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# "If One Fails the Community Fails"

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Greetings, Floyd.

### U.S. House of Representatives District 2 Candidates

*If elected, what will they do for the African American Community?*

On 14 August 2012, Wisconsin will hold its Primary Election to determine who will be on the ballot 6 November for positions in the U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, State Senate, and Assembly.

The African American Communication and Collaboration Council asked each candidate vying for the post of U.S. Representative (Congress) of District 2 the following question, **"If elected, what will you do for the African American Community in Wisconsin's Congressional District 2?"**

Below are excerpts from the written statements of those candidates who responded to the question.



#### Dennis Hall (D)

*"Please be assured that my representation of the people will encompass everyone in the 2nd [Congressional District] without regard to race, religion, ethnic or political beliefs. I must tell you however that I will be especially sensitive to needs of veterans and first responders." (Complete statement)*



#### Mark Pocan (D)

*"In my 14 years as a State Assembly Representative, I have earned a reputation of fighting for fairness for traditionally underrepresented communities. In my tenure on the state's Joint Committee on Finance, Gwen Moore served as a mentor to me, showing me the importance of lending my voice to those who aren't treated equally in our society. I am proud to have acted upon what I learned from Gwen Moore to ensure a voice for the people of Madison's south side, which I've [represented] for my entire tenure in*

### Calendar of Events

[Click here](#) to view the entire AACCC Calendar of Events.

#### August 2012

##### 9 August 2012

100 Black Men of Madison Membership Committee Meeting

##### 11 August 2012

100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. General Membership Meeting

##### 14 August 2012

Backpacks for Success Banquet

##### 15 August 2012

CAM Scholarship Application Deadline

##### 16 August 2012

Backpacks for Success Stuffing Party

##### 17-18 August 2012

Today's Women Empowerment Summit 2012

##### 18 August 2012

Backpacks for Success Picnic

##### 22 August 2012

Red Light Special - Networking 101

##### 25 August 2012

12th Annual Money Conference

**MISSION**

the Legislature." [Click here](#) to read Representative Pocan's statement in its entirety.



**Kelda Helen Roys (D)**

*"Our community, state, and nation will never thrive if some of our citizens are not able to fully participate in economic life. In developing policies to encourage economic growth - like investing in education and infrastructure, increasing taxes on the wealthiest among us, and encouraging job growth across all sectors - I will always consider*

*the needs and priorities of the African-American community and all communities of color."* [Click here](#) to read Representative Roys' statement in its entirety.



**Matt Silverman (D)**

*"If elected to serve as your next Congressman, I will do for the African American Community what I will do for the entire 2nd District: represent you faithfully in Congress. I am a Democrat because I believe the government is a force for good and that government has a responsibility to care for its most needy citizens. I believe, however, that our*

*next Congressman has a duty to represent the people of the 2nd District, not the Democratic party. I was taught the value of public service as an officer in the Army. Those lessons were reinforced on the battlefields of Iraq when I had the honor of leading troops in combat as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. It is those lessons that I will take with me to Congress."* [Click here](#) to read Mr. Silverman's statement in its entirety.

To provide support to positive efforts that are conducted with and on behalf of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin;

To establish mutually beneficial relationships between African American organizations of Greater Madison, Wisconsin; and

To establish ongoing dialogue concerning common issues of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin.

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## Jackson Bestowed a Named Professorship and National Research Award

Dr. Jerlando F. L. Jackson was named the Vilas Professor of Higher Education effective 1 July 2012. The newly-created Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professorships recognize professors whose distinguished scholarship has advanced the confines of knowledge, and whose excellence also has included teaching or service. Dr. Jackson will hold this distinction for the remainder of his career at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison).



Recently, Dr. Jackson also was selected as the 2012 recipient of the Dr. Carlos J. Vallejo Memorial Award for Exemplary Scholarship. This award is given annually, on behalf of the Multicultural/Multiethnic Education (MME) Special Interest Group (SIG) of AERA to one exemplary scholar/practitioner based upon the following criteria: (a) illustrating effort in producing scholarship which advances multicultural and multiethnic education (broadly defined), within all educational, cultural, societal and social settings, contexts, levels and locations; and (b) a demonstrated commitment to underserved communities beyond scholarship with evidence of improving the practical conditions experienced by multicultural/multiethnic communities.

At UW-Madison, Dr. Jackson also serves as the Coordinator for the Higher, Postsecondary, and Continuing Education Program and as a Faculty Affiliate for Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education. In addition, he founded and serves as Director and Chief Research Scientist of Wisconsin's Equity and Inclusion Laboratory (Wei Lab). The Wei Lab is an externally funded multi-million dollar research unit. The mission of Wei Lab is to

design, conduct, and disseminate research that informs policymakers, practitioners, and concerned citizens on how to best promote equitable and inclusive learning and work environments in education in general, and higher education in particular.

Dr. Jackson's central research interest has been to explore workforce diversity and workplace discrimination in higher education. More recently, he has focused on interventions designed to broaden participation for underrepresented groups in the scientific workforce.

### **New Dry-cleaning Business Positioned to Be Competitive**



In late April 2012, Diana Shinall opened Taylor's One Price Cleaners (Taylor's), a dry-cleaning operation in renovated space at 4522 Verona Road near Home Depot.

Taylor's offers exceptional, affordable, and convenient dry-cleaning services (\$3.99 for nearly every item of dry-cleaned clothing) to a neighborhood that

previously didn't have any.

Shinall expects to open three more stores over the next five years on Madison's East side, in Fitchburg and in Middleton.

### **Who Should Be the Next Superintendent of the Madison Metropolitan School District?**

For one year, Dr. Jane Belmore will serve as the interim Superintendent of the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD). A recruiting firm has been hired and the process to select a permanent replacement has begun.



Please access [this link](#) and share the name, contact information and credentials of who you believe should be the next Superintendent of the MMSD.

Please provide as much detail as you are able to note. The list of suggested persons will be given to those who are endeavoring to connect with candidates and the AACCC will follow up to ensure that it was given responsible consideration.

### **Now Accepting Articles & Photos**

We are currently accepting stories and photographs for future issues of "If One Fails the Community Fails." Please submit your stories and event photos for consideration. Submission does not guarantee placement in this publication.

Stories should be 200 words or less and electronic photos should be 300 DPI or better in JPG format (NO SCANNED PHOTOS). Include captions for each photo (who, what, when, and where). Photos without captions WILL NOT be considered.

Submit your stories and photos (with captions) to [president@africanamericancommunication.com](mailto:president@africanamericancommunication.com).

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