

VIRTUAL NNPA 2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Karen Carter Richards
NNPA Chair

From the Chairman Karen Carter Richards,

To our esteemed publishers, staff, guests and volunteers, I want to welcome the Publishers, Sponsors and Online Viewers to the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) first-ever, Virtual 2020 Annual Convention. The NNPA Planning Committee has worked tirelessly to put together this unique Annual Convention, with "TRUST, HOPE AND RESILIENCE: Overcoming COVID-19" as this year's theme.

This year's NNPA Annual Convention is definitely not the type of convention we initially planned. However, we know how important it is to provide the Publishers of our esteemed organization an avenue to be uplifted and encouraged while dealing with one of the most dangerous pandemics in the history of this country - known to us as COVID-19.

African Americans, including many of our Publishers, their staff and our readers, have been hit hard by COVID-19. Many of our Sponsors and Partners have also been severely impacted.

Not only are we dealing with COVID-19, we are also having to deal with having to report stories about the continual murders of Black people all across this country.

The killing of George Floyd on video has rocked this nation in a way that has further solidified the importance of why the Black Press of America is needed, now, more than ever.

The Black Press of America remains resilient in the midst of these challenges, and I believe there are great opportunities that lie ahead for all of us after COVID-19 and as we deal with our current racial climate. Continuing on with this Convention was a MUST, and it is CRITICAL to ensure our NNPA Publishers receive the necessary information and resources they need to successfully navigate in the midst of these troubling times.

This year, we are excited to celebrate 80 years of this powerhouse of an organization, the National Newspaper Publishers Association. We must continue to build upon our strong foundation by educating, equipping and empowering our Publishers, while making them stronger as we march towards celebrating 100 years as an organization and more. The world is getting to know the Black Press of America through digital capabilities. As part of this Virtual Convention, we will discuss different ways in which we as Publishers, and as an organization, can solidify a brighter future for the Black Press.

All in all, these are some challenging times for our industry and for our country, but it is imperative that all of us realize the important role we, the Black Press of America, must play during this pivotal moment in history. This country needs US!!!

Being that this is our first-ever Virtual NNPA Convention, I want you to engage and provide us with the necessary and relevant feedback we need to get better.

Enjoy the Convention! God Bless you and God Bless the NNPA!

Onward and Upward,

Karen Carter Richards



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Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. - NNPA President and CEO

Dear NNPA Publishers, Corporate Partners, Sponsors and Guests

As chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Fund – formerly known as the NNPA Foundation – it is my pleasure to welcome you to NNPA's 2020 Annual Convention, held virtually for the first time in our 80-year history.

As we reflect on the many challenges facing black America today – like COVID-19 infections, rampant police killings of black men and rising social and economic disparities – the ancient curse “may you live in interesting times” seems especially fitting.

Being black in America, however, means we've always lived in challenging and “interesting” times. And the miracle is not just that we survived that reality, but that we've thrived in spite of it. How? By honoring the principles reflected in our convention theme this year: “Trust, Hope and Resilience.”

The Black Press, founded 193 years ago, has arguably been at the forefront of that historic mission for generations; educating, empowering and inspiring black people to continue looking for a way out of no way – and urging them to keep their eyes on the prize.

That mission, now approaching 200 years old, has not changed. The Black Press is still needed – as it says in this year's convention theme – to be the “Vital Voice of Black America,” inspiring our people to fight and overcome COVID-19 and the plethora of other challenges we face.

Whether it's inequities in education, health, criminal justice or socio-economic wealth, we must commit to ensuring that the Black Press is solvent and robust enough to accept the challenge.

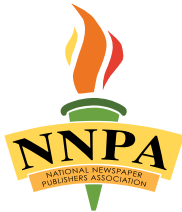
I am confident that, collectively, we have the will, energy and vision to reach that goal. And as chair of the NNPA Fund, I pledge to honor our mission of providing academic and career opportunities for the next generation of activists who will take that baton – and advance our mission of providing quality content that empowers readers to live more fulfilling and rewarding lives.

That's my commitment. What's yours?

Sincerely,



Pluria Marshall Jr.
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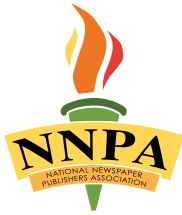
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Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. - NNPA President and CEO



Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

From the NNPA President and CEO,

On behalf of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), I am indeed very pleased to extend a heartfelt welcome to all who have joined to tune-in to our first virtual national convention.

The Black Press of America appreciates your support in these trying times. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a devastating impact on African Americans and other people of color throughout the United States. Yet, coupled with that viral pandemic is the continuing epidemic of racism in America that is unabated with the fatal realities of racially motivated police killings of African Americans.

The theme of our convention this year is appropriately worded: “The Black Press – The Vital Voice of Black America: TRUST, HOPE & RESILIENCE Overcoming COVID-19.” Our long struggle for freedom, justice, equality and empowerment continues. Each generation has to rise to the occasion with ever increasing determination to keep pressing forward even in the face of formidable challenges.

We are thrilled with the line up of the presentations and awardees at our national convention this year. July 8-9, 2020 will be another historic step forward for the Black Press.

As we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and the 193rd anniversary of the Black Press, we know that the Black Press is needed today more than ever before.

Yes, Black Lives Matter! Yes, Black Press Matters! As hundreds of thousands of people are continuing to march in the streets of America to demand justice, fairness, and equality, our newspapers and media companies will remain on the frontlines of the freedom movement.

In particular, we welcome virtually via social media millennials from every section of the nation. We are proud of those young strong voices who are not complacent with the status-quo.

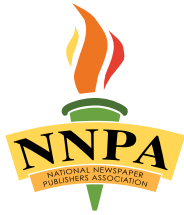
Activism and striving for excellence in all fields of endeavor are so important as we in the Black Press not only will continue to document and report the news, but also we will continue to be an active advocate for the emergence of the next generation of freedom-fighters who represent the best of Black America.

We especially recognize and thank all of our annual corporate partners and our convention sponsors for their support of the NNPA that are listed in our convention program book. The logos of our partners and sponsors will also be prominently displayed throughout the multimedia broadcast of our virtual convention.

Enjoy, engage and be empowered. God bless the Black Press of America.

Sincerely,

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.



Terry Jones

NNPA Convention and Events
Planning Chairman

Greetings!

On behalf of the NNPA Convention and Events Planning Committee, we welcome you to the Virtual NNPA 2020 Annual Convention. Our agenda is full of substantive and meaningful information to move our nation forward amidst a lingering pandemic.

We are very grateful for our corporate partners and sponsors for helping to make our annual convention possible. We also pleased that each of you who have decided to take the time to join us over the next two days will be engaged with the Black Press of America.

The theme of the convention is The Black Press - Vital Voice of Black America: Trust, Hope & Resilience Overcoming COVID-19. As millions of people are audaciously shouting out “Black Lives Matter,” the Black Press will continue to be that consistent voice for justice and equality.

We will stay vigilant and we wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Terry Jones

Terry Jones
Chairman

NNPA Convention and Events Planning Committee



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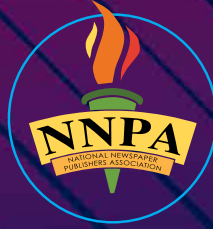
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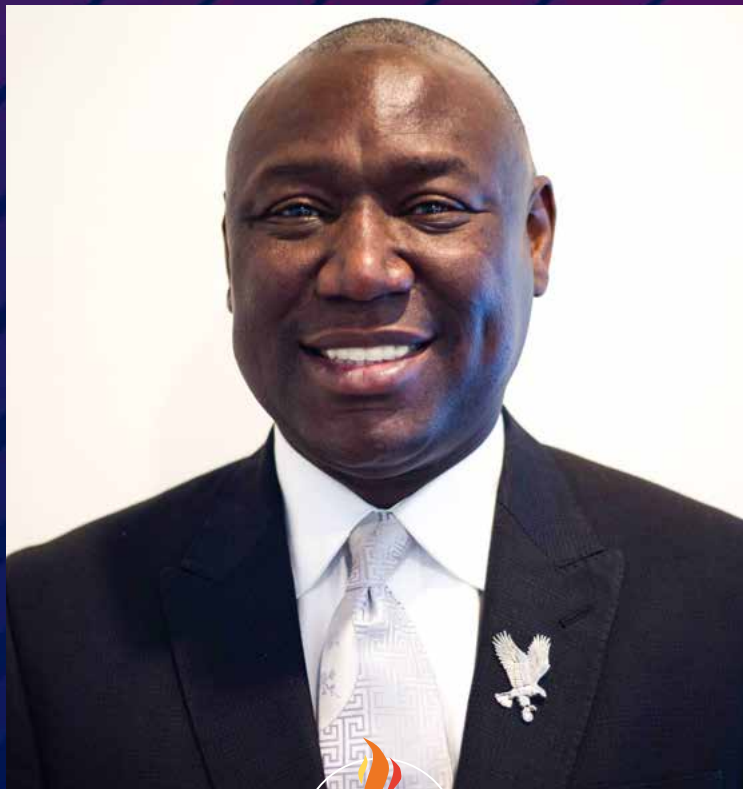


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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



About the National Newspapers Publishers Association

"THE **BLACK PRESS** IN AMERICA IS **MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER**"

NNPA is a trade association representing the Black Press with 215 African American-owned member newspapers in 40 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since its inception, over three quarters of a century, the NNPA publishers have provided excellent reporting from the Black perspective.

Celebrating 193 years of Black Press Publishing in America

#BlackPress193yrs



2020 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

11:00 AM EST

Convention Welcome.

- Karen Carter Richards,
NNPA Chair
- Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Jr.,
NNPA President and CEO
- Terry Jones,
NNPA Convention Planning Committee
- Greetings from Members, Partners, Sponsors
and Friends

11:30 AM

Wells Fargo Presentation:
Navigating Finances Through Covid-19

11:35 AM – 12:30 PM

Webinar

Black America and the COVID-19 Pandemic
Moderator: Dr. Leigh-Ann Webb,

Panelists

Dr. Taison Bell, MD, Assistant Professor of
Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, UVA
Dr. Ebony Hilton, MD, Associate Professor of
Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, UVA,
Medical Director, GoodStock Consulting, LLC
Dr. Rochanda Mitchell, DO, Maternal Fetal
Medicine/Obstetrics and Gynecology
Dr. Cameron Web, MD, JD, Assistant Professor of
Medicine and Director of Health Policy and Equity at
the University of Virginia

12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Virtual Lunch Break

2:00 PM– 3:00 PM EST

Webinar

Future Engagement and Empowerment of the
Black Press of America

Moderator

Stacy Brown, *NNPA Senior Reporter/
Correspondent*

Panelists

Dr. Frances Draper, *NNPA Board Member,
Publisher Afro American News (Baltimore-DC)*
Jackie Hampton, *NNPA National Treasurer,
Publisher, The Mississippi Link*
Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, Esq., *Publisher,
Cincinnati Herald and Dayton Defender*
Kevin McNeir, *Senior Editor, Washington Informer*
Rev. Mark Thompson, *Podcast Host, Makin It Plain*

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM EST

NNPA National Townhall: Education and the
Future of Black America, From Pre-K to High
School and onto College

Moderator

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, *NNPA President and CEO*

Panelists

Dr. Colin “Topper” Carew, *Principal Investigator
and Research Scientist, MIT Media Lab*
Dr. Peggy Edwards-Jones, *Principal, Friendship
Collegiate Academy Early College Campus*
Dr. Elizabeth Primas, *NNPA Education Program
Manager*
Mrs. Kathryn Procope, *Principal, Howard University
Middle School of Math and Science*
Carrington York, *Student, Howard University*

Thursday, July 9, 2020

11:00 AM – 11:05 AM

Greetings and Words from Virtual NNPA 2020
Annual Convention Sponsors

11:05 AM – 12:00 PM. EST

Webinar

Technology and Innovation: The Challenges and
the Opportunities

Moderator: Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

Panelists

Enchanta Jackson, *Data Scientist, TopTopTop
Productions*

Jamercia Gray, *Data Scientist*

Ashley Smith, *Associate Publisher, NY Beacon*

Bobby Henry, Sr., *Publisher, Westside Gazette*

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Greetings and Words from Virtual NNPA 2020
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Short Film on the Black Press

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Webinar

Black Millennial Voices and Visions for
Transformation

Moderator

Jeffrey Boney, *Houston Forward Times*

Panelists

Micha Green, *Journalist, Afro American News*
Lafayette Barnes, *Photo Journalist, Washington
Informer*

Franklin Chavis, *Curator, Black Millennial Voices*

Announcements

- Theater Screening of John Lewis Docu –
“Good Trouble” on www.virtualnnpa2020.com,
Sponsored by U.S. Census
- Conversations with celebrities on today’s topics
can be seen on www.virtualnnpa2020.com

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Awards Presentations To:

- The Honorable Karen Bass, U.S. Congress,
*NNPA 2020 Outstanding Congressional
Leadership*
- Mary Wilson
NNPA 2020 Lifetime Achievement Trailblazer
- Attorney Benjamin L. Crump,
NNPA 2020
- Ziggy Marley
NNPA 2020 Global Icon Achievement
- MC Lyte
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- Ice Cube
NNPA 2020 Artist of the Century Icon Award
- Chuck D *NNPA*
2020 Outstanding Transformative Trailblazer

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. Acknowledges and
Salutes Partners and Sponsors of the Virtual
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Convention adjourns with Temptations Special
Performance for NNPA
Dance Music Mixer by DJ D-Nice



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DR. CAMERON WEBB, MD

Dr. B. Cameron Webb is a physician and lawyer who works at the intersection of health and social justice. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Public Health Science at the University of Virginia, where he works as a hospitalist in the Department of Medicine and serves as co-director of the Department of Public Health Science's Health Policy Program. He recently completed a year as a 2016-17 White House Fellow. In his time spanning the Obama and Trump administrations, his portfolio included education, workforce and criminal justice reform work through President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative, as well as White House healthcare policy work in both administrations. Dr. Webb is a passionate champion for health equity and is committed to advocating for the health needs of underserved and marginalized communities. He has served on several non-profit board and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Doctors for America. He received a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies as an Echols Scholar at the University of Virginia, a J.D. and health law certificate from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and an M.D. from Wake Forest School of Medicine.



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CHARLES W. MUSE

Charles Muse, currently serving on General Motors Program Engineering Management Team for Autonomous Vehicles, has over 8 years of automotive industry experience. His professional background includes roles as a Lead Aerodynamicist, Chassis Senior Design Release Engineer, and Engineering Operations Supervisor. A native of Chicago's Southside, Ohio State University Aerospace Engineering graduate, and licensed private pilot Muse strives to promote STEM fields to the youth.



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DR. COLIN TOPPER CAREW

Dr. Carew was born and raised in Boston. He attended Howard University's Architectural School and earned a Bachelor of Architecture and a Master's Degree in Environmental Design from Yale University and a Doctorate from the Union Graduate School/Institute of Policy Studies.

Carew transitioned from Architecture to Media. He has received innumerable awards as a film and television writer, producer, director, and as a designer. In Media, he has produced content for PBS, HBO, Showtime, Nick and The Disney Channel. Other of his projects have aired in national prime time on ABC, NBC, BET, FOX, TNT, TV One, and MTV. His theatrically released films include DC Cab (Universal Pictures) and Breakin' and Enterin' (Shapiro/Glickenhau). One of Topper's most notable media achievements is as the Co-Creator and Executive Producer of the "Martin" television series.

Presently, he is Principal Investigator and Research Scientist at the MIT Media Lab. Carew directs the Code Next Project and the HBCU initiative. As Code Next's founder, he has established an Innovation Lab at the Google headquarters in NYC and in Oakland.



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D. KEVIN McNEIR

D. Kevin McNeir is an award-winning journalist with 25 years of service with the Black Press in cities that include Chicago, Atlanta and Miami. He currently serves as the editor for The Washington Informer where just weeks ago, he and his team garnered five unprecedented first place awards for journalism and photography from the Society of Professional Journalists DC Chapter. A Detroit native, he began his career as a copy editor and reporter with the Michigan Chronicle after completing degrees at the Univ. of Michigan, Emory and Princeton Theological Seminary.



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DARLENE GOINS

Darlene Goins is senior vice president and head of financial health philanthropy for the Wells Fargo Foundation, one of the largest corporate foundations in the U.S. In 2019, the Wells Fargo Foundation donated \$455 million to unlock economic opportunity for people and communities by addressing housing affordability, small business growth, and financial health.

With more than two decades of experience leading strategic initiatives that drive business and societal impact, Goins is responsible for combining Wells Fargo's financial resources with business expertise to improve the financial well-being of underserved individuals, families, and communities. Prior to this role, Goins served as Wells Fargo's head of Hands on Banking®, the company's award-winning financial education and capability program that has benefitted more than 9 million youth, adults, seniors, military and entrepreneurs with financial education.

Goins joined Wells Fargo in 2016 from FICO, where she led FICO® Score Open Access, a consumer credit score program that earned allocates from the Obama Administration, regulators, and consumer advocacy groups, among others. She also held leadership positions in sales, product management, decision science, and data science at analytic-based software companies Nomis Solutions, First Data Corporation, and ALI Solutions.

An active community leader, Goins is based in San Francisco and currently serves on the board of directors for the American Bankers Association Foundation, Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy and Asset Funders Network; and serves as Treasurer of the San Francisco Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.. She received a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in Engineering-Economic Systems (now the Department of Management Science) from Stanford University.



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DR. EBONY HILTON, MD

Dr. Ebony Jade Hilton Buchholz was born the middle of three girls in the rural town of Little Africa, South Carolina. Following a family tragedy, at the tender age of 8 years old, she told her mom she wanted to be a doctor. From that day forward her mother called her “Dr. Hilton.” She attributes her entire career and the success that followed to that small gesture. She graduated from Spartanburg High School in 2000 and enrolled at the College of Charleston (CofC). In just 4 short years she graduated Magnum Cum Laude from CofC with 3 degrees: two Bachelor of Science degrees in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and a Bachelor of Arts in Inorganic Chemistry.

Ebony then began her medical studies at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and following graduation in 2008 she continued at this institution for completion of her Anesthesiology residency and Critical Care fellowship. On July 1, 2013 she became the 1st African-American female anesthesiologist to be hired at MUSC since its opening in 1824. Throughout her studies of health disparities, particularly as it pertains to race, bridging the gap between physicians and patients has been her primary focus. In addition to pioneering medicine, Dr. Hilton is a children’s book author of the Ava Series, she is a public speaker and a community activist.



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DR. ELIZABETH PRIMAS

Elizabeth Primas was born in Washington, DC and attended DC Public Schools, before going on to the District of Columbia Teachers' College, Trinity College, and George Washington University, where she received a Doctorate Degree in Education and an Educational Specialist Degree in Literacy. She worked in DCPS for thirty-three years, teaching and coaching teachers in effective strategies for teaching reading to all children. During her tenure with DCPS, she took a leave of absents to work with the Educational Testing Service (ETS), where she served as the Teacher-in-Resident to develop the National Board Certification for Elementary and Middle School Reading and English Language Arts Teachers. She returned to DCPS as the Director of Literacy. A position she held until she retired.

The retirement turned out to be very brief. Within six days, Dr. Primas was recruited by the Rowland Reading Foundation to work with teachers nationally on best practices to teach who had historically been underserved. Dr. Primas currently works with the National Newspaper Publishers Association as the Program Manager on a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant to increase public awareness of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) through a multi-media campaign.



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DR. FRANCES MURPHY DRAPER

Reverend Dr. Frances Murphy Draper (b.k.a. Pastor Toni) is the visionary and founding pastor of the Freedom Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Baltimore, Maryland (formerly known as John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church). Prior to her appointment to the John Wesley Church (September, 2002), she served as an associate minister at the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church (1996-2002) and The Lord's Church (1991-1996).

A native of Baltimore, Dr. Draper is a 1965 graduate of Frederick Douglass High School and was graduated magna cum laud from Morgan State University (Spanish Education). She has earned masters degrees from the Johns Hopkins University (Education), the University of Baltimore (Business Administration), and Loyola College (Pastoral Counseling). She also studied theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University. In May, 2006, she received her doctor of ministry degree in preaching and leadership from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Her dissertation title was: "Relationship Theology: A Model for Producing Healthy Marriages in the African American Context".

A national certified counselor, Dr. Draper is the immediate past president (1986-1999) of the AFRO-American Newspapers (a publication founded by her great grandfather in 1892) and currently serves as its treasurer and board member. Since 1995, she has been a gubernatorial appointee to the Morgan State University Board of Regents where she serves as Board Secretary. In addition, she serves as a stewarding team member for Partners for Transformation. Dr. Draper has a passion for souls and for seeing God's people reach their fullest potential in Him! For more than 35 years, Dr. Draper has been married to Andre Draper and they have four children and nine grandchildren.



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GERALD JOHNSON

Gerald Johnson was named executive vice president, Global Manufacturing effective April 1, 2019. In this role, he leads GM's global manufacturing operations, and the manufacturing engineering and labor relations organizations. He is a member of the GM Senior Leadership Team and serves on the GM PAC Board and Steering Committee.

Previously Johnson served as GM vice president of North America Manufacturing and Labor Relations, a position he held since August 2017.

Before that he served as vice president of Operational Excellence, where he worked to develop and execute an enterprise-wide cultural transformation with a focus on process discipline, continuous improvement and waste elimination. Under Johnson's leadership, a team of Lean Six Sigma experts developed a training initiative and coached employees in projects that improved the company's operations efficiency.

Johnson started at General Motors in 1980 at the Fisher Body Plant in Euclid, Ohio. His career includes a long list of manufacturing and quality roles both in North America and abroad. Throughout his career, he has served as a mentor to many young professionals as well as played an active role in community organizations and is currently on the Kettering University Board of Trustees.

Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in industrial administration from Kettering University and a master's degree in manufacturing operations from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



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JACKIE HAMPTON

Jackie Hampton, a native of Jackson, MS, is Publisher and Co-Owner of the Mississippi Link Newspaper, a weekly publication that has served the community for nearly 27 years. She currently serves as national secretary of The National Newspaper Publishers Association. She strongly believes in carrying the torch of the black press for the advancement of our communities and country. She is a member of the Board of Directors for The Mississippi Press Association.

Jackie is the recipient of several national and local awards. In June of 2017, at the annual NNPA convention held in Prince George County, Maryland, Jackie was named “Publisher of the Year.” The award, voted on by members of NNPA is given to a publisher that exudes the qualities of service to their community, service to NNPA and the overall layout and impact of their newspaper. On July 29, 2019 she received the Image Award in the field of media from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Mu Sigma Chapter during their local annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet. On January 1, 2017, during the occasion of their 109th International Founders Day held at Tougaloo College, Jackie was presented the Community Service Recipient of the Year Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Beta Delta Omega Chapter. She has received awards from Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Tougaloo College, Jackson State University and Grambling State University for participating in their annual media day activities serving in capacities as keynote speaker and media panel contributor.



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JAN-MICHELE LEMON KEARNEY, ESQ.

Jan-Michele was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. She graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. While at Dartmouth, she attended an exchange program at an HBCU, Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama. She earned a masters degree in counseling and consulting psychology from Harvard University Graduate School of Education and a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School. She was elected first class marshal of her law school class and gave the commencement speech at graduation.

Jan-Michele practiced law with the firm of Taft, Stettinius and Hollister, then branched out into a solo law career when she joined the publication company, KGL Media Group, Inc. dba Sesh Communications. She is now president of Sesh Communications, the company that publishes the award-winning The Cincinnati Herald, The Northern Kentucky Herald, The Dayton Defender, seshPRIME Magazine, and PIX (News in Pictures), and hosts the annual Daddy-Daughter Dinner Dance, BRIGHT Awards, and the Nefertiti Awards.

Just two months ago, she was appointed to Cincinnati City Council to fill a vacant seat. She is one of the founders of the Greater Cincinnati Association of Black Journalists, and twice chaired the Cincinnati Unit of the NAACP's Freedom Fund Dinner. Jan-Michele is a member of The Cincinnati (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, and the Phi Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



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LAFAYETTE BARNES

Lafayette is a Graphic Artist, Audio/Visual Storyteller, Publisher, and Writer based in Washington, DC. He is publisher of the Washington Informer Bridge Monthly Magazine (www.wibridgedc.com). You can find his creative portfolio at www.lafayetteiv.com



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KATHRYN PROCOPE

Mrs. Kathryn Procope is the head of school at the Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science where she guides students in the 6th through 8th grades to academic excellence in STEM. Mrs. Procope earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a masters' degree in middle grade mathematics from George Washington University and an executive master's degree in educational leadership from the Georgetown McDonough School of Business. Education is a second career for Mrs. Procope, having spent over 30 years in information technology. As the Head of School at the Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science and the current recipient of the NASSP Digital Principal of the Year award, Mrs. Procope facilitates the partnerships with the schools on the Howard University campus, providing her students with opportunities to expand their learning in college classrooms. Mrs. Procope actively supports the school's staff because she believes that they are on the front line of education and she truly believes we are all responsible for the success of the children in our community.



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DR. KEVIN WILLIAMS

Kevin Williams is the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Pfizer Rare Disease. In this role, he leads a Medical Affairs organization of approximately 150 medical colleagues around the globe supporting Pfizer's efforts and portfolio in Rare Disease. Dr. Williams joined Pfizer in January 2004 as a Director, Regional Medical & Research Specialists working in the HIV disease area. After moving into a Team Leader position in July 2005, he has served in various leadership roles during his career at Pfizer, most recently as the Global Medical Affairs Vice President for Rare Disease in Pfizer's Global Innovative Pharma business unit where he supervised a group of global colleagues providing medical leadership and strategic support for inline and pipeline assets in Endocrinology, Hematology, TTR-Amyloidosis, Gaucher's Disease, and other rare diseases. Dr. Williams moved into his current Rare Disease CMO position in May 2016.

Kevin received his medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine and is board-certified in Internal Medicine. He spent eight years in private practice caring for HIV positive patients. In addition to his medical degree, Kevin has a Master's Degree in Public Health from the UCLA School of Public Health and a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School.



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DR. LEIGH-ANN WEBB, MD

Dr. Leigh-Ann J Webb, MD, is an Emergency Medicine specialist in Charlottesville, Virginia. She attended and graduated from University of Virginia School Of Medicine in 2009, having over 11 years of diverse experience, especially in Emergency Medicine. She is affiliated with many hospitals including Mercy Medical Center Inc. Dr. Webb also holds a dual appointment in the Department of Public Health Sciences) earned an executive MBA from the Darden School of Business and become a “Triple Hoo,” a term reserved for three-time graduates.



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REV. MARK THOMPSON

The Rev. Mark Thompson hosts #MeetTheBlackPress, a weekly segment on his daily podcast, “Make It Plain.” He began his three-decade journalism career at the Washington Afro-American, and at WOL-AM. He was honored at the 104th Annual NAACP Convention in Orlando in July 2013 “for 25 years of crusading journalism and outstanding leadership in furthering the work of civil and human rights.”



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DR. PEGGY EDWARDS-JONES

Dr. Peggy Edwards-Jones, a native Washingtonian, currently serves as the Principal of the Friendship Collegiate Academy Early College Campus located in the northeast area of Washington, D.C. Dr. Edwards-Jones graduated from the George Washington University with a B.S. in Applied Mathematics, the University of the District of Columbia with a Masters' Degrees in Teaching Mathematics, Arizona State University with a Master's in Educational Leadership and Bowie State University with a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership. In the past decade and a half, Dr. Edwards-Jones received numerous awards in Education, including the Most Outstanding Principal/Administrator of the Year STARS Award from the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board in 2014.

Her proudest moments in education thus far has come from her years as a High School Principal, in graduating over 3,500 scholars, where 100% of her scholars were accepted to a college or university, some of her scholars graduating with one to two years of college completed before leaving high school and at least 80% of those scholars who graduated successfully completed their 1st year of college.

Over the years, Dr. Edwards-Jones has served in various educational roles including as a high school engineering teacher, mathematics teacher (grades 6 – 12), Assistant Principal, Principal, Head Principal, Head of Schools and a school district's Director of Mathematics. She has traveled and lead turn around school initiatives for her school district and with Friendship's partnership school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



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DR. ROCHANDA MITCHELL, MD

Dr. Rochanda Mitchell is a second year Maternal Fetal Medicine fellow. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Fisk University, Master of Science from Case Western Reserve University, and Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed obstetrics and gynecology residency at Howard University Hospital. She is currently a fellow in Maternal and Fetal Medicine at the University of Virginia and the current recipient of the Peyton T. Taylor Scholarship, which funds research in the field of women's health. Her genuine interests in nutrition, obstetrics, and health disparities have fueled her current interest in diabetes, obesity, and pregnancy.



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STACEY BROWN

Stacy Brown is the senior national correspondent of the NNPA. He has more than 25 years of experience as a journalist having worked for the Daily News of Los Angeles, the community news division of the Los Angeles Times, Gannett, MSNBC, and the Scranton Times Tribune. He has won multiple awards including Northeast Pennsylvania Journalist of the Year twice in 2006 and 2007. He was also honored with a Stacy Brown Day in Scranton Pennsylvania in April 2010, and most recently in June 2020 won Best Series Award from The Society of Professional Journalist for an ongoing series about Black Women of the Suffrage Movement for the Washington Informer. He has done freelance work for the New York Post, JET, Us Magazine and the New York Times.

He is the author of “Celebrity Trials: Legacies Lost, Lives Shattered, So What’s the Real Truth.” The co-author of Blind Faith: The Miraculous Journey of Lula Hardaway and her son, Stevie Wonder (Simon & Schuster) and “Michael Jackson: The Man Behind The Mask,

An Insider’s Account of the King of Pop” (Select Books Publishing, Inc.)



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DR. TAISON BELL, MD

Taison Bell, MD, is an assistant professor of medicine in the divisions of Infectious Diseases and International Health and Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at UVA. He is also the Director of the medical intensive care unit (ICU) and director of the UVA Summer Medical Leadership Program.

Bell is involved in quality improvement efforts on the national level and sits on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Committee, developing healthcare payment reform initiatives. Highly invested in teaching, Bell is the director of a multidisciplinary mechanical ventilation course taught to critical care fellows at UVA. He was awarded the Inpatient Attending of the Year Award in 2018.

Bell was born in Boston and raised in Lynchburg. After graduating from UVA with a degree in African-American and African studies, he completed his medical degree at Columbia University. He then trained in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he was a chief resident. Bell subsequently completed an infectious disease fellowship at the combined Massachusetts General and Brigham and Women's Hospital program, followed by a critical care fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. He is enrolled in the executive MBA program at the UVA Darden School of Business.



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CARRINGTON YORK

Carrington York is a freelance writer, youth mentor and podcast producer with a passion for telling stories about social justice and service. She is currently a B.A. Journalism student at Howard University.



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STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR BLACK AMERICA AS PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS REVEAL CORONAVIRUS IS AIRBORNE

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While many medical doctors maintain that the novel coronavirus is transmitted through droplets from coughs or sneezes, more and more medical experts and officials who work primarily with infectious respiratory illnesses and aerosols are convinced that the disease is airborne.

Today, as a result of recent medical research and data, The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. has issued a solemn national public warning and alert to nearly 50 million African Americans. "Black America is now in a state of emergency as a result of the disproportionately deadly impact of the coronavirus pandemic on our families and communities across the United States," Chavis stated. "The coronavirus is now airborne. That means that the coronavirus can be in air that we breath."

"Black Americans should stay at home and only leave home for critical life-essential reasons," Chavis emphasized. "In fact, all Americans should stay at home to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. But I must emphasize that because before the spread of the coronavirus, Black Americans were already disproportionately burdened with multiple preexisting health conditions, including asthma, diabetes, and heart disease, our communities are more vulnerable to the impact of the coronavirus, including higher rates of fatalities."

A Pro Publica report revealed that African Americans made up almost half of Milwaukee County's 945 cases and 81 percent of its 27 deaths in a county whose population is only 26 percent Black.

Milwaukee is one of the few places in the United States that is tracking the racial breakdown of people who have been infected by the novel coronavirus, offering a glimpse at the disproportionate destruction it is inflicting on Black communities nationwide.

In Michigan, where the state's population is 14 percent Black, African Americans made up 35 percent of cases and 40 percent of deaths as of Friday, April 3.

Detroit, where a majority of residents are Black, has emerged as a hot spot with a high death toll. As has New Orleans, according to Pro Publica.

Louisiana has not published case breakdowns by race, but 40 percent of the state's deaths have happened in Orleans Parish, where the majority of residents are Black.

Illinois and North Carolina are two of the few areas publishing statistics on COVID-19 cases by race, and their data shows a disproportionate number of African Americans were infected, according to the report.

"We know in the US that there are great discrepancies in not only the diagnosis but the treatment that African Americans and other minorities are afforded," stated Dr. Ebony Hilton, associate professor of anesthesiology and critical care medicine at the University of Virginia Health Systems.

“So, I want to make sure that in this pandemic, that Black and brown people are treated in the same way and that these tests are made available in the same pattern as for white people,” Dr. Hilton said.

Medical experts have also sounded the alarm that the virus could well be transmitted through the air.

“Currently available research supports the possibility that (COVID-19) could be spread via bioaerosols generated directly by patients’ exhalation,” Harvey Fineberg, who heads a standing committee on Emerging Infectious Diseases and 21st Century Health Threats, wrote in an April 1, 2020 letter to Kelvin Droegemeier, the head of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

“One must be cautious in imputing the findings with one respiratory virus to another respiratory virus, as each virus may have its own effective infectious inoculum and distinct aerosolization characteristics,” Fineberg wrote.

“Studies that rely on PCR to detect the presence of viral RNA may not represent virus in sufficient amounts to produce infection. Nevertheless, the presence of viral RNA in air droplets and aerosols indicates the possibility of viral transmission via these routes.”

Fineberg penned the letter in response to a request from the White House OSTP. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened a standing committee of experts to help inform OSTP on critical science and policy issues related to emerging infectious diseases and other public health threats.

The standing committee includes members with expertise in emerging infectious diseases, public health, public health preparedness and response, biological sciences, clinical care and crisis standards of care, risk communication, and regulatory issues.

“The results of available studies are consistent with aerosolization of virus from normal breathing,” Fineberg wrote.

He noted an airflow modeling study that followed a coronavirus outbreak in Hong Kong in the early 2000s supports the potential for transmission via bioaerosols.

In that study, the significantly increased risk of infection to residents on higher floors of a building that was home to an infected individual indicated to the researchers a pattern of disease consistent with a rising plume of contaminated warm air.

“In the mind of scientists working on this, there’s absolutely no doubt that the virus spreads in the air. This is a no-brainer.” Lidia Morawska, at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia, told the medical website, nature.com.

A March 2020 Cambridge Research study of those with influenza revealed that 39 percent of individuals exhaled infectious aerosols, which experts noted that, as long as an airspace is shared with someone else, breathing in the air they exhale, it’s possible for airborne transmission of the coronavirus.

“It’s airborne,” Dr. Angela Guerrero, an emergency medicine specialist in New Jersey, told NNPA Newswire.

“If someone has the disease, they don’t have to cough and sneeze or spit. If you then go into their space, you can probably get it,” Dr. Guerrero stated.

Some experts said they are convinced that a primary reason that governments and organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have shied away from stating that the virus is in the air is to prevent panic and because it could take years and cost hundreds of millions of lives before indisputable evidence can be presented.

“We shouldn’t let perfect be the enemy of convincing,” Michael Osterholm, an infectious disease epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota, stated.

A spokeswoman for the WHO told NNPA Newswire that the organization is focused solely on treatment and trials.

“As far as treatment for COVID-19 is concerned, so far, we have no evidence that any particular drug is effective, but researchers around the world are working hard on this. More than 20 vaccines are in development globally, and several therapeutics are in clinical trials,” stated WHO spokeswoman Ashley Baldwin.

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BREAKING NEWS

Congressman John Lewis Endorses Joe Biden for President

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"I am very pleased and very happy to take the time to endorse a friend, a man of courage, and a man of conscience, as the Democratic nominee for president of the United States,"

Lewis said on a media call where major news outlets from around the country participated, including the Black Press of America.

Legendary Congressman John Lewis (D-Ga.), one of America's foremost moral leaders whose work since the civil rights movement of the 1950s made him a national treasure, has formally endorsed former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden as the 2020 Democratic nominee for President of the United States of America.

The 80-year-old congressman who on March 7, 1965, was badly beaten as he helped to lead over 600 peaceful protestors across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, said that Biden was the person to lead the country back on the right side of history.

"I am very pleased and very happy to take the time to endorse a friend, a man of courage, and a man of conscience, as the Democratic nominee for president of the United States," Lewis said on a media call where major news outlets from around the country participated, including the Black Press of America.

"We need Joe Biden more than ever before," Lewis added.

The widely respected congressman said America needs Biden at the helm.

"He's a man of courage, great intelligence, and a man of faith," Lewis stated. "He will be a great president, and he will lead our country to a better place, and he will inspire another generation to stand up, to speak up, to speak out, to be brave and bold, and that's why I'm committed to supporting him."

When asked by NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., what is his vision of a Biden presidency, Lewis said the former U.S. Vice President would "be able to redeem the soul of America."

"It doesn't matter if you're white, Asian American, Latino, male, female, straight, or gay. We all live in the same house, the same boat," he continued.

"We must be able to live together as brother and sister, and Joe Biden will not be afraid to stand up and preach the way of love and preach the fact that we must respect the dignity and the worth of every human being. He can, and he will help us regain our was as a nation and as a people," Lewis exclaimed.

Born the son of sharecroppers on February 21, 1940, outside of Troy, Alabama, Lewis grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Alabama, according to his biography.

As a young boy, he was inspired by the activism surrounding the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which he heard on radio broadcasts. In those pivotal moments, he decided to become a part of the Civil Rights Movement. Ever since then, he has remained at the vanguard of progressive social movements and the human rights struggle in the United States.

"I grew up in rural Alabama, just miles from Montgomery in a town called Troy. Growing up

there, I saw signs that said white men, colored men, white women, colored women, white waiting, colored waiting," Lewis reminisced.

"My grandparents said 'don't get in trouble, don't get in the way.' Then I heard a Rosa Parks. I listened to the voice and the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The actions of Rosa Parks and Dr. King inspired me to get in what we called good trouble, necessary trouble."

Lewis pledged to rally younger African Americans to the polls.

"My message is simple. If you look around, you have a choice," Lewis stated. "You must decide to get out there and vote like we've never voted before. Young people, college students, and high school students old enough to vote, you must vote."

He concluded:

"I saw people arrested and beaten and jailed when attempting to register to vote. When we marched in Selma, more than 600 of us were beaten and jailed when we attempted to register. I gave a little blood on that bridge. I almost died. So, young people, just go out and vote and help elect a man of conscious, a man who will look out for each and every one of us and help build a society where no one will be left behind because of race color of skin and gender."

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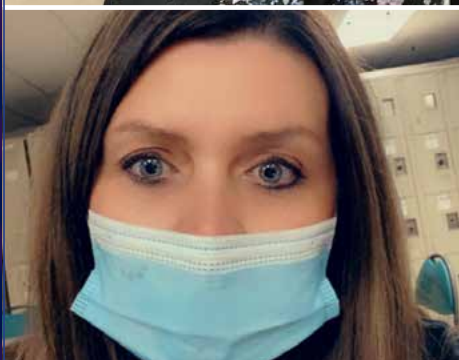
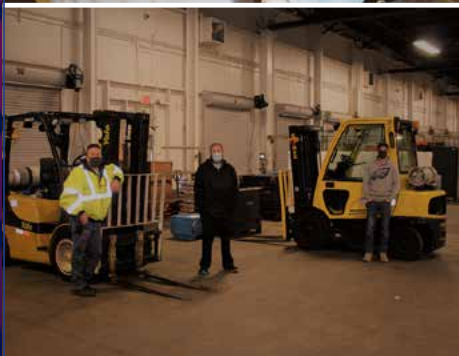
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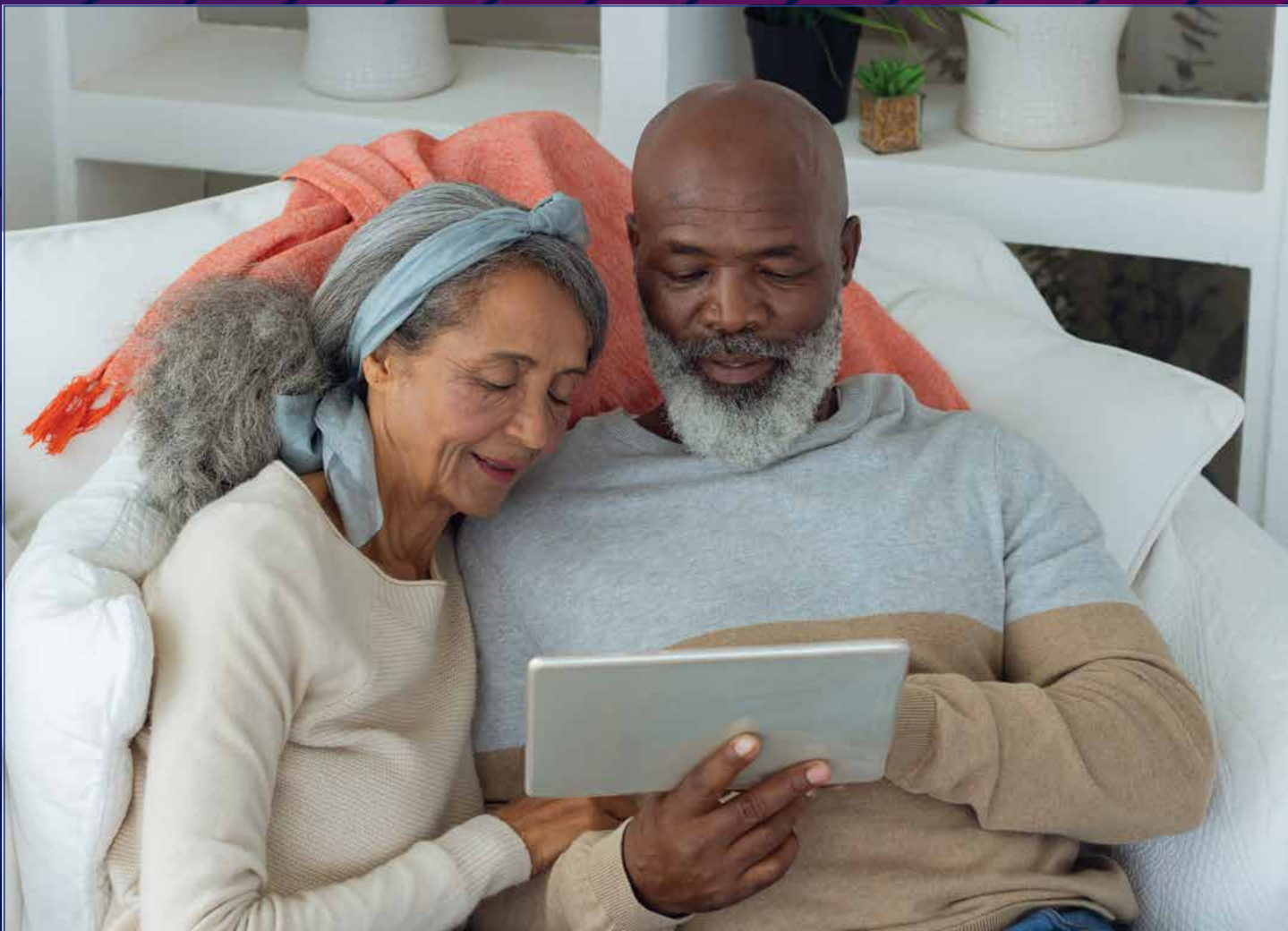


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are deeply rooted in our history and our companies' long success of engaging with communities where our employees live and work. This trailblazing spirit reflects who we are – **passionate, principled people** who go the extra mile to make a difference.

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Relief: Tools And Resources To Navigate Today's Financial Crisis

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In the face of so much uncertainty what many of us need most are answers to our most pressing questions, and a plan to help determine our next moves on the road to recovery. Wells Fargo is committed to providing information necessary to help address your unique financial needs and concerns, starting with the tools and resources to find relief.

How can I protect my credit report if I can't keep up with my loans?

The best way to protect your credit report is to make arrangements directly with your lender. Try asking your bank/lender about deferring payments and interest on your loans/credit lines and having fees waived. On a case-by-case basis, Wells Fargo is offering fee waivers, payment deferrals, and other expanded assistance for credit card, auto, mortgage, small business lending, and personal lending customers who contact us.

Can I apply for a credit limit increase for disaster relief?

In this time of crisis, increasing the limit on your credit card could be a way to help alleviate some financial strain and increase your purchasing power. We're currently reviewing credit card line increases on an individual basis over the phone. To find out your options, reach out to your bank directly.

What are some programs that can help me get by?

The government has designed programs to provide support and relief to those in need during this time. Here are some highlights of the CARES Act that may impact your finances:

Unemployment

There have been temporary changes made to unemployment eligibility. Today, workers who are furloughed, but haven't been fully laid off, are eligible. This special program also extends to those who are typically self-employed and/or part of the gig economy.

Paid Leave

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act is now covering up to 12 weeks of family leave for families who have faced school/daycare closure because of the pandemic and must stay home with their children.

Small Business

Wells Fargo is committed to helping as many small business customers as possible through programs like the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) established by the CARES Act. Wells Fargo mobilized thousands of employees and introduced new automation to rapidly process as many PPP applications for submission to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Wells Fargo is with you as you embark on your road to recovery. To learn more about our COVID-19 relief efforts visit wellsfargo.com/heretohelp.

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