



Racine NAACP ACT-SO Program
Afro-Academic Cultural Technological Scientific Olympics

ACT-SO Chair

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Thomas Friedel
730 Washington Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mayor:

I am chairperson of the ACT-SO Program (Afro-Academic Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics) for Racine. It is a major youth initiative of the NAACP. Founded in 1978 by renowned author and journalist Vernon Jarrett, ACT-SO provides a forum through which African American high school youth demonstrate academic, artistic and scientific prowess and expertise, thereby gaining the same recognition often reserved only for entertainers and athletes. Through ACT-SO, the NAACP is providing an instrument through which youth are encouraged and inspired toward excellence in academic and cultural pursuits, while benefiting from the maximum support of their community. Annually, ACT-SO conducts local competition for students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) in categories that include the Sciences, Humanities, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Entrepreneurship.

At our local event, we select bronze, silver and gold medalists. Our top winners (the gold medalists) then compete nationally with winners from other cities at National ACT-SO Competitions held during the annual NAACP National convention. In our efforts to hold our annual local competition and recognition ceremony, we are asking the City of Racine to provide us the use of the Tyler-Domer Community facility gratis as a show of the City's interest in and support of our youth.

As a community we must wrap our arms around our own if we truly want progress.

Respectfully,

Geraldine White, ACT-SO Chair
Coleen Lassiter, ACT-SO Co-Chair
Racine Branch NAACP

cc Donnie Snow, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Michael Shields, President, Racine Branch NAACP