she attended the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago where she sang in the choir. She was also pursuing a doctorate degree in Holistic Conscious Living from the University of Metaphysics, Sedona, California.

A memorail service was held at the First Corinthian M.B. Church of North Chicago on January 30, 2023.

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- 311 is specific to Chicago and Cook County, while 211 is available in Lake County facilitated by United Way of Lake County

Robert Smith Position HBCU Students

The Student Freedom Initiative (SFI), Stackwell, and Prudential Financial have announced the launch of the Student Investment Program (SIP), a multi-year strategic partnership granting \$500,000 in funding to students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) nationwide within the SFI network.

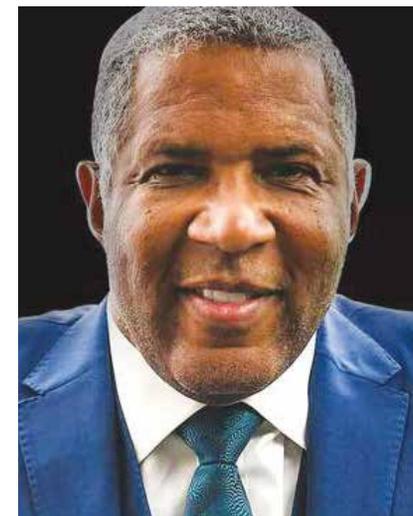
The pilot program will distribute \$1,000 grants to each participating student's investment account on the Stackwell platform and will provide access to investment education and other resources to help increase their investing confidence and financial wellness to address the expanding racial wealth gap in the United States. "This program uniquely provides the tools, capital, education and community support necessary to equip the next generation to take control of their financial futures," said Robert F. Smith, Founder & Board Chairman of Student Freedom Initiative, and Founder, Chairman & CEO of Vista Equity Partners.

"This partnership with Stackwell and Prudential shows what the power of intentionality and collaboration can do to create long-term solutions to combat the racial wealth gap. Together, we can eliminate barriers to entry and drive greater representation of the Black community in the financial markets." The racial wealth gap is the largest of the economic disparities between Black and White Americans, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research. By providing financial acumen to the most affected generations in the Black community, the SIP seeks to have the greatest impact on those individuals, empowering them to take control of their finan-

cial futures as they prepare to enter the workforce and begin their career journeys.

"At Stackwell, we are proud to partner with Student Freedom Initiative and Prudential Financial to invest in the future and advancement of current HBCU and MSI students," said Trevor Rozier-Byrd, Founder & CEO of Stackwell. "Increasing Black participation and representation in the financial markets is critical to addressing the historic economic and social inequities that have disproportionately impacted HBCU students." The impetus for the program is to reduce the financial stress associated with attending college, better position students and their families to protect themselves against key financial risks, and redress historical and social inequities.

"We're excited to launch this pilot investment program with Student Freedom Initiative and Stackwell," said Sarah Keh, Vice President of Inclusive Solutions at Prudential. "This catalytic program will not only address generational and racial barriers to wealth building that Gen Z minority students face today but will also build a solid foundation of financial wellness and a clear future for tomorrow's leaders." To learn more, please visit <https://studentfreedominitiative.org/student-investment-program/>.





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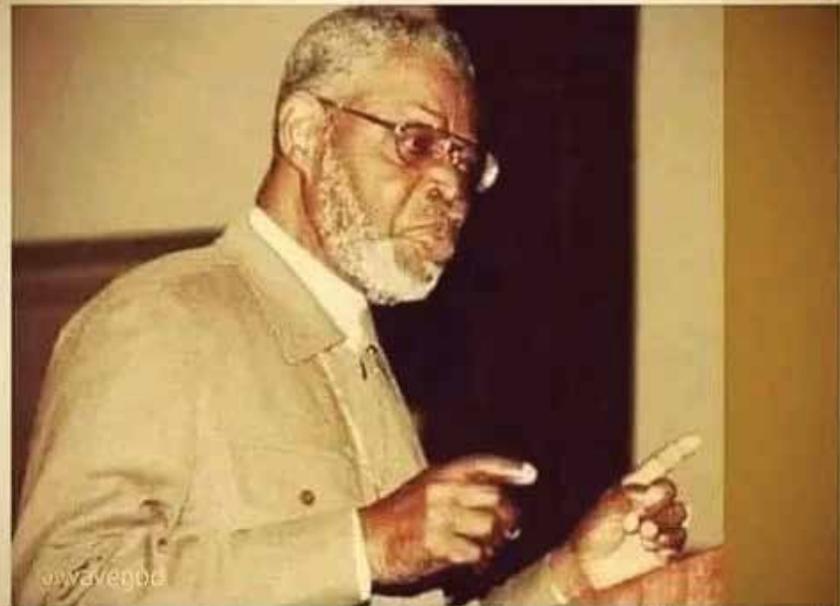
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Worship Services 10:45 AM & 6:00 PM
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Wed. 7:00 PM Thurs. 9:30 AM

Thursday

Youth Life & Learning Center—7:00 PM

~ **COMMUNITY SERVICES** ~

Substance Abuse Programs
Sunday; Tuesday; Friday;
Saturday, — 7:00 PM
Saturday
Food For Body & Soul (Soup Kitchen)
11:00 AM—12:45 PM

Pet Plate

Black MIT Grad Launches National Dog Food Brand



Meet Ronaldo Webb, a devoted pet owner and entrepreneur who is the founder and CEO of PetPlate, the country's only Black-owned dog food company that customizes healthy meals for pets and has national distribution. Ronaldo graduated from MIT with a B.S. in Physics degree in 2010. He has since worked several jobs, including as a consultant for pet food brands. There, he learned that a lot of those companies don't really produce pet foods with quality ingredients and proper diet which causes health issues in pets.

As a dog owner himself, Ronaldo decided to start his own company that would provide high-quality pet foods with trusted ingredients. In 2017, he founded PetPlate, a fresh-cooked pet food company that caters to the personal needs of each and every dog. He started it by delivering meals on his bike but now it is a subscription-based service that brings personalized meal plans directly to pet owners' doorsteps nationwide.

"We're really focused on getting human-grade nutrition in the hands of folks that may not be able to afford our current, standard, fresh-cooked products. That's something that we always think about," Ronaldo told the media. Moreover, he also focuses on inclusivity, considering that his New York-based company is currently the only Black-owned dog food company in the U.S. It has all paid off as PetPlate has since delivered over 15 million meals and treats to nearly 549 different breeds of dogs all over the country.

"We're trying to approach the problem of realizing that there are many pet parents that look exactly like me, and our goal is to make sure that they know that there's space for them and products for them developed by folks that look like them as well, which I think is just important. We love our pets like family. It's time to show that love through their food." Learn more about PetPlate via their official website at [PetPlate.com](https://www.petplate.com).

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