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## **Shortridge & Speedway High School Students Selected for National NAACP Talent Competition**

INDIANAPOLIS — May 5, 2019 — Two Indianapolis high school students have been selected to advance to the national NAACP talent competition known as ACT-SO, the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics.

**Ronell Lewis**, a senior at **Shortridge High School**, will compete in the contemporary vocalist category and **Chaffew Scott**, a junior at **Speedway High School**, will compete as a contemporary instrumentalist.

Ronell and Chaffew were selected by judges during the April 27 local ACT-SO competition at Lincoln Middle School in Pike Township. They will compete in the national ACT-SO competition July 18-22 in Detroit, in conjunction with the national NAACP convention.

“Congratulations to these talented young men for their achievement, and good luck to them as they prepare for the national competition in Detroit. We look forward to cheering them on,” said Chrystal Ratcliffe, president of the Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch 3053.

ACT-SO includes 32 competitions in STEM, humanities, business, and performing, visual and culinary arts. It is open to all students in grades 9-12. Almost 300,000 young people have participated from the program since its inception. For more than forty years, the mission of ACT-SO has been to prepare, recognize and reward youth of African descent who exemplify scholastic and artistic excellence.

**About NAACP:** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization. Our mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.