



Greater Bristol NAACP is gearing up for Scholarship Breakfast

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BRISTOL – The Greater Bristol NAACP is gearing up for its Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Rev. Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead Scholarship Breakfast as it looks to empower the next generation’s academic future.

Bristol native and U.S. Department of Energy Advisor Danisha Craig will serve as its keynote speaker. The breakfast will be held Jan. 16 at 8 a.m. in the Bristol Eastern High School to the theme of “The Energy of Our Roots.”



File photo The Greater Bristol NAACP is gearing up for its annual scholarship breakfast to kick off the new year.

“The event is important not only because it provides a high school graduate financial assistance with college, it is an event that embodies what Martin Luther King stood for and that’s unity within the community,” read a statement provided by NAACP Interim President Tim Camerl and incoming Second Vice Chair Kelly Houston. “This event will bring together people to support a good cause. The Bristol NAACP branch will continue to bring together the community and empower individuals to help one another.”

According to her profile on the college website, Marist College graduate Craig was a standout student who studied political science and women’s studies before she earned a paralegal certificate. She was also considered one of the institution’s premier athletes. After graduating from the college in 2018, she was sworn into the Biden-Harris Administration in the Department of Energy’s Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs to fill the role of a senate legislative affairs advisor.

Craig also served in U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal’s office as a legislative assistant specializing in issues related to economic policy, banking, energy and the environment.

As a student athlete, Craig broke eight records at Marist College as a runner.

Craig said that during her time staffing government offices there were a variety of historical moments such as Supreme Court nominations, a government shutdown, a presidential transition, the pandemic and the Jan. 6, 2021 Capitol Building Attack.

The Greater Bristol NAACP created a scholarship fund in honor of local figure Rev. Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead as well as Dr. Martin Luther King with the Main Street Community Foundation in 2021.

Whitehead was noted for being a central individual in the forming of the Greater Bristol NAACP. According to his obituary on Legacy.com, he was a World War II veteran who served in the U.S Army; served as chaplain to the Bristol Police Department; was founder and pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church; was recognized with the Key to the City by former Mayor Bill Stortz; received the Humanitarian Award from the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol and more. He retired from Pratt and Whitney.

Whitehead was born February 1920 and died in August 2009.

To get tickets or to sponsor the event, contact Johanna Nagle at 860-690-0336 or email jl Nagle@live.com.