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**NVAR's African American Realtor® Forum Hosted Juneteenth Celebration**  
*Motivational Speaker, Dr. Willie Jolley, Spoke at NVAR, Fairfax*

FAIRFAX, Va. (June 22, 2023) – In celebration of Juneteenth, Dr. Willie Jolley, motivational speaker, author, and media personality, addressed members of the [Northern Virginia Association of Realtors®](#) (NVAR) on June 20 at NVAR's headquarters.

"Hosted by NVAR's African American Realtor® Forum (AARF), NVAR's 13,000 members commemorated Juneteenth as part of our ongoing DEI efforts," said Ryan McLaughlin, CEO, NVAR. "After hearing the uplifting message from Dr. Jolley, there's no doubt that our members are even more inspired to help homeowners and homebuyers in Northern Virginia tackle any challenge in the home buying process."

NVAR Board Member and AARF DEI Chair Cassandra Welch of Long & Foster commented: "Throughout the year, we seek to broaden diversity within the NVAR community through programing and events on diversity, fair housing and other DEI topics. We appreciate Dr. Jolley's insights and participation in our important DEI work."

"I was thrilled to be able to bring a message of positivity and hope to the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors®," said Dr. Jolley. As the [author of several international bestselling books](#), Dr. Jolley was the first African American President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of The National Speakers Association. Toastmasters named him "One of the Outstanding Five Speakers in the World" and "Motivational & Inspirational Speaker of The Year." He was inducted into the Speaker Hall of Fame (2005) and received the CPAE Award (Council of Peers Award of Excellence).

NVAR's Juneteenth celebration is one in a series of events designed to educate its members. On June 29, NVAR will host an Affordable Housing workshop.

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