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Greater Milwaukee Urban League hosts '41st Annual Black & White Ball'










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More than 750 guests filled the Baird Center on Saturday, November 7, 2026 for the Greater Milwaukee Urban League's "41st Annual Black & White Ball,' GMUL's largest fundraiser. Enterprise Mobility was the Presenting Sponsor. The Co-Chairs were Najeeb W. Rabadi of Enterprise Holdings and Dr. Celeste and Sheldon Cuffie of Cream City Cyber.

Guests also visited GMUL's Entrepreneurship Connection Gallery, which showcases guest entrepreneurs. This year's gallery featured artist Rosy Petri, curated by Greenwood Park Gallery & Framing, Inc.; Janette Marie Jewelry by Janette Braverman; Beautiful and Colorful Designs by youth entrepreneur Kadence Jones; and GMUL AI Bootcamp scholar Lee Vines, Jr.

Spectrum News 1 anchor Sachelle Reed emceed the evening, and Cigarette Break Band kept the dance floor full. The Famous Racing Sausages, sponsored by the Brewers Community Foundation, made a surprise appearance. Media partners included Spectrum News 1, WNOV 860 and The Truth 101.7.

Founded in 1919, the Greater Milwaukee Urban League leads through education, employment, entrepreneurship, advocacy and civic engagement. For more information or to make a gift, visit tmul.org/donate.

DryHootch and Zion Hill MBC hosts Veterans Day program and Luncheon



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The Veterans Day Program and Luncheon, hosted by DryHootch, A Veterans Peer Support Services Office, was held on Sunday, November 8, 2026, at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 1825 West Hampton Ave.

The guest speaker was Mr. James Bond, Wisconsin Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Serving as Mistress and Master of Ceremonies were Chandra Staples, Veterans Committee Coordinator, and U.S. Army Veteran Richard Badger. Alma Leatherwood served as Co-Chair of the event. Guest Soloist/Instrumentalist was John and Evaughn High, and there was a poetry performance by Tiffany Kohler. The program provided an opportunity to recognize and honor veterans for their service and dedication to our country.

Election 2026: Black candidates make history from Georgia to Wisconsin



On Tuesday, November 3, 2026, as the returns for the 2026 Midterm elections began to come in two things were noticeable. One, that the Democratic candidates were going to have big wins all across the country, giving them control of both the House and the Senate; and two, an outstanding number of the candidates who won where Black. Many of them were ground breaking wins like Milwaukee's own David Crowley becoming Wisconsin's first Black Governor. Let's look at those big wins.

History makers

Keisha Lance Bottoms made history as the first Black woman elected governor of Georgia, defeating Republican businessman Rick Jackson and flipping the top job in a key swing state. She is also the country's first Black woman elected governor of any state. Bottoms won with 54.3 percent of the vote, beating Jackson by 8.6 points. The former Atlanta mayor became the first Democrat to win a Georgia governor's race since 1998. She will also be Georgia's first governor of color; all 83 of the state's previous governors were white men.

Stacey Plaskett won the U.S. Virgin Islands governor's race in a landslide, becoming the first woman elected to lead the territory since Virgin Islanders gained the right to choose their own governor more than 50 years ago. Plaskett and her running mate, Virgin Islands Senate President Milton Potter, received 62.8 percent of the vote in unofficial results. Because the territory inaugurated its governor first, Plaskett will be the first Black woman to take office as an elected governor in the United States. Former Sen. Janelle Sarauw won the congressional seat Plaskett is leaving.

In the Midwest and West, two more states elected their first Black governors. Milwaukee County Executive **David Crowley,** the Democratic nominee in Wisconsin, will be the state's first Black governor. Nevada voters elected their first Black governor, **Aaron Ford**, who will also be the first Black governor of any state west of the Mississippi River. Ford was previously Nevada's first Black Senate majority leader and attorney general.

In Florida, Republican U.S. Rep. **Byron Donalds** became the first Black person ever elected to statewide office there and the nation's first elected Black Republican governor. Maryland Gov. **Wes Moore**, the nation's third elected Black governor and the only one currently serving, won reelection.

In New York, **Adrienne Adams** will become the first Black woman elected lieutenant governor. Adams previously served as speaker of the New York City Council, the first Black person to hold that post. In South Carolina, state Sen. **Mike Reichenbach** is projected to become the state's first Black lieutenant governor since 1876. In Pennsylvania, Lt. Gov. **Austin Davis**, the state's first Black lieutenant governor, is projected to win a second term.

In Denver, democratic socialist **Melat Kiros** won Colorado's 1st Congressional District, marking the first time a Gen Z woman will serve in Congress. According to her campaign, she is also the first Black woman from Colorado elected to Congress. Kiros was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and her family moved to Denver when she was a baby. She won with 78.3 percent of the vote after defeating 15-term incumbent Diana DeGette in the Democratic primary.

With Democrats winning control of the U.S. House, Minority Leader **Hakeem Jeffries** of New York will become the first Black speaker of the House when the new Congress convenes in January.

In the U.S. Senate, Illinois Lt. Gov. **Juliana Stratton** became only the fifth Black woman ever elected to the chamber. Her win means that, for the first time, three Black women will serve in the Senate at once.

In Mississippi, Democrat **Scott Colom** held a narrow lead over Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith in unofficial results as of Nov. 6, but the race had not been called. If Colom wins, he would become Mississippi's first Black U.S. senator since Reconstruction.

In Minnesota State Rep. **Cedrick Frazier** narrowly defeated former acting U.S. Attorney Anders Folk in the race for Hennepin County attorney. Frazier, a Democratic–Farmer–Labor (DFL) Party state representative and former public defender, will become Hennepin County's first African American county attorney in the states 168-year history.

Minnesota Attorney General **Keith Ellison** also returns to office. Ellison won reelection, defeating Republican challenger Ron Schutz with 54.3 percent of the vote to Schutz's 45.5 percent. It will be his third term as Minnesota attorney general. Ellison became Minnesota's first African American and first Muslim American elected to statewide office.

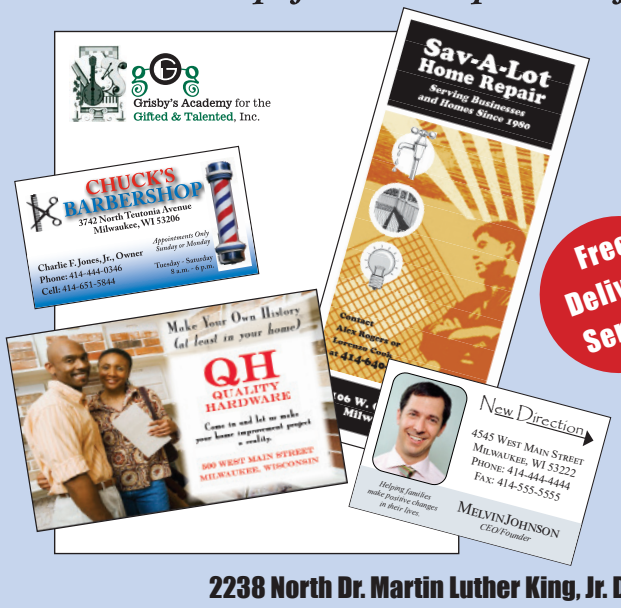
At the Capitol, Sen. **Bobby Joe Champion**, DFL-Minneapolis, will again serve as president of the Minnesota Senate. Champion became the first Black person to hold the role in 2023.

In Minneapolis, U.S. Rep. **Ilhan Omar** secured reelection with 76.5 percent of the vote in Minnesota's 5th Congressional District, winning a fifth term. It was her best result since her first House campaign in 2018.

Somali Americans also gained ground in the Minnesota Capitol. **Abdi Daisane** defeated Republican Mike Conway, president of the St. Cloud City Council, to become the area's first Somali American state lawmaker. His win flipped a Republican-held district.

Note: This list reflects results available as of Nov. 6 and may not include every Black candidate elected across the nation. Some races remain too close to call.

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Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell launches Milwaukee County Executive bid, vows to build on David Crowley's legacy: 'I don't believe in the impossible'

By Drake Bentley

When Marcelia "Cece" Nicholson-Bovell was a young girl growing up on Milwaukee's north side she would often play outside with her family and friends.

But one day, as Nicholson-Bovell chased her mother across the street she was suddenly struck by a car. The driver immediately stopped before exiting the vehicle.

"What stuck with me was hearing the woman, who was a white woman, get out of the car and say, 'Oh my God, I'm so sorry. I was just trying to get out of here,'" Nicholson-Bovell told the Milwaukee Courier on Nov. 7.

The woman had made a wrong turn upon exiting I-43 and ended up in the heart of Milwaukee's challenged 53206 ZIP code. A place she admitted she didn't want to be.

The dynamics of the city — one of pervasive historic segregation — became all the more apparent for the third grader. Then she grew older and began to connect the dots about her community.

"My family, my parents worked hard every single day, but still couldn't afford their own home," she said.

Nicholson-Bovell questioned why she would see people selling and ingesting crack cocaine in her neighborhood and recalls hearing gunshots many nights.

"When I became older, I started to make those connections about mental health and trauma and all the things that my community has gone through," she said.

"There was so much adversity as a child, but I think it also built my character and it made me stronger and I think a better representative for Milwaukee County because I've not only lived it and experienced it, but I understand it."

Nicholson-Bovell, 38, has served on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors since April 2016. She made history in April 2020, when she became the first Black and Latina person elected chairwoman and has since been reelected unanimously.

She was sworn in during the same time period as Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. More than six years later, Crowley has just been elected the first Black governor in Wisconsin history, leaving a vacancy at the county executive position.



Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson is seeking the position of Milwaukee County Executive.

Source: Submitted photo

Upon his resignation, Nicholson-Bovell automatically becomes acting county executive. But she will appoint another individual to interim ahead of the spring election in April 2027.

Nicholson-Bovell is seeking the county executive position and provided the Courier an exclusive interview to launch her run on Nov. 9. If elected, Nicholson-Bovell would become the first Black and Latina woman elected county executive.

Nicholson-Bovell's parents are longtime public servants. Her father, Maurice Nicholson, worked for Milwaukee Public Schools for 30 years. His family is from Alabama but they relocated to Milwaukee during the Great Migration. Nicholson-Bovell's mother, Herminia Nicholson, still works for MPS and her family is originally from Puerto Rico.

Like many parents of color who have lived decades in Milwaukee, Nicholson-Bovell's parents saw their neighborhood change for the worse. Children are now growing up in a more dangerous, nefarious environment.

"There was a lot of joy, but I also saw things looking out my window that I think no children should be able to see," Nicholson-Bovell said.

Nicholson-Bovell can be first woman of color elected Milwaukee County Executive.

A chance to make history in Milwaukee County is not Nicholson-Bovell's reason to seek the seat, but she understands that she is a product of her background and isn't satisfied with potentially being the first.

"I have a bittersweet feeling about it," she said. "It's exciting and empowering to know that I'll be able to shatter that glass ceiling and provide for others to come behind me. But that's just it, it's 2026 and we're still talking about the first. That breaks my heart because I know so many amazing, brilliant women before me."

Nicholson-Bovell views herself as standing on the shoulders of women like Vel Phillips, Gwen Moore and Michelle Obama.

It's still too early to know if any other serious contenders will seek the county executive position. Nicholson-Bovell worked closely with Crowley the past six years. The county executive and chair of the Board can typically be at odds throughout the legislative process, especially when more conservative members are in leadership. But Nicholson-Bovell worked seamlessly with Crowley to pass the county's agenda. By seeking the chief executive role, Nicholson-Bovell sees an opportunity to build on that work while also finding new innovative ways to govern.

"I've learned the way county government works," she said. "I know the people who keep it running and so I have firsthand experience. But also, making sure the continuity piece of (Crowley) going to the governor's office will ensure that there is no gap or lapse in service to the million residents we serve."

Residents are more likely to interact with city government like their alderperson, but county government can provide critical mental health services to the community, emergency assistance for those in need of housing, substance abuse prevention work, and operate the Community Reintegration Center (formerly House of Correction).

"(Crowley) has left a great foundation for me to build upon, but I think what differs me from (Crowley) is I'm a big dreamer," Nicholson-Bovell said. "And so I don't believe in the impossible. I'm thinking about what more we can do with what we have. I want Milwaukee County residents to know, I want to make life easier, I want to make life more affordable."

"As things get more challenging for our families in this current economic environment, I'm not going to cut services. And I'm going to work as hard to leverage my relationships, leverage my background, leverage my network to bring more creative ideas and solutions."

"I want to bring more people to the table. Not just the politics, not just the operatives, not just the CEOs, but the working mom, the formerly incarcerated, the youth. It's not about self. It's about what you can provide to others with the gifts that have been given to you."

Nicholson-Bovell's background is filled with a passion for education

Having been in public office for a decade, and coming from a family with a history of involvement in public education, Nicholson-Bovell is well connected in the community. She is a graduate of Milwaukee School of Languages and has been recognized with awards for her labor activism work while teaching at MPS.

Nicholson-Bovell started teaching in 2012 and was assigned a fourth-grade classroom that had previously been used for special education.

"I didn't have enough tables and chairs for the roster of students," she said. "The books were all torn up, the paper was peeling off the walls. And they're like you have three days to transform this classroom."

This is when Nicholson-Bovell learned about the value and importance of labor unions.

"I called the teachers union and they delivered me supplies," she said. "I learned about the value of joining the union and it was actually the teachers union that pulled me in. They saw that I was eager, that I was young, that I cared. They started inviting

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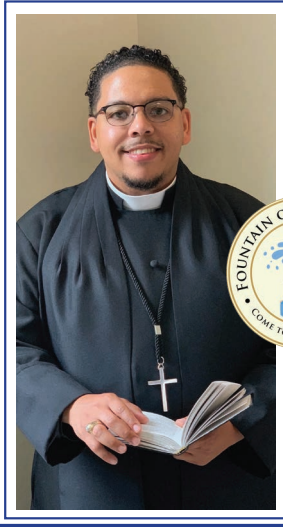


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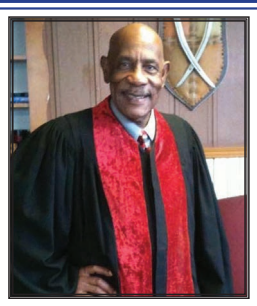
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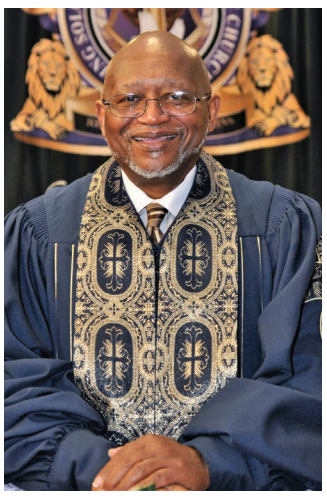
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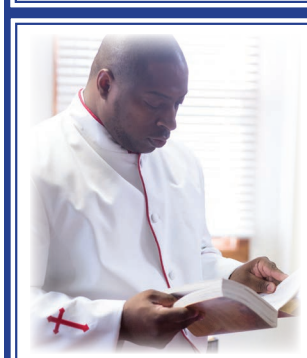
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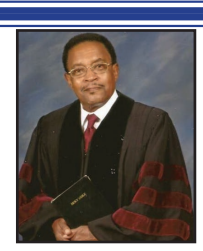
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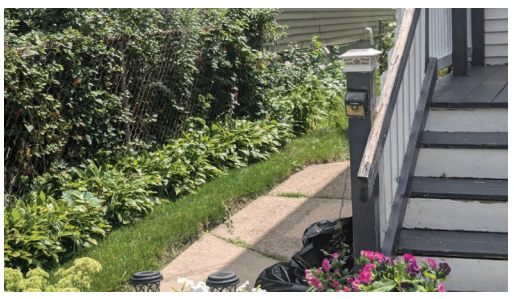
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In July, the Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD) - Milwaukee Chapter's Community Beautification Committee selected Mrs. Maylena Conners (center) as the 1st Place winner of their 3rd Annual Garden Competition. Pictured are (from left) Lady Beatrice Campbell, Maylena Conners and Lady Sandra Hubbard Community Beautification Chair. The President of the Milwaukee Chapter is Lady Dara Atandare and Vice President is Lady Erica Harris-Day.

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International Flags

The Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention, Inc. held its 2026 Fall Session at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Milwaukee November 1st and 2nd beginning with the Judith T. Lester Institute on Monday and the World's Day of Prayer, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary under the leadership of Women's President, Mrs. Barbary Wyatt Sibley.

Dr. Justin R. Lester, a native of Milwaukee and the son of the Late Judith T. Lester and Pastor of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Vallejo, CA served as the guest preacher at the institute Sunday evening at 3:00 P.M. Then, on Monday, November 2nd, the WGBSC Women's Auxiliary held their Annual World Day of Prayer. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement where Christian women unite annually to pray for peace and justice, engaging in prayer and action for communities in need. This event is celebrated in over 170 countries, fostering a spirit of solidarity among participants. Rev. Melinda Welton-Mitchell, Executive Minister, American Baptist Churches Of Wisconsin served as the guest speaker. Leadership International flags were given as a momento as a reminder of Baptist Women around the world who were also praying.

The WGBSC, Inc.'s Fall Session continued its Service of Worship and Consecration, and Presidential Installation Service at the New Zion Baptist Church in Beloit, WI where Reverend James M. Ivy, President-Elect of the convention serves as Pastor. The guest preachers, both childhood friends of President-Elect Ivy, included Dr. Howard-John Wesley of Alexandra, VA and Dr. Marcus D. Cosby of Houtson, TX.

Reverend Dr. Howard-John Wesley, a nationally recognized preacher and prophetic voice in the contemporary Black Church served as guest speaker on Wednesday evening in Beloit. Dr. Wesley, a Chicago native and fourth-generation Baptist preacher, is the eight Senior Pastor of the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandra, VA.

Reverend Dr. Marcus D. Cosby is widely recognized for his commitment to relevant, biblical preaching and for equipping the next generation of ministers Dr. Cosby serves as the Senior Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, TX. He is the Founder and CEO of Preaching with Power and Authority Ministries, an Adjunct Professor of Homiletics and trusted leader in church and community service.

Dr. Cosby delivered the Installation Sermon Thursday evening. Following the message, President-Elect Ivy was given the Presidential Oath of Office by Past President Louis E. Sibley III and the Installation Charge by Past President Fred Crother. Past President Robert T. Wilson gave the Installation Charge to Convention Officers and immediate Past President Keith T. Evans gave the Installation Prayer.

Listed are key officers of the convention; other positions will be provided at a later date. Officers include: President, Rev. James M. Ivy; Vice President-at-Large, Rev. Christopher R. Boston; Women's Aux. President, Mrs. Tonya Evans; Laymen's Aux. President, Mr. Leonard Cratic; Congress President, Rev. John McBride.



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Bulletin Board

Bucks will honor him on Veterans Day, as a veteran of the military and at MPS

Leden G. Wood sees parallels between his military experience — serving 27 years in the U.S. Navy — and leading a school community. So, it's fitting that the principal of Milwaukee Public Schools' (MPS) Harold S. Vincent School of Agricultural Science will be honored at the Milwaukee Bucks game on this Veterans Day as the team's educator of the month.

Mr. Wood will be recognized on the court at Wednesday's game versus the Los Angeles Lakers at Fiserv Forum, during the first timeout of the first quarter. The award, presented with insurance broker Gallagher, also provides a $1,000 stipend for resources for Vincent High School.

A Bucks crew visited Mr. Wood at Vincent to record a video for the award, giving the principal a chance to show off one of the aspects of Vincent he's most proud of — the school's urban agriculture program. It's the only program like it in Wisconsin.


Web Photo

Filming took place in Vincent's new animal-sciences building, where students work with farm animals that include goats, sheep, chickens, and a new heifer named Roxy, who is due to give birth on April 7.

Vincent students also learn the business, entrepreneurial, and mechanical sides of farming, and they can study horticulture and food science, as well, all while learning the importance of sustainability.

Once students leave, they can pursue a career in the field — Mr. Wood is struck that some want to become large-animal veterinarians. "It shows that our kids are thinking outside the box," he said.

Knowledge for a lifetime

And even if students don't go into agriculture, they'll leave with knowledge for a lifetime, including how to grow their own vegetables and even how to raise their own chickens.

Mr. Wood said learning goes both ways at Vincent — students share with him what they learn in the agriculture program, too. (One example: "If the sun isn't shining, the chickens aren't laying eggs.")

Teamwork is, of course, essential in both the military and education, the principal said, and both the military and education are about service to others, he notes.

They also have in common planning, preparing, and maintaining so operations go smoothly, as well as ensuring that qualified people are in place to do the job.

Principal Wood said he makes sure he's there for people when they have questions or concerns. He would say he has an open-door policy, but he's rarely in his office — instead, he's walking through the high school and interacting with others.

"You don't have to worry about that barrier of that door being closed," Mr. Wood said.

Everything is done with the students in mind, he said. "They are our customers. We want to make sure we give them a good outcome. We owe it to the families. We owe it to the kids," the principal said.

"I do consider myself a servant of the community. I do love serving my community and my country. I just love serving people," Mr. Wood said — it's the answer to his "why."

Principal Wood, who was deployed to the Persian Gulf while in the Navy, has served MPS at 14 sites and at every grade level, starting as a paraprofessional in 2000 at what was then Twenty-first Street School. Today, it's Gwen T. Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary School.

He became a 3rd-grade teacher — he remembers he had 14 girls and four boys in class — at what was then Garfield School (now part of Carver Academy of Mathematics and Science) in 2004. He went on to more elementary schools and middle schools before becoming an assistant principal at Green-Tree Preparatory Academy and ultimately principal in July at Vincent.

"I worked for some great leaders," and each shaped him in some way, Principal Wood said.

Others have a say

"This is the SS Vincent," Mr. Wood said. Every principal is the commander of their own vessel, but they learn from other leaders, same as in the Navy, he observed.

Mr. Wood became a believer in leading from the back instead of always being front and center after reading what Nelson Mandela had to say about leadership.

"You allow teachers and students to have voice and develop," the principal said. "When you allow them to have voice and be part of the process, now they take ownership."

"I definitely 100 percent do not want to silence their voices," he said of students and staff. "We're all doing things for academic achievement."

On Wednesday, Mr. Wood is bringing family members with him to the game, courtesy of the Bucks, to see him receive the honor.

"It's nice to be recognized, but it's very humbling," Principal Wood said. "It just makes me want to work harder."



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Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell launches bid for County Executive

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me to meetings. I learned how to represent my constituency, which was Black and Brown families. I taught at a bilingual school."

"And so, that really started to shape my worldview because teachers poured into me. I became a teacher because I wanted to give back to our children and I thought this was how I was going to save the world."

"I saw all the challenges, not only my students and their families had to overcome, but teachers as well trying to be good stewards of the education. I knew that I couldn't just teach, that I also had to organize. So I would start going to school board meetings."

Nicholson-Bovell's public image continued to grow as a regular at community events and rallies speaking about the concerns of public school teachers and labor unions. She quickly found herself on lists of Milwaukee's most influential young leaders and began receiving award recognition.

One day while teaching, Nicholson-Bovell was approached by a group of organizers from the Working Families Party, who encouraged her to run for public office.



Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson is seeking the position of Milwaukee County Executive.

Source: Submitted photo

"It was never my idea to run for office," she said. "I thought they were crazy. I said no at least a few times. And then the state Legislature attempted to take over Milwaukee Public Schools."

In 2015, Republican state lawmakers attempted to take over MPS, which is something that gets rehashed anytime MPS is under scrutiny. Such plans call for the elimination of an elected school board and instead have an appointed commissioner take control.

"That's when it clicked for me," Nicholson-Bovell said. "Someone like me, a teacher, someone from the community I'm serving needs to be at the table if the county executive was going to have a role in this potential new school district. I finally said, yes, I'm running."

Nicholson-Bovell married Afro-Guyanese husband in 2025

The church can often be a staple for many Black families in Milwaukee. That was also the case for Nicholson-Bovell, whose grandparents were in church leadership.

"We weren't the type of family that went to church just on Sunday," she said. "We were the type of family that lived in the church."

Nicholson-Bovell credits her faith with laying an early foundation of principles. She said she didn't want to put herself in a box of one single ideology, she added that she has progressive values and is willing to work with anyone committed to bettering the lives of Milwaukee County residents.

"I am always going to stay true to my values because I grew up in the church," she said. "These aren't called leftist or socialist values to me. These are the values of God himself and Jesus Christ. These are the values that are stated in the Bible."

Nicholson-Bovell married her husband, Renwick Bovell, in October 2025. Bovell, an Afro-Guyanese man, has been her rock helping her navigate life the last year.

"When we first met, I was bragging about the city and I'm like, look, if we're going to date, you need to know that I'm not going anywhere," Nicholson-Bovell said. "And he's like, whatever, Milwaukee can't be that cool. And he came here and he absolutely fell in love with it and he's loving getting to know it every single day."

It's typical for Nicholson-Bovell to be caught having brunch with her girlfriends, a group of highly influential women that includes the future First Lady of Wisconsin, Ericka Crowley.

"Sometimes we'll spin up to Chicago and do a little sightseeing, or go to a concert," she said, adding some of their favorites artists are Lauryn Hill, Beyonce and Usher.

"I'm very serious about my work as an elected official, but as serious as I am about my work, I'm serious about my role as friend, wife, daughter and sister," she added.

Nicholson-Bovell hasn't been able to escape the negative news cycle during her tenure. But she remains focused on what drives her, the disparities she discovered as a young girl on Milwaukee's north side.

"While I take accountability for some of the negative stuff, there are some other things that I feel targeted," she said. "I think it's fair to say that being a Black woman in office and being in a role that hasn't ever been held by someone who looks like me, comes with a more intense level of scrutiny. And it comes with bias. We can't escape that we still live in not only a misogynist, but a racist society."

"We are still trying to dismantle so many of these barriers."

Drake Bentley is the general assignment reporter for the Milwaukee Courier, covering politics, sports and the community. He is an award-winning investigative journalist who has worked for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Wisconsin State Journal, Newsweek, Heavy and The Sporting News. He is a northside Milwaukee native, former political staffer and graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and the University of Nebraska.





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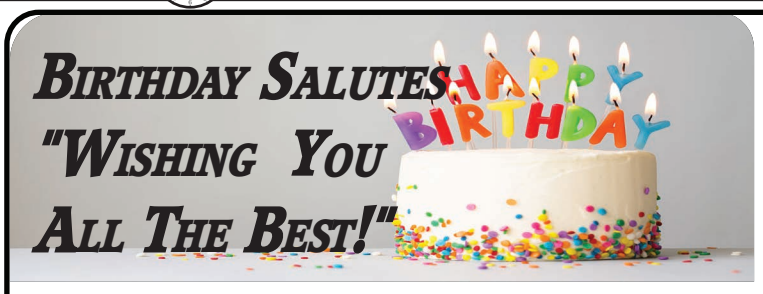
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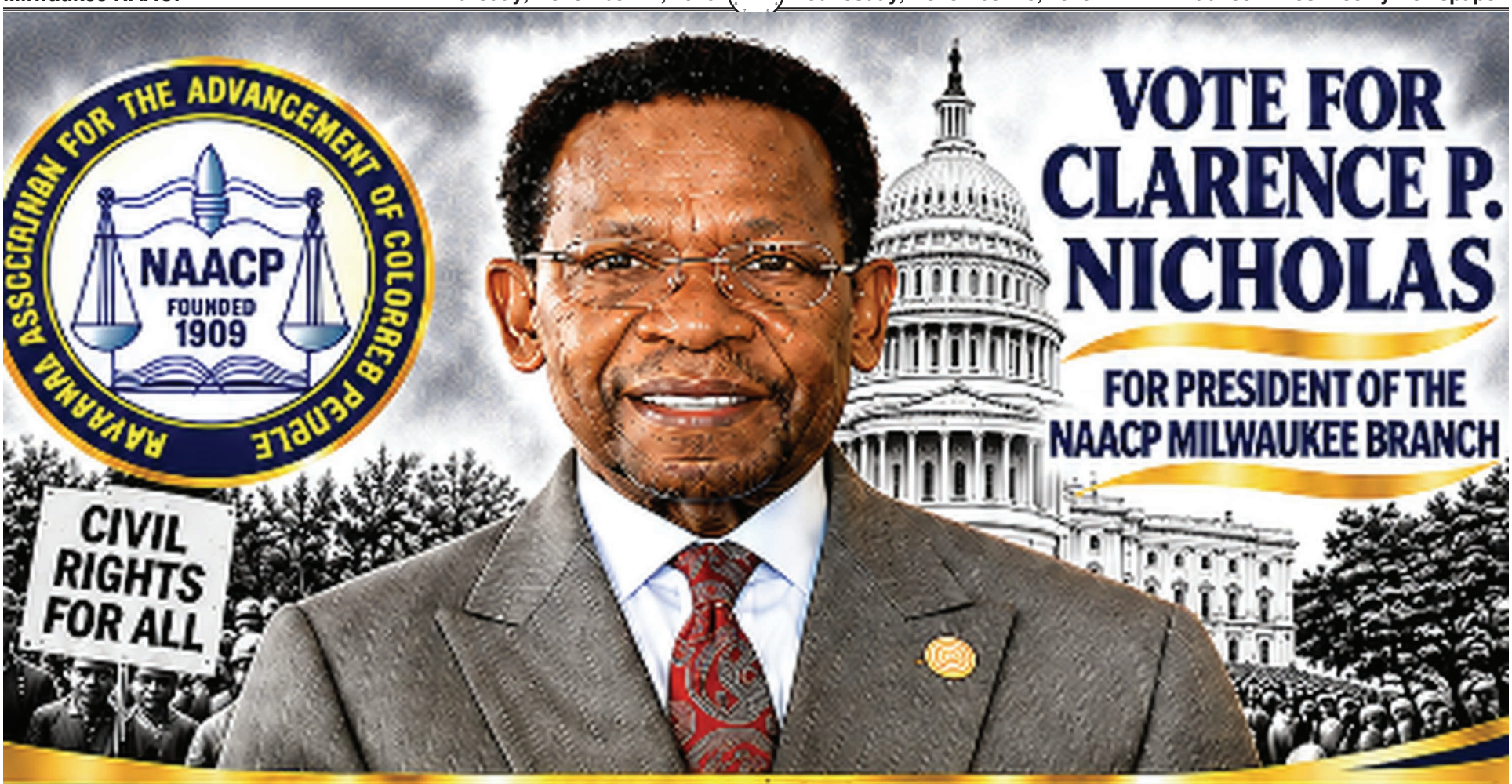
A virtual pre-proposal conference will be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, refer to the RFP for how to participate.

All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Friday, November 13, 2026 to DFMSProcurement@milwaukeepublicschools.org. No questions will be answered after that date and time. No questions will be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their response to the RFP. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to plan holders.

Submit all proposals, as stated within the proposal document instructions, no later than 3:00 PM on Wednesday, November 18, 2026.

Dr. Brenda Cassellius
Superintendent of Schools

11-05-26



MY BACKGROUND & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church Deacon since 1975; Sunday School Teacher/ Superintendent; Church Clerk
- Life Member of the NAACP – Served as Assistant Secretary (2010-14), Asst Secretary (2015-18), 1st Vice President (2018-2020), President (2025-2026)
- Member of the City of Milwaukee Ethics Board – Present
- Member of Milwauke County Ethics Board (2016-2026)
- Founding Organizer of the Milwaukee Black Teachers' Caucus (1977-1986)
- President of the Honorable Lloyd A. Barbee Foundation, Inc.
- Husband, Father and Grandfather

MY EDUCATION

- Master's Degree in Education/Principal's License – Cardinal Stritch University
- Post Graduate Studies Completion – Cardinal Stritch University
- District & Superintendent's License
- Wilberforce University Wilberforce, Ohio

  Major: BS-ED Elementary Education; Minor: Social Studies
- MPS Teacher – Lifetime License; Para-Legal Certified – MATC (2006-2009)

MY EMPLOYMENT

- MATC – Social Studies & High School Diploma Achievement (2010-2018)
- Milwaukee Public Schools Teacher (1970-2007)
- Principal of Cornerstone Achievement Academy, Inc. (MPS) (2007-2009)

MY PLATFORM

- Will Continue to Promote our National, State, and Local Fight for "We The People !"
- Will use the Honorable Lloyd A. Barbee Foundation, Inc. to legally fight for the poor, needy, and disenfranchised in the Milwaukee Community for their civil rights in employment, education, health care, housing, and social justice.
- Partnered with Call-To-Action to make North Division High School and Intermediate Charter School.
- Will fight to revise State Statute 115.385 back to Standard Academic Grade Structure.
- Will continue to maintain fiscal branch responsibility and compliance with the National NAACP.
- Will continue to expand partnerships with Milwaukee Community organizations and churches.

ELECTRONIC DETAILS

DATE: Saturday, November 21, 2026
TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ELECTRONIC VOTING: All eligible members will receive a ballot via email or text message through NAACP Election Booth.

IN-PERSON LOCATION: NAACP Milwaukee Branch Office, 2745 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee, WI.

Together We Can Make a Difference!