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reported 90 percent of Blacks supported the NAACP. In an April 1998 poll conducted by the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, 81 percent of Blacks reported a favorable opinion of the NAACP."

Ultimately, he announced the results of a survey taken just two weeks ago.

"Conducted by the respected firm Penn, Schoen & Berland Associates, this poll confirms that our work is both valuable and valued. The NAACP has the highest favorability of 17 organizations working in the civil rights arena. The NAACP is viewed favorably by almost all Blacks - 94 percent, including 70 percent who view it very favorably, and by three-quarters of the general public. Fully 93 percent of Blacks surveyed believe the NAACP represents the interests of the African-American community, and 67 percent believe this strongly."

Financial difficulties being no stranger to the NAACP or other civil rights organizations, Bond said its work must be unhindered even as it rebuilds.

Consistent with past years - Bond did not spare the Bush administration scorching criticism. In recent years having described the political operations of the Administration as like "the Taliban" and "snake oil", Bond used the flowery words of Thomas Jefferson to make his point:

"A little patience and we shall see the reign of witches pass over, their spells dissolve, and the people, recovering their true sight, restore their government to its true principles. It is true that in the meantime we are suffering deeply in spirit, and incurring the horrors of a war and long oppressions of enormous public debt," he quoted Jefferson. "If the game runs sometimes against us at home, we must have patience till luck turns, and then we shall have an opportunity of winning back the principles we have lost, for this is a game where principles are at stake."

Meanwhile, as a part of its philosophy, "No permanent friends, no permanent enemies, just permanent interests," the NAACP this week prepared to reward Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.), the reputed dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, with the coveted Spingarn Medal, the highest honor that the NAACP bestows.

Bond expressed hope that, meanwhile, answers to a litany of major civil rights and economic problems will come legislatively.

"Indeed, for most of us, the notion that race ought not be considered in remedying racial discrimination is ludicrous," he said. "Now the ludicrous has become law."

He was referring to the most recent Supreme Court decision putting prohibitions on how school districts can use race in assuring racial diversity in the classroom.

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seek out politicians. We will seek out businesses. We will seek out community-based organizations to join us in this campaign for dignity and respect for all people."



Dawson

The announcement was made near the state Employment Development Department building at Crenshaw Boulevard and 54th Street. The site is symbolic of the campaign's aims, Freeman said.

"We want to make it so that this building is not useful at all. If everybody's working, then this building will have little use in our community," Freeman said. "We can just turn it into a training center instead of a place to go look for a job because we all already have one. The reality is that we're going to deliver on everything that we talk about today, what we put out there."

**HBCU queens and kings returning to Winston-Salem**

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The sixth annual Leadership for Queens from Historically Black College and Universities will return to Winston-Salem later this week. The event will also, for the second year, include campus kings.

The conference will be held July 12-15 at the Embassy Suites hotel, Alabama State University professor and actress Dr. Tonea Stewart, best known for her role in the "Heat of the Night"

and "A Time to Kill," will be the kickoff speaker for the conference on Thursday night.

On Saturday, inspirational speaker Teneshia Jackson, general manger from Russell Simon's conglomerate Russ Communications will keynote. Also on Saturday, Marshawn Evans, best known from "The Apprentice: Season 4," will discuss style and substance. Other featured speakers include attorney Rasheed-Ali Cromwell from the Harbor Institute in Washington, DC and motivational speaker and



Tonea Stewart

playwright Mary Terry Wiley from Houston.

Queens and Kings from

Winston Salem State University, North Carolina A&T University, Talladega College, Bennett College, Spelman College, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Central State University, Tennessee State University, Lincoln University (Mo.), Virginia State University, Bowie State University, Fayetteville State University, South Carolina State University, University of the District of Columbia, Delaware State University, Coppin State University and

many more are expected to attend. Dale Williams is the founder of the conference and director of student activities at Winston-Salem State University. The co-organizer is Anthony Jones, director of student activities at Talladega College.

For more information about the history, purpose, and itinerary for the leadership for queens and kings conference, visit [www.hbcukingandqueens.com](http://www.hbcukingandqueens.com).

**Malawi**

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rience and comprehension strategies. Students will also become more aware of award-winning children's authors and additional school information.

In addition to the first

trip to Malawi, doctoral candidates Frederick Hill and Manual Dudley, both public school and community college administrators, will implement "E-Mentors". This program is designed to target African American at-risk males and Malawian males. Both youth groups

will engage in a virtual mentoring program that will develop cross cultural understanding and communications skills in written English.

Malawian citizens, who are considered change-agents, will also have the opportunity to pursue uni-

versity studies in education, medicine, agriculture and business/industry. Four scholarships of \$500 each are being offered to assist with the university study experience.

Individuals and organizations that have contributed to the Malawi

Project include Dr. Lloyd V. Hackley, former interim chancellor at N.C. A&T, Dr. Dan Miller, associate professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine and The American Association of University Women (Winston-Salem branch), among others.

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