

CASA OF NEW JERSEY SYMPOSIUM 2021

Disproportionality and the Impact of Structural Racism in the Child Welfare System

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Bruce S. Morgan

Opening
Remarks

Bruce is a firm believer that to make a better world, you must be socially responsible in the community you live in. His motto is “Whatever you do to make a better world, do more.” He and his brother learned about activism from their parents growing up in Harlem.

He is currently the 1st Vice President of the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP and President of the New Brunswick Area Branch NAACP, and the Region II representative to the NAACP National Resolutions Committee.

Bruce was instrumental in planning a summit on “Economics and African-American Politics” sponsored by the NJSC-NAACP and Rutgers University Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy. His commitment to youth has the New Brunswick Area Branch working closely with the New Brunswick ACT-SO mentoring program and Rutgers University NAACP Scarlet Chapter.

Bruce served on the Highland Park Police Activities League Board, coached softball and basketball with the Highland Park Recreation Department and was a member of the Parents Advisory Committee on Diversity. He served on the Highland Park Committee on Race Relations Task Force, organized forums on racial profiling, voter education and candidate forums. He was Chairman, of the Middlesex County Human Relations Committee and member of the Highland Park Human Relations Commission. Bruce led the effort for the naming of several streets in Highland Park honoring African Americans.

Bruce served on Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital's Independent Review Board Executive Committee. He joined the Mt. Zion AME Church Community Development Corporation that built over 25 affordable homes in New Brunswick.

Bruce was recognized for his work with the Asian Indian community by the South Asian Community Organization, he was a featured speaker at Anshe Emeth Temple's Conference of Conscious, and a panelist for the American Muslim Council's forum on "the Muslim Ban."

Bruce established a working relationship with local law enforcement officials. He prevented some youth from arrest through station house adjustments. Bruce advises community members seeking redress for police misconduct and had the traffic pattern changed on a state highway to provide safe pedestrian crossing to a local park. Public officials, clergy, community leaders and citizens often request Bruce's council and advise.

Bruce, the recipient of numerous awards and citations always credits those standing beside him on the front lines fighting for freedom and equality. Some of his awards are the Highland Park Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Community Service from H.O.N.O.R an affinity group of Johnson & Johnson, Paul Harris Award (Rotary International), Vulcan Pioneers of NB Community Service Award and jointly with his wife, the Metuchen-Edison Area Branch NAACP Ozzie Davis & Ruby Dee Award. He received citations from US Congressman Frank Pallone, the NJ Senate and General Assembly and Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Bruce is an avid sports fan, music lover and traveler. He has been married to his wife Deborah for over 41 years and has 2 children, son Bruce Jr. (partner Naomi) and daughter Danelle (husband Ed).aughter Danelle (husband Ed).