

## Roslyn M. Brock



Chairman Emeritus, NAACP National Board of Directors

Roslyn M. Brock is a driven, steadfast executive-level advocate of health and social justice initiatives, a noted public speaker and mentor, and the youngest person and fourth woman to chair the National Board of Directors for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

As the Vice-President of Advocacy and Government Relations for Bon Secours Health System, Inc., a not-for-profit Catholic health care provider with 19 acute-care hospitals and over 25,000 employees, Brock directs health care policy and reform, health equity, and social justice legislative and regulatory efforts. Her wealth of experience in health programs includes a decade of advocacy and policy development at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Her 30+ years of professional experience includes health care policy and equity analysis, social justice advocacy; financial management, philanthropy, leadership formation and community development.

Recognized for her leadership skills by several national publications and organizations, Brock has been featured on Essence magazine's list of "40 Fierce and Fabulous Women Who Are Changing the World" and in Black

Entertainment Television's (BET) inaugural "Black Girls Rock" broadcast, and she has received the National Urban League's Women of Power Award; the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Coretta Scott King Award, National Newspaper Publishers Association's Leadership Award and the 2017 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated Humanitarian Award.

Graduating magna cum laude from Virginia Union University, Brock also obtained a master's degree in health services administration from The George Washington University, an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and a master's degree in divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. Additionally, she holds honorary doctorate degrees from Virginia Union University, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and Smith College. As an active member of the NAACP for nearly three decades before becoming chairman, Brock founded the NAACP Leadership 500 Summit, a recruitment and training initiative to cultivate a new generation of civil rights leaders. Brock also developed and directed the board's historic policy decision to support urgent, impactful issues such as marriage equality and The Black Church and HIV: The Social Justice Imperative. Brock's impact extends globally, as she built cross-cultural understanding and professional networks with young leaders in China as a Young Leaders Fellow with the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

Brock's personal philosophy is embodied in an African proverb: "Care more than others think is wise, risk more than others think is safe, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think is possible." This outlook is reflected in her work as Associate Minister at the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. A believer in service and community participation, Brock is a member of the Board of Trustees of The George Washington University, and past chair of the Board of Advisors of the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University, as well as being a member of the Kellogg School of Management Global Advisory Board at Northwestern University, and Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), the American Public Health Association, the American College of Healthcare Executives, , Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,

and The LINKS, Inc. She is a former Trustee of the Catholic Health Association of the United States of America.

“Courage will not skip this generation!” is Brock’s trademark mantra.

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