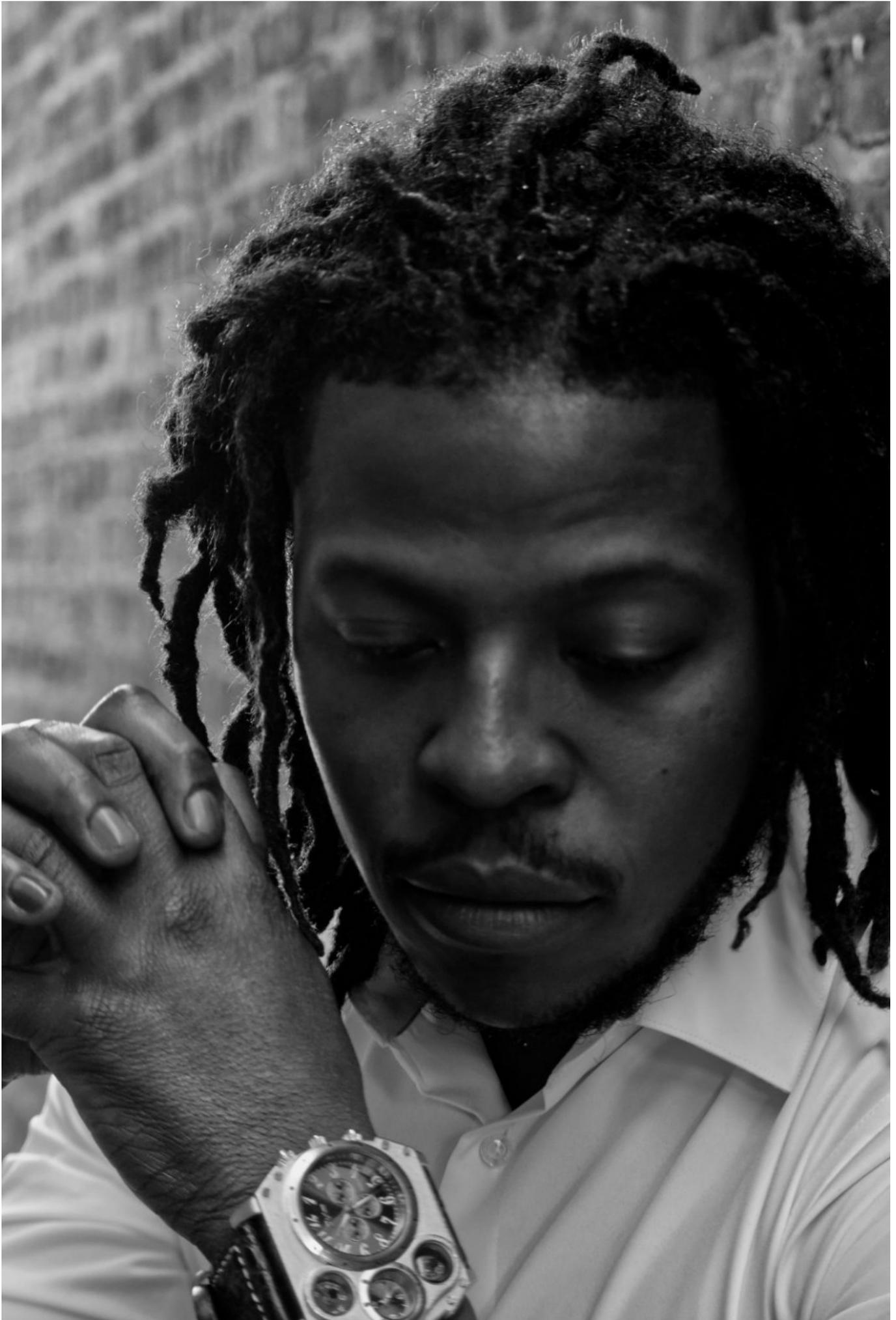


## **Ashton Burrell to Receive Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human & Civil Rights Award from New Jersey Education Association**



**Cinnaminson, New Jersey Jan 29, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com))** - Ashton Burrell to Receive Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human & Civil Rights Award from NJEA Award Honors Burrell's Lifelong Dedication to Human Rights and Youth Mentorship New Jersey – January 4th, 2024 –

Ashton Burrell, a passionate advocate for social justice and youth empowerment, will be honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human & Civil Rights Award by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). The award, selected by the NJEA Human & Civil Rights Committee, recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the defense of human and civil rights. Burrell's tireless efforts to mentor youth, advocate for social justice, and empower underserved communities have made him a standout recipient of this esteemed recognition.

Burrell, the founder of Hometownheroclub and the Live Mentorship Program (LMP), has dedicated over a decade to uplifting young people from diverse backgrounds. Since founding LMP in 2011 during his time as a second-year student at the University of Lincoln, Burrell has mentored thousands of young individuals, with a remarkable 100% graduation rate from his program. More than 3,000 students from various walks of life have been inspired to reach their academic goals, thanks to Burrell's innovative approach to mentorship and community engagement.

"Receiving the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human & Civil Rights Award is an incredible honor," Burrell shared. "But this isn't about me. It's all God, and I'm thankful to be used for God's purposes in making a difference in so many different paths of life."

Burrell's impact goes far beyond mentorship. He has been a passionate advocate for social justice, organizing marches and rallies for judicial equity, promoting fair hiring practices, and calling for greater diversity in corporate leadership. His leadership extends nationally, as he has coordinated hurricane relief efforts and community service projects across the country.

Currently, as Chairman of the New Jersey State Council on Human Relations, Burrell's work continues to shape policy and drive positive change. His commitment to human rights is also evident in his roles on the Executive Board of the New Brunswick Branch of the NAACP, the Highland Park Mayor's Advisory Committee, and as a committee member of the Democratic Committee of Highland Park.

In 2018, Burrell opened a community center in his hometown, which has since become a hub for youth development and empowerment. Through this initiative, Burrell has helped more than 200 children graduate and launched multiple programs, including a food distribution service that now feeds over 300 people weekly. In partnership with Alpha Aviation, Burrell has also introduced local youth to aviation and drone technology, while his basketball and mentorship programs have extended to youth centers in Connecticut, Detroit, and Philadelphia.

In addition to his extensive community service, Burrell has worked with the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, providing opportunities for high school students to explore careers in law enforcement.

Burrell's commitment to justice and community service has earned him several prestigious accolades, such as the Johnson & Johnson MLK Community Service Award, the NAACP New Brunswick Branch President's Award, and the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Award for Leadership and Innovation. His continued dedication to service and his humility in the face of success serve as an inspiration to others.

Ashton Burrell's receipt of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human & Civil Rights Award on January 18, 2025, further solidifies his place as a leading figure in New Jersey's fight for equity and opportunity. His work is a testament to the power of mentorship, advocacy, and the relentless pursuit of justice.

For more information about Ashton Burrell's work, visit [AshtonBurrell.com](https://AshtonBurrell.com).

## About NJEA

The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) is a professional association of educators and school employees dedicated to advancing the cause of quality education for all students. Through advocacy, support, and professional development, NJEA strives to ensure every child has access to an excellent education and every educator has the resources and support they need to succeed

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