

Paine College

“Pride, Purpose and Progress”

Presented by:

NAACP CHAPTER OF PAINE COLLEGE



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Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Eleven o'clock in the Morning

Dr. David and Betty C. Peterson HEAL Complex

Augusta, Georgia

Dr. Hardie Davis, Jr. is an engineer, pastor, former Georgia legislator, and the 84th Mayor of Augusta, Georgia.

Over more than 30 years, he has worked across technology, public service, and community leadership.

Dr. Davis served two terms as Augusta's mayor, following service in the Georgia House of Representatives and State Senate.



He is the founder and Senior Pastor of Abundant Life Worship Center and the President and CEO of SkyBridge Firm LLC, where he advises organizations on partnerships and public sector strategy.

A long-time advocate for education and opportunity, Dr. Davis encourages emerging leaders to serve with purpose and turn their ideas into action.

Program

Miss Tyonna Peaks '27, Presiding
President, NAACP

Invocation.....Mr. Elisha Mays '28
2nd Vice President, NAACP

Scripture.....Miss Annie Hall '29
Secretary, NAACP

Campus Announcements.....Miss Daniel Marshall '27
Vice President, NAACP

Introduction of the Speaker.....Miss Ka'Shala Hall '27
1st Vice President, NAACP

Musical Selection.....Paine College Choir
Mr. Trey McLaughlin, Director

The Address.....Dr. Hardie Davis, Jr.
Founder and Senior Pastor, Abundant Life Worship Center, Augusta, Georgia

Remarks.....Professor Jeffery Lanier Jones
Advisor, Paine College Chapter of the NAACP
Instructor of English

The Paine College Hymn (on back of program)Frank Yerby '37

Benediction.....Reverend Dr. Luther B. Felder, II
Campus Pastor

The Paine College Hymn

Mr. Frank Yerby, '37 and Mr. Mark Fax

O College of our heart's desire,
 resplendent in our gaze,
Awake in us thy sacred fire
and let us to thy truth aspire
throughout the coming days.

And may the thing that thou hast sought,
 our nation's woeful lack,
True union of the heart be brought
and differences be set at naught
 between the white and black.

Paine College, guardian of the way
 that each young foot must tread,
Thy gates are open to this day
and our firm, martial strides display
 hearts clean and unafraid.