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Arlington, Virginia – Finally, some good news in the DMV! Arlington's biggest civil rights & social justice event of the year is coming next month.

NAACP Arlington Branch is hosting their 78th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, *Glow Unapologetically: Embracing Black Brilliance*, on Saturday, October 4th at George Mason University (Arlington). This will be a vibrant celebration of Black excellence, brilliance, and unapologetic pride. Tickets are on sale at www.arlingtonnaacp.com through September 29th, and will not be sold at the door on the night of the banquet.

The keynote speaker is Congresswoman Jennifer McClellan, member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's 4th District. From Petersburg to Richmond to Washington, DC, Rep. McClellan has built a reputation as a tireless advocate, turning progressive values into lasting change. NAACP Arlington Branch Awards will be presented at this evening spent honoring those who have embraced, shared and utilized their power, brilliance and heritage.

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NAACP Arlington Branch advocates, agitates, and litigates for the civil rights due to Black America. Our legacy is built on the foundation of grassroots activism by civil rights pioneers who founded the NAACP in 1909 and this branch in 1940. The work of this nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization is sustained by 21st-century Arlington activists and supporters. From classrooms and courtrooms to Arlington County government, the Virginia General Assembly, and the U.S. Congress, our members work to secure the social and political power that will end race-based discrimination. That work is rooted in racial equity, civic engagement, and supportive policies and institutions for all marginalized people. We are committed to an Arlington without racism where Black people enjoy equitable opportunities in a thriving community.

Event Details

Glow Unapologetically: *Embracing Black Brilliance*
78th Annual NAACP Arlington Branch Freedom Fund Banquet
Date and Time: Saturday, October 4, 2025, 7:00 pm
Location: George Mason University - Mason Square (Arlington)
3351 Fairfax Drive
Arlington VA 22201
Tickets: <https://arlingtonnaacp.com/freedom-fund>