

## **NAACP Pennsylvanian State Conference and Pennsylvania Black Conference of Higher Education enter into Formal Alliance**

On June 12, 2017, after a year of continuous, conscientious effort and cooperation, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Pa State Conference President, Dr. Joan Duval-Flynn and The Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education (PBCOHE) President, Dr. John Craig signed the **Inter-organizational Alliance between the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. (PBCOHE) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Pennsylvania State Conference (NAACP Pa).**

The formal Alliance signing took place at Cheyney University, our nation's oldest Historically Black Institution (HBCU) founded in 1837.

Joining Dr. Duval Flynn and Dr. Craig were Alliance committee members Mr. Larry Dowdy, (PBCOHE), Dr. Judy Thomas, (PBCOHE) and Mr. Kaaba Brunson (NAACP/PBCOHE). Invited attendees were A. Jean Brown, NAACP Chester Branch ACTSO, Kathleen Coleman Smith, NAACP Philadelphia Branch ACTSO and Mr. Khiron N. Grasty, Chester NAACP ACTSO Gold Medalist for Oratory.

This Alliance helps unify and combine each organization's interest in the recognition and cultivation of the genius of the African American student.

Respectfully submitted in acknowledgement and remembrance of those that came before us, creating the opportunity for the making of this Alliance possible,

Kaaba Brunson, Chairperson, Pennsylvania NAACP ACTSO,

Co-Chair, PBCOHE/ACTSO/NAACP/Education Policy, Research and Legislative Committee