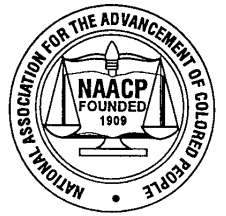


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encouraged us to work together with School District Administrators to close the gap that exists between minority and non-minority children. There is much work to be done. We believe that parents and minority organizations must seek opportunities to become actively involved in the education of our children.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



GREETINGS

Our **SCHOOL'S OUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, held SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2003 was an outstanding success! My sincere thanks to the following:

- Master of Ceremonies Mr. Daryl Hodges, NAACP Education Committee Member.
- Facilitators, Mrs. Doris Willams and Mr. Charles Simmons, local educators.
- Special Music, Mrs. Dorothy Wright.

Our theme, "**CLOSING THE EDUCATION GAP**", presented us with opportunities available to children of color in the Vancouver and Evergreen School Districts. Special guest, State Representative Jim Moeller, commended our efforts and

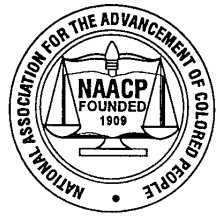
I hope to have information about the 2002 Washington Assessment of Skills and Learning, better known as the WASL, on our website in the near future. This vital information will allow you to see how our children rank in math, reading, writing and listening skills by grade and ethnicity in the Vancouver and Evergreen School Districts.

This discussion would not have been possible without the participation of local educational leaders. We are grateful for them giving us some of their time. They are:

Panel Members, Dr. John Erickson, Superintendent, Vancouver School District; Dr. Richard Melching, Superintendent, Evergreen School District; Dr. Bruce Romanish, Assistant Dean, Washington State University, Vancouver; Dr. Blaine Nisson, VP Student Services, Clark College.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2003, 10:00 AM
COMMUNITY AME ZION CHURCH
COMMUNITY ROOM, 3605 E 13TH ST**



SEAFARERS ANNUAL FESTIVAL
Sunday July 27, 2003, 11:30 AM to 5:00
PM.
Esther Short Park

This year's International Seafarers Festival will present its first "Parade of Nations" from 1:30 to 2:00 PM.

The Center, after 34 years of sponsoring an annual festival in celebration of international friendship, "In 2003 wishes to see the largest gathering of ethnic diversity ever assembled in Clark County", and are asking that folks wear distinctive garments from your nation of origin or ancestry, and to bring flags and banners too!

Please arrive wearing distinctive garments from what you consider to be your nation of origin or ancestry. Again, like last year Vancouver NAACP will be selling fired chicken, bar-be-que rib sandwiches, and sweet potato pies, and are looking for volunteers to run our soul food BBQ booth for this event.

If you are interested in donating an hour or two, please contact President Ford, or Part Arnold, Special Projects Coordinator, at the number listed in this newsletter. This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year.

YOUTH WORKS:



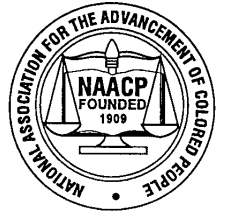
Yaida Ford, Associate; Baker & Hostetler LLP

Congratulations are in order for Youth Co-chair Chad Clark. He and Valerie Williams are now **Mr. & Mrs. Clark**.

Chad has been busy this year with the NAACP Youth Employment Program (YEP). We are proud of the program, and the successes of the young people participating in the program.

Yaida Ford is perhaps the most prominent graduate of the YEP. A 2002 honors graduate of Denison University, Yaida interned last summer with the City Attorney's office in Vancouver. Currently a Howard University Law Student, she landed an Associate position with the international law offices of Baker & Hostetler, LLP.

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