



National Council on
Black American Affairs

WRCBAA 2021 Spring Conference

Black Lives, Black Minds, Black Scholars: Creating Sustainable Change Together

Time Friday February 5, 2021

8:30 - 9:00am

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Stacy Thompson, President, WRCBAA | Technology Check-In; **Rosslyn Knight**, VP, WRCBAA | Mistress of Ceremony
Dr. L. Ivan Van Hook, President, PAAAA | Libations

9:00 - 9:15am

Black Minds, Black Scholars, and Black Lives Matter!

Opening Speaker: Dr. Ricky Shabazz, President, San Diego City College

9:15 - 10:15am
(Breakout
Session)

HULU Black and Storytellers in the Tech Space

This workshop will discuss how the platform showcases Black works in the HULU space.

Alexandra Bader, Senior Recruiter @ HULU; **Lawrence Leach**, Director Software Development, Ad Applications

Moderated by: Dr. Tammy Robinson, Vice President of Instruction, Cañada College, Redwood City, CA

Faculty Leadership in the Classroom

This workshop will discuss effective techniques to enhance the success of Black scholars.

Landon Smith, Professor, Chabot College; Dr. Landon Hill, Director, Program Effectiveness at the EOYDC

Moderated by: Dr. Rosslyn Knight, Vice President, Organizational Vitality, WRCBAA

10:30 - 11:45am

Session I: Black Excellence in Tech

This workshop will highlight the need for more Black students to consider tech as a career.

The workshop will highlight Black Excellence. **Bernita Dillard**, Diversity Program Manager and @ Facebook

Cassie Betts, CEO & Founder of District2.co

Moderated by: Dr. Tammy Robinson, VP, Development, WRCBAA

Session II: Creating Sustainable Change Together in our Diverse Institutions

This workshop will discuss regional challenges that leaders are facing before, during and after the pandemic.

Dr. Karin Edwards, Clark College, Vancouver, WA; **Dr. John Mosby**, Highline College, Des Moines, WA

Moderated by: Dr. Jamillah Moore, President, Cañada College, Redwood City, CA

12:00 - 1:00pm
(Keynote
Address)

Keynote: Creating Sustainable Change Together:

A Culturally Relevant Approach to Inspiring Black Keynote: A Culturally Relevant Approach to Inspiring Black Lives at the Community College

Dr. Lande Ajose, Senior Policy Advisor for Higher Education, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom Lives at the Community College" Dr. Landa Ajose, Equity,

1:15 - 2:30pm
(Panel)

Panel Discussion:

The Role of Workforce Development and the Black Community during the Time of COVID-19

Nicole Kelly, Regional Director, Global Trade, Cañada College

Alana Troutt, Educational Consultant, Government Operations Agency

Dr. Damany Fisher, Regional Director, Special Projects, Cañada College

Moderated by: Dr. General Johnson, Portland Community College

2:45 - 4:00pm

Black Minds Focused on Closing the Equity Gap

This workshop will cover issues related to equity and strategies that can provide a roadmap for student achievement.

Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, VPI, Skyline College, San Bruno, CA

Dr. Lawrence Rasheed, African American Student/Faculty Coordinator, Lane College,

Dr. Abdul Malik Buul, Professor, San Diego City College, San Diego, CA, Moderated by: Dr. Michelle Traveler

Please register [here](https://wrcbaa-ncbaa.org). For more information, visit our webpage: wrcbaa-ncbaa.org

Time **Saturday February 6, 2021**

8:30 - 9:00am

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Stacy Thompson, President, WRCBAA | Technology Check-In; Rosslyn Knight, VP, WRCBAA | Mistress of Ceremony
Dr. L. Ivan Van Hook, President, PAAAA | Libations

9:00 - 9:15am

Why It's Important that We Define Black Excellence!

Opening Speaker: Dr. Ed Bush, President, Cosumnes River College

9:15 - 10:15am
(Breakout
Session)

Inside the Black Mind Leading from the Front: President's Panel

This panel will discuss the opportunities and challenges of leading while Black.

Dr. Larry Johnson Jr., President, Phoenix College, Phoenix, Arizona
Dr. Jamillah Moore, President, Cañada College, Redwood City, California
Dr. Ed Bush, President, Cosumnes River, Sacramento, California
Moderated by: Dr. Matais Pouncil, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Evergreen Valley College, San Jose, CA

Black Lives, Black Minds.....Building Black Businesses

This panel will discuss starting a business, sustaining a business, and succeeding as a young, black entrepreneur.

Nicole Stephens, Co-Owner-GlamLuxe Beauty & Natalie Ganther, Co-Owner-GlamLuxe Beauty
Steven Sneed, Owner- S Claz Productions
Roicia Banks, Owner-Social Roots, LLC
Britt Glover, Executive Director-Ally Project PHX
Moderator by: Dr. Rosslyn Knight, Vice President of Vitality, WRCBAA

10:30 - 11:45am

Session I: The Role of the CIO in Creating Sustainable Change

This workshop will discuss the lessons learned from the African American Leadership Institute and why mentoring matters.

Dr. Marshall Fulbright, CIO, Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA
Dr. Stacy Thompson, CIO, Chabot College
Moderated by: Joel Powell, J.D., Dean, Cosumnes River College, Sacramento, CA.

Session II: Serving Black Students Through Positive Change

This workshop will be a discussion about what it means to help the community and expand the role mentoring.

Reshanda Gray, No Gray Areas, WNBA, Los Angeles Sparks
Moderated by: Morgan Robinson Hale and Dr. Tammy Robinson, Vice President of Instruction, Cañada College, Redwood City, CA

12:00 - 1:00pm
(Keynote
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Keynote: Creating an Anti-Racist Agenda for Black Lives during COVID-19

Dr. Malik Abdul-Khaliq, Education Programs Consultant, California Department of Education

1:15 - 2:30pm
(Panel)

Session I: Challenges of 1st Year Presidency during a Pandemic

This workshop will work to detail strategies of being a successful leader during a pandemic.

Dr. David Johnson, President, Merritt College, Oakland, California
Dr. Dyrell Foster, President, Las Positas College, Dublin, California
Moderated by: Dr. Stacy Thompson, President, WRCBAA

Session II: Black Scholars and Brown Lives: A Teachback

This presentation focuses on how Mission College successfully developed and implemented the Inaugural Black & Brown Summit. From concept to implementation, the presenters will share lessons learned, strategic decisions made and how they overcame various logistical and political challenges.

Dr. Ajani Byrd, Acting Dean, Student Equity & Success, West Valley College, Saratoga, CA
Yolanda Barnes, Articulation Officer, Mission College, Santa Clara, CA
David Piper, Adjunct Faculty, Mission College, Santa Clara, CA

2:45 - 4:00pm

State of Higher Education and What We Need to Consider Now!

This session will be a conversation regarding what we may be missing as higher education professionals.

Dr. Miles Davis, Linfield University, McMinnville, Oregon
Moderated by: Dr. Jamal Cooks, VP, Programs, WRCBAA