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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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As a result of the courageous actions of the Madison College Board of Directors, one of the densest areas of poverty in Greater Madison will be provided affordable and accessible educational opportunity.

The unanticipated, unanimous District Board vote of 4 May,

authorized the College to enter into negotiations to expand the current Villager Mall facility for a minimum period of 2 years (July 2017 through June 2019) with the option for additional one-year terms on the lease of the facility.

The District Board also empowered the College to identify and negotiate terms for a purchased or leased facility in South Madison that meets the instructional and student support needs previously identified by the College. The College will also identify the associated financial resources for such a facility.

Nearly 50% of the adult population of South Madison is 25 years of age and older has an education level between some high school and some college, compared to 31% for the entire city of Madison.

9 August Election for Dane County District Attorney

The Most Important Election of 2016



Pop Quiz

What is the most important election of 2016?

- A) The Congressional Election
- B) The US Senatorial Election
- C) The Presidential Election
- D) None of the Above

For communities of color, the answer is D) None of the Above.

Tuesday, 9 August, is the date of the Dane County District Attorney election involving District Attorney Ismael Ozanne who will be challenged by Assistant District Attorney Bob Jambois.

Although the election is portrayed as a Democratic Primary, there are no Republican candidates. Therefore, the winner of the 9 August election will become the Dane County District Attorney for the next four years.

Pursuant to the US Department of Justice, approximately 12-13% of the American population are African-American, but make up 35% of jail inmates, and 37% of prison inmates of the 2.2 million male inmates as of 2014.

A Candidate Forum involving District Attorney candidates, Ismael Ozanne and Bob Jambois will be held 6:00 p.m., 2 August at the Urban League of Greater Madison, 1st Floor Community Room, 2222 S. Park Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

During the Forum, each candidate will present information about their qualifications and background, and address issues that are currently facing Dane County. Please access <https://2016danecountydacandidateforum.eventbrite.com> to register for the event.

*** Remember, the election for this important office will occur Tuesday, 9 August, 2016.**

22 July

Investiture of Everett Mitchell

Dane County Circuit Court Branch 4



You are cordially invited to the establishment of Everett Mitchell as the First African American Judge of Dane County Circuit Court.

The ceremony will be held, 3.30 pm at the Dane County Courthouse 215 S. Hamilton Street, Madison, WI, Courtroom 1A.

A 5:00 - 7:00 PM Reception for Judge Mitchell will be held at the Madison

Club following the Investiture.

Since 2011, Rev. Mitchell has served as Senior Pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Madison, Wisconsin with an over 400-member congregation. He continues to serve the congregation with passion, vision and commitment.

Rev Mitchell was formerly an Assistant District Attorney in Dane County. Since leaving the District Attorney's office, he continues to provide Pro Bono legal services to disenfranchised people of Dane County and volunteer to teach young people about their legal rights and responsibilities.

23 July

Walk It Out



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Psi Omega Chapter, will hold their 8th Annual "Walk It Out" Health Fair at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, 25 July 2015, Warner Park Community Center, 1625 Northport Drive, Madison, WI.

This is a FREE community health fair with an emphasis on physical and mental health. The event begins with a two-mile walk or a one- to three-mile run and continues with free classes in WERQ Fitness, Pilates, R U Fit, and Spinning as well as massage therapy, a mental health workshop, and healthy cooking demonstrations.

25 July "Fun with a Purpose" Annual Golf Outing



The Annual Golf Outing of the 100 Black Men of Madison will be staged Monday, 27 July, at The Oaks Golf Course, 4740 Pierceville Road, Cottage Grove, WI 53527.

Proceeds from this event will be utilized to support the 100 BMM's commitment to the intellectual development of youth and the economic empowerment of the African-American Community based on the precepts of respect for family, spirituality, justice and integrity.

The Golf Outing format is a four-person best ball scramble. Prizes and awards will be given for the low-gross teams, longest drive, closest to the pin, Putting Contest, Hole-in-one opportunities to win a new automobile or motorcycle, and more. Individuals and teams are welcome!

Non-golfers and/or supporters are also invited to attend and support this effort at the dinner portion of this event.

Please [click here to register](#) for the event registration. [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) are available.

Wes Sparkman Appointed Director Equity and Inclusion



Highly effective administrator, Wes Sparkman has been appointed to position of Director of the newly created Office for Equity and Inclusion. The office furthers Dane County's ongoing commitment to addressing racial, gender, and disabilities disparities.

In launching new initiatives for equity, the office will guide Dane County's Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Contract Compliance, and Civil Rights Compliance functions. In addition, the new office will serve as a resource for all County departments around issues of equity, disparities, conflict resolution, staff development and best practices. In an age where much attention is being placed on racial disparities, the creation of this office demonstrates a long term commitment to address these issues and institutionalize the work of heightening awareness, eliminating disparities, and achieving equity.

Fisher v. University of Texas



Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in Fisher v. University of Texas, upholding the University of Texas's diversity admission policy. In a 4 to 3 decision, the Court held that carefully crafted admissions policies that consider racial diversity as one factor in creating a well-rounded student body is constitutional under the Equal

Protection Clause.

This is a major victory for universities, social justice, the nation and our Community.

The decision in Fisher v. University of Texas will allow talented students from all backgrounds the opportunity to overcome obstacles and experience educational opportunity.

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