

## The League Letter: ULCC News You Can Use



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*ULCC's mission is to advocate for and equip African Americans and all under-served communities with the tools to achieve social and economic equality.*

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## GALA NEWS

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 2022 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Awards Gala  
**GALA**  
 April 21, 2022  
 UNC Charlotte Marriott & Conference Center

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If you missed an opportunity to get seats for this year's Whitney M. Young, Jr. Awards Gala, you will have to catch the recap.

If you have a spot in the place, here are 5 things you need to know:

1. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 21.
2. Meet us at UNC Charlotte Marriott and Conference Center
3. Event starts at 6pm
4. Dress Code: Black- tie optional
5. VaxYes is required. [Get Your VaxYes Card for the Urban League of Central Carolinas](#)



WBTV New's own Kristen Miranda and Cheryl Brayboy are set to host the Gala in what's sure to be lively and entertaining night.



On Gala night, don't leave home without a negative COVID test or **vaxyes** registration. Help us keep the Gala safe for everyone. [Register here.](#)



Urban League of Central Carolinas invites you to join us for the "UniVerzuz" Education Symposium on Wednesday, **April 20, 2022** at 8:00 am at Johnson C. Smith University -- celebrating ULCC's long history of impact in the Charlotte community while honoring our youth who we recognize as resilient, innovative, scholars and empowered.

Registration and proof of vaccination or negative test required. Limited to 200 students.

To make your commitment, contact Makeda Johnson at 704.373.2256, ext. 206 or email [Makeda.johnson@UrbanLeaguecc.org](mailto:Makeda.johnson@UrbanLeaguecc.org).



Have a few hours to spare on a Wednesday morning? Want to help us provide educational opportunities for 200 students throughout the county?

Yes?

We are looking for volunteers to help us with our inaugural Education Symposium, Wednesday, April 20 starting at 8am.

There are a number of volunteer assignments available. This is an easy way to be a part of the ULCC mission and to give back to this community.

To donate your time and join us in the movement, contact Makeda Johnson at

704.373.2256, ext. 206 or email [Makeda.johnson@UrbanLeaguecc.org](mailto:Makeda.johnson@UrbanLeaguecc.org).



**READY...**

**SET...**

**BID!**

2022 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Gala  
**SILENT AUCTION**  
Bidding opens **Thursday, April 14th**

Didn't get a seat for the Gala? You can still support this us.

The Silent Auction is OPEN for bidding featuring unique collector's items and local must haves. Bidding ends Thursday, April 21 at 10pm.

**BID NOW**

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## CAREER BRIDGE



***"I needed to reinvent myself."***

While working as a technician for NASCAR, Franklin wanted to make a career change and enrolled in ULCC's HVAC (Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning) Career Bridge program.

"I've always been good with my hands, but I wanted to start my own business one day and make a decent living for my family. My wife told me about Urban League of Central Carolinas, he says."

Through the HVAC class, Franklin participated in a work-based learning experience at Lincoln Harris where he was offered a permanent position on his first day. He accepted.

"The program at the Urban League was life changing for me. It's more than the basics."

Franklin enjoyed the hands on learning he received in the class and he credits the thoughtful critiques as a critical part of the program which prepared him for the job he has today.

"There is great opportunity within the Urban League for anyone looking to get their life straight," he concludes.

## STATE OF BLACK AMERICA



The banner features a light blue background. In the top right corner, there are two logos: the National Urban League logo (a red circle with a white 'E' shape) and the State of Black America logo (a red square with a white 'E' shape). The text 'TUNE IN!' is written in white on a red rectangular background. The main text 'VIRTUAL EVENT LIVE NOW' is in large, bold, blue letters. To the right, there is a circular inset showing the cover of the 'STATE OF BLACK AMERICA' report. The cover is black with a hand putting a ballot into a box labeled 'VOTE'. Below the box is an American flag graphic. The title 'UNDER SIEGE' is in large red letters, with the subtitle 'THE PLOT TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY' in smaller white letters. The year '2022' is at the bottom left of the cover. Below the circular inset, there is a white arrow pointing right towards a red button that says 'WATCH THE EVENT HERE →'. Below the button, there is a paragraph of text.

**TUNE IN!**

# VIRTUAL EVENT LIVE NOW

WATCH THE EVENT HERE →

Tune in to learn more about the calculated tactics used to make voting more difficult in marginalized communities and what you can do to fight back.

On April 12, National Urban League released its annual State of Black America Report. Did you miss the event or want to watch it again? [View it here.](#)

## HEADLINES & CURRENT EVENTS

[Despite record spending, Charlotte's housing crisis persists - Q City Metro](#)

[As Black leaders rise, change in Mecklenburg County governing follows - The Charlotte Post](#)

[Biden Signs Emmett Till Antilynching Bill \(Today.com\)](#)

[Katherine Johnson's Great-Granddaughter Nakia Boykin on Math and Hidden Figures \(Today.com\)](#)

[A court halted a lawsuit trying to stop Charlotte-area towns from starting charter schools | WFAE 90.7 - Charlotte's NPR News Source](#)



# WHAT'S ON THE ULCC CALENDAR

Univerzuz Education Symposium - April 20

Whitney M. Young, Jr. Awards Gala - April 21

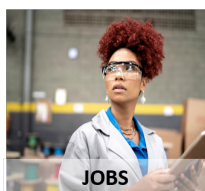
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League Alliance Meeting - May 7

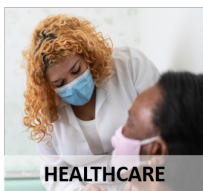
National Urban League Annual Conference (Washington, DC) - July 20-23



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