

## The League Letter: ULCC News You Can Use



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## News You Can Use

*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.*

### GALA - IT'S A WRAP



Last week, over 400 of the Queen City's finest packed the ballroom at the UNC Charlotte Marriott and Conference Center for the annual Whitney M.

Young Jr. Awards Gala presented by Wells Fargo and Atrium Health.

Local dignitaries and multiple stakeholders came together for a purposed party hosted by WBTV's Cheryl Brayboy and Kristen Miranda.

We were finally back in person in over a year -- which begged the question: Is there a good doctor in the house?

It turns out award-winning actor and bestselling author, Hill Harper, was there to fill the prescription. Harper delivered a keynote address that was sometimes serious, sometimes hilarious, but all the time indicative of the theme: **Renaissance to Resurgence: Educating a Movement**. Harper shared about black wealth and led the crowd in an affirmation and a challenge to be great.

Guests were introduced via video to two ULCC success stories, Daisha Vereen, who completed the Certified Nursing Assistant program after losing her mother and both grandmothers to COVID and Franklin Thompson, who is currently enrolled in the HVAC program and accepted a job with Lincoln Harris.

View their stories here: <https://youtu.be/DfEnQhC8ujU>

In the end, there was a charge to the community to look into the future and a thoughtful appeal to encourage guests to respond to that vision.

Overall, it was a night of inspiration, smiles and tears -- a night where the auction was silent, but the ULCC mission rang loud and clear.



Whitney M. Young, Jr. Awards Gala Recap

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2022 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Gala



**TEXT TO GIVE**  
Text **EQUITY** to  
**704-769-2628**

If you did not attend the Gala, you can still support our efforts of *Empowering Communities. Changing Lives.*

**Our text-to-give campaign runs through May 8th**

**Text "EQUITY" to 704-769-2628** to donate to be part of the *Renaissance to Resurgence* and help us to continue *Educating A Movement.*

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**EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM**





Resilient Innovative Students Empowered (RISE) is the Urban League of Central Carolinas response to youth through Project Ready programming.

More than 100 students were in attendance at ULCC's first Education Symposium.

Students participated in two workshops of their choice; received breakfast and lunch; enjoyed a guest keynote speaker, won giveaways with a DJ and marked the occasion in a 360 photo booth.

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### Early Voting:

Begins - Apr 28

Ends - May 14

### Voting and Election Deadlines:

Absentee Voting Deadline - May 10

Primary Election - May 17

City Council Election Day - July 26

To view the candidates and the elections in your district, please visit [Ballotpedia](#).

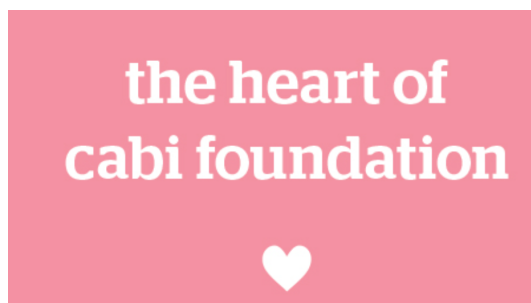


The 2022 *State of Black*

*America@ Under Siege: the Plot to Destroy Democracy*, raises the alarm on the outlook of Black and Brown people as political forces have launched an all-out assault on voting rights.

[Download the State of Black America Report](#)

## HEARTS OF CABI



"Hearts of Cabi" honors 100 women who have successfully completed a Working Women, Thriving Families, Better Communities (WTB) program.

This event, in partnership with the Heart of Cabi Foundation, happens Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Good Life at Enderly Park.

Local makeup artists and photographers will provide the women with photo-ready makeup for head-turning headshots while stylist from across the country will offer fashion assistance plus clothing and accessories from brands such as Coach, Gucci and more.

During the event, GEICO Philanthropy Foundation will present Daisha Vereen with a car courtesy of Recycled Rides – a national initiative presented for the first time locally. Vereen is a WTB student, who completed the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) curriculum.

#### **About Working Women, Thriving Families, Better Communities (WTB)**

Working Women, Thriving Families, Better Communities (WTB) initiative is a strategic response from the Urban League of Central Carolinas to address the needs and disparities of pay-equity, access to resources and opportunities for training and development to meet the social and economic mobility growth of women in the Mecklenburg County area.

Women who come through the WTB program receive expert training up to and including certification in Medical Billing/Coding, Certified Nursing Assistant, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Systems, Applications & Products in Data Processing (SAP).

## **HEADLINES & CURRENT EVENTS**

[NC primary: What you need to know | wfmynews2.com](#)

[Walt Disney Co. initiative extends outreach to Black college alumni - The Charlotte Post](#)

[CMS sees steps toward racial equity in advanced high school courses, but no quick fixes | WFAE 90.7 - Charlotte's NPR News Source](#)

[Could changes in CMS leadership have an impact on Charlotte business? | WFAE 90.7 -](#)

[Charlotte's NPR News Source](#)

['The Official Wakanda Cookbook' Brings Black Panther's Cuisine to Life \(today.com\)](#)



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