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NAACP HOSTS “BRIDGING THE GAP” A RECEPTION HONORING BLACK WOMEN LEADERS
Cora Masters Barry, Melanie Campbell, Abeni Bloodworth and Yolanda Melville, Esq.

The NAACP Washington, DC Branch will host the **“Bridging the Gap,” Awards Reception** on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00pm at the Bond Collective Skyline Rooftop located at 609 H Street, NE Washington, DC 20002. The Skyline Rooftop is an enclosed space, so this event will proceed amidst the rain. Invited guests include local leaders and leaders attending the Congressional Black Caucus's 51st Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.

This awards reception will honor four transformative Black women leaders that exemplify Power, Principles and Purpose across the generations. “Bridging the Gap,” recognizes intergenerational leadership spanning over 70 years of activism fighting for civil rights, justice and equality. Our distinguished Honorees include Cora Masters Barry, Melanie Campbell, Abeni Bloodworth and Yolanda Melville, Esq.

- ***Cora Masters Barry*** is a Civil Rights Icon, Political Activist, Former Political Science Professor, Founder & CEO of the Recreation Wish List Committee, the visionary behind the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center and renowned as the most impactful former First Lady of the Nation’s Capital.
- ***Melanie Campbell*** is the President & CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, convener of the Black Women’s Roundtable and one of the most impactful servant leaders fiercely dedicated to the fight for women’s rights, voting rights, civil rights and social justice.
- ***Abeni Bloodworth*** is the CEO of Chromatic Black and an Activist who brings truth to power through disrupting narratives to reclaim our story and bring about cultural change in health, wellbeing and women empowerment.
- ***Yolanda Melville, Esq.*** is the First Black Woman Partner at Cooper Levenson Attorneys at Law, the Founding Chairwoman of the NEXTGEN Alumni Leadership Council and a Change Agent dedicated to legal advocacy, women’s rights and the empowerment of Black women leaders.

Akosua Ali, NAACP DC Branch President, stated, “We are honored to recognize these amazing Black women leaders that represent intergenerational excellence in the fight for civil rights, social justice, and empowering women to stand in their power.”

RSVP Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/naacp-reception-tickets-426252331197>

For more information, please email naacp@naacpdc.org.

ABOUT NAACP:

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. The mission of NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic quality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

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