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**CLERK BROWN SPEAKS TO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ABOUT ACHIEVING
THROUGH THE NAACP'S ACT-SO PROGRAM**



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(L-R) Susan C. Ellis, Darryl G. Crosby, Bryan W. Hudson, Emmanuel Pratt - CSU Aquaponics Director PH.D Candidate, Kiela Smith-Upton - Artist, Hon. Dorothy Brown, Pastor Wade Hudson - Committee member, Michelle d'Arville-Downing-CSU Outreach, Sen. Toi Hutchinson and Eugene Mason IV

CHICAGO - Recently, at the NAACP's Academic, Cultural, Technological and Science Olympics (ACT-SO) kick-off reception, **Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County**, addressed high school youth about the importance of ACT-SO as a learning and enrichment program for the advancement of their education and career goals. A major youth initiative of the NAACP, ACT-SO is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. ACT-SO provides a forum through which youth of African descent demonstrate academic, artistic and scientific prowess and expertise, thereby gaining the same recognition often only reserved for entertainers and athletes. The program's mission is to prepare, recognize and reward youth of African descent who exemplify scholastic and artistic excellence. Clerk Brown told the students, "We know that if you push yourself, if you give this contest your all, in the painstaking process you will establish a high standard of self-achievement for your future."