

CHAIR REPORT

The commission is made up of members from all parts of Tulsa, with experience in a number of sectors and skills in a number of areas. From educators and librarians, to lawyers and policy makers, to social workers and artists, there is great knowledge within the group. **Chair Dickens has asked commissioners to determine ways to leverage that expertise to strengthen the committee's work and impact.** He encouraged commissioners to actively seek out community partnerships to support the commission's work.



Meet the newest GTAAAC member, Ray'chel Wilson, a financial educator and consultant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As the year begins to close, GTAAAC is working on new ways to meet their goals. Leadership changes are forthcoming as the Chair and Vice-Chair's tenures are soon over.

- The **POLICY** committee is discussing action plans to be better positioned to respond to future community issues and bridge information gaps. One idea to support this is host a community engagement forum.
- The **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** committee is determining more ways to share this newsletter with the broader Tulsa community. Email the committee here to have your name added to the email list.
- The **EDUCATION** committee hosted their second annual Black Educator Excellence Awards on 10/28. They are currently working on an op-ed discussing TPS's issues with chronic absenteeism.
- The **HUMAN RIGHTS** commission will host their Annual Humanitarian of the Year Award on 12/11 at 6 p.m. This year's recipients include GTAAAC commissioner Maybelle Wallace and Indian Affairs commissioner Winnie Guess Perdue.

HISTORY CORNER: AFRICAN FREE SCHOOL

The New York African Free School was created in 1787 as part of the mission of the New York Manumission Society. It began as a single room schoolhouse with around forty students, children of both the free and enslaved. The children were taught reading, writing, math, and geography. The boys also studied subjects like astronomy, while the girls learned to sew and knit. It was one of, if not the first, school for Africans in the U.S.

- For more information, check the NY Historical Society [webpage](#).

EVENTS

11/1: Dia de los Muertos Arts Festival - Living Arts, 11 a.m.

11/1: African Market Oklahoma - Historic Big 10 Ballroom, 12 p.m.

11/5: Midweek Market Karaoke Night w/Mr. Greenwood - Chapman Green, 5:30 p.m.

11/5: Annual Eddie Faye Gates Program feat. Stephen Towns - TU Lorton Performance Center, 7 p.m.

11/7-8: Genealogy Workshop - Virtual, 10 a.m.

11/8: Oklahoma Fatherhood Summit - NSU Broken Arrow, 8:30 a.m.

11/8: College Bound Workshop - Parent Resource Center, 10 a.m. (Register by 11/1 to be entered for prizes)

11/15: The Magic of Motown - TPAC, 7:30 p.m.

11/20: JHF Dinner for Reconciliation - Greenwood Cultural Center, 7 p.m.

11/22: Native Christmas Market - Jenks Riverwalk Terrace, 1 p.m.

11/27: HAPPY THANKSGIVING

11/29: Park Pop Out - Cheyenne Park, 4 p.m. 11/8:

