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NAACP DeKalb announces National ACT-SO Winners

Decatur, GA. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) DeKalb County Branch is proud to announce we have 5 of our Youth to win medals at the National NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) competition. This competition was hosted virtually July 7 -11 and consisted of over 500 ACT-SO students from NAACP branches across the country. ACT-SO Chair, Mrs. Freda Hammonds, attributes the success of the program to the commitment of our talented students and the volunteer mentors who provided the guidance to our students.

Our 2021 ACT-SO medalist are:

1. Layla Alexis White – Dramatic Arts: Acting -Silver Medal
2. Layla Alexis White – Dance: Modern -Silver Medal
3. Josiah O’Conner – Music: Classical Instrumental – Silver Medal
4. Sultan Ziyad – Stem: Architecture – Silver Medal
5. Daraja Maye – Visual Arts: Photography – Bronze Medal

President Teresa Hardy states “I am so proud of our youth. They really worked hard and was committed to this annual program working with great mentors.”

ACT-SO is yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among black high school students. The NAACP DeKalb ACT-SO Committee develops mechanisms to encourage and inspire black youth toward excellence in academics, cultural pursuits, and opportunities through community support in local annual high school competitions.

To support ACT-SO students, you can donate to this program on the website www.naacpDeKalb.org For more information on the 2022 competition, please contact the ACT-SO Chair, Fred Hammonds. at (404) 241-8006 or info@naacpdekalb.org.

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