

## **Shadrach Banks**

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All right, my name is Shadrach Banks. I got involved with NAPE back in 2020. The more I got involved with it, the more I saw a world that I had no clue about as far as like, pushing for equity and equality within the school system nationwide. You get to do conferences and meet a lot of people all over the nation in places that I have never been before. And like, today you know this is our first time ever meeting in person, it was really a surreal moment just get to see everybody after seeing them you know seeing them online for so long and be in a conference and hear other people from other states’ perspective on what they’ve been doing, the work they’ve been doing, and even inviting us out to their state. You know I mean, it’s a beautiful thing because it’s all positive. I recommend it to any student out there who wants to get involved with it, it actually makes the world a better place especially in the education system. Like the lady said in there, in education and in most places, it all be from the top down not from the bottom up. So we need students to speak from the bottom up so we can meet in the middle, and get you know, for better equality.