



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

LOCATION: HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL

CHAMPAIGN/URBANA, IL

1501 South Neil Street

Champaign, IL 61820

(217) 606-0373

Theme: "All In"

8:00 a.m.

Registration Opens – Ms. Paulette Crank, **Hallway**
Dr. Carla Campbell-Jackson, Dr. Joycelyn
Landrum-Brown

9:00 a.m.

Vendors Open – Alumni Room Downstairs

12:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony -Greetings and Welcome – **ILLINI**

BALLROOM – Mail Level

➤ Reading of the Minutes, Dr. Carla Campbell-Jackson,
Secretary

NAACP Illinois State Conference Leadership Team

- The Mayor of Champaign, Illinois,
Deborah Frank Feinen
- The Mayor of Urbana, Illinois,
Diane Wolfe Marlin
- Mr. Theodis Pace, President
- Mrs. Francine Nicholson, 1st Vice-President
- Dr. Sandra W. Leconte, 2nd Vice-President,
Education Chair, & Music Director
- Dr. Carla Campbell-Jackson, Secretary
- Ms. Norma Joseph, Assistant Secretary
- Ms. Paulette Crank, Treasurer
- Mrs. Minnie Pearson, Host Branch
President

- **Ms. Davida King-Brown**, Youth and College Advisor
- **Mr. Bradley Ross Jackson**, Youth & College President

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Veterans Affair’s Luncheon – ILLINI Ballroom

Kathy Davis, Facilitator

President Theodis Pace, Presenter

- **Major Nickey Yates, United States Marine Corps, Keynote Speaker**
- **Recognition of Branch Veterans**

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Education Workshop – Gopher Spartan

- **Dr. Sandra W. Leconte**, Facilitator
- Dr. Sheila Boozer**, Superintendent of CUSD 4, Champaign, Illinois, **Dr. Angela Ward**, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Engagement CUSD4, **Dr. Gianna Baker**, CUSD4 Board President, **Mr. Bruce Brown**, Board Member CUSD4
- Dr. Teresa Lance**, Superintendent, **Kankakee School District 111**

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ACT-SO Workshop -Boilermaker Wildcat-Nita

- **Mr. Byron Hudson & Dr. Barbara Gillespie**,
Facilitators- *Deadlines for filing ACT-SO forms*

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Housing Workshop – Corn Huskers Room

- **Mrs. Phyllis Logan**, Facilitator
Guest Panelist: Bob Palmer, Policy Director
for Housing Action Illinois

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NAACP State Conference Choir Rehearsal

- **4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Dr. Sandra Leconte**,
Music Director – **ILLNI Ballroom**
Brief rehearsal of songs for Forum,
Civic Luncheon, and Sunday Worship
(sannikki@aol.com). Drive over to Forum.
*You must be registered for the convention in
order to participate. Attire: Black*

(**Visit Vendors**, Relax, Mindfulness)

Downstairs Alumni Room

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm

NAACP Town Hall Meeting/ Opening Plenary Session– Delegates & Community Invited!

- **Salem Baptist Church**, Pastor Jerry L.
Wilson, Host – **500 E. Park Avenue,**
Champaign, Illinois 61820
- **Theodis Pace**, NAACP State President,
Facilitator and President **Minnie Pearson**,
Facilitator

Heritage Sign Unveiling - Outdoors

Food Give-Away – Divine 9 Volunteers

5:00 pm -6:00 pm

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Move Inside

Welcome and Invocation – President Pace,

President Pearson, and Pastor Wilson

**NAACP State Conference Choir and
Audience – “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
Choir – Musical Selection
Guest Panelists – Dr. Sheila Boozer, CUSD
4, Superintendent**

9:00 p.m. – 11:00p.m.

**Additional participants to be announced
Divine Nine Greek Party – ILLINI Ballroom**

- Hospitality – ILLINI Ballroom
Dancing, Games, Refreshments



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
LOCATION: HILTON GARDEN INN
CHAMPAIGN/URBANA, IL

ATTIRE: WIN'S HAT SHOW AND THEN BUSINESS ATTIRE
Theme: "All In"

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Registration – Hallway Desk Area Main Level/ Lower Level
WIN Breakfast/ "Wearing of the Crowns" ILLINI
Ballroom – Hot breakfast will be served.

- **Mrs. Willie Holton Halbert-W.I.N** Chair,
Facilitator
"Hat Stories"
"Woman of the Year" Announcement

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Political Action Workshop – Cornhuskers Room

- **Dr. Linda Flowers**, Facilitator
Divine 9 Panelists – Voter Mobilization
Trending Topics
Recognition of Candidates Local & State

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Youth and College Political Action Network

- **Ms. Davida King-Brown**, Facilitator
- **Boilermaker Wildcats-Nita**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Economic Development Workshop – Golden Gopher

- **President Theodis Pace**, Facilitator
Midland States Bank Panelists:
Ms. Martesha Brown, Director of
Community Economic Development
Mr. Cornell D. Lurry, Sr., Regional
Community Development Relationship
Manager, **Mrs. Lucretia Williams**,
Entrepreneur – Starting a Black Business

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**State Conference-Civic Engagement Luncheon –
ILLINI Ballroom**

- **Leon W. Russell, Keynote Speaker**
Chair of the National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
- **Ericka Cain, Vice President of Governance,
Compliance, and Training, Greetings**
- **Entertainment –NAACP Choir, Dr. Sandra
Leconte, Music Director**

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Youth Mental Health Focus -Gopher Spartan

- **Ms. Katrina Kindle, Facilitator**

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

American Rivers Workshop – Gopher Spartan

- **Lacy Davis, Facilitator**
Branch Presidents Panel: **Ms. LaFrancine
McGee Baker, Mrs. Bonnie Ballard, Mrs.
Robin Boyd, Mr. Ed Butler, Mr. Tyrone
Coleman, Mrs. Erin Conley, CFM & NFIP
Coordinator, Illinois Department of Natural
Resources, Office of Water Resources, Mrs.
Patty Norman, & Mr. Theodis Pace**
(Flood Plain Discussion & Strategies)

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Criminal Justice: “Combating Violence in Our
Communities for a Brighter Future”-Gopher Spartan**

- **Mr. Robert Moore, Facilitator**
Panelists: **Mrs. Francine Nicholson,
Ms. Minnie Pearson, Chief Timothy Tyler,
Champaign, Chief Larry Boone, Urbana,
Kenny Winslow, Executive Director,
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, &
Chief Christopher S. Yates, Danville
Police Department**

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Navigating the AFR Financial Report:
Situational Questions & Answers Cornhuskers**

- **Ms. Paulette Crank, Dr. Sandra Leconte,
and Mrs. Francine Nicholson, Facilitators**

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Time & Place Committee Meeting – Fighting Alumni

- **President Theodis Pace, Facilitator**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Hilton Garden Inn –Champaign Branch Freedom
Fund Dinner –ILLINI Ballroom – Tickets \$75.00**

Buffet

- **Mrs. Minnie Pearson, Host President**

- **Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dr. Janette C.
Wilson-Howard, Esq.**

**National Executive Director of PUSH for
Excellence, Chicago, Illinois**

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn – Delegates Reception

- **DJ, Refreshments, Games & Bid Whist Fun
Illini Ballroom**



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8:00 – Hot Breakfast will be served: Gopher Spartan

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Church- Worship Service – Gopher Spartan

- Inspirational Message – Guest Minister
- Illinois State Conference Choir (Gold Shirts/Black Bottoms)
- Dr. Sandra W. Leconte, Music Director

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Closing Plenary Session – Gopher Spartan

- President Theodis Pace, Facilitator
- Announcement of Conference Place 2025
- Reading of the Minutes, Dr. Carla Campbell-Jackson, Secretary

9:30 a.m. – 2024 Illinois NAACP State Convention Adjourns

Thank you!

We're "All In" for getting out the Vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2024!
Vote in your Branch Election in November 2024!

*"For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers."
(Proverbs 11:4)*

