

# ALC Daily

## WEDNESDAY PREVIEW

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## 43rd Annual Legislative Conference Starts Wednesday

Throughout the centuries, humankind has been able to identify one person – an individual – who made a difference, who changed the thinking, who made an innovative discovery that led to a seismic shift in how history was written. “It Starts With You,” the theme of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s (CBCF) 43rd Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) from Sept. 18-21 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington hopes to have the same impact on the thousands of individuals

expected to attend the four-day conference. Reps. Donna Edwards of Maryland and Cedric L. Richmond of Louisiana will serve as honorary co-chairs.

ALC provides an opportunity to highlight the mission of CBCF – to develop leaders, inform policy and educate the public – by providing more than 70-high level, thought-provoking forums to address the critical challenges facing African-Americans and the African Diaspora. The conference will utilize



ALC 2013 Co-chairs

Rep. Donna Edwards and Cedric L. Richmond

through the issue forums. From the news-making town hall meeting to discussions about immigrants from the Caribbean and Diaspora and American employment to debates about the Supreme Court’s ruling on the Voting Rights Act – CBCF is bringing the issues that are critically important to the African-American community front and center.

ALC attendees will have many opportunities to share their

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### Welcome to ALC 2013

## Welcome to the ALC Daily!

Welcome to *ALC Daily* – your show daily for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s 43rd Annual Legislative Conference (ALC). ALC is the premier conference on legislative and policy issues impacting the African-American and Diaspora communities. Nearly 10,000 people will attend this four-day gathering to develop solutions to the challenges facing black communities around the world through issues forums, brain trusts, a town hall meeting and more. The *ALC Daily* provides extraordinary brand visibility and keeps attendees abreast of conference happenings. We hope you find this publication helpful as you navigate the next few days.

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# National Town Hall to Examine Poverty and Violence

## Panel to Focus on Improving Economic Outcomes for African American Community

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) will devote its annual national town hall meeting to a discussion

about the causes and consequences of poverty and violence on our youth. "From Poverty to Prosperity: Confronting Violence, Restoring Opportunity, and Investing in Our Youth" will take place from 9 - 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Walter E. Washington Convention

Center. The town hall meeting is the centerpiece of the Foundation's 43rd Annual Legislative Conference (ALC), Sept. 18-21.

"With respect to the prospects of economic opportunity and entrepreneurship, the unemployment rate for blacks continues to be twice as

high as that of whites," said Menna Demessie, Ph.D., senior research and policy analyst for CBCF. "This conversation will deal with the root causes of poverty and gun violence and offer policy and community-oriented solutions on how to offer robust economic opportunities for the African-American community."

Moderated by Harvard Law professor, Dr. Charles Ogletree, Jr., the three-segment panel will address criminal justice reform, economic opportunity and minority business development and education reform. From the discussion, participants will offer solutions to improve African American prosperity and create more opportunities for small and minority businesses.

Dr. Ogletree, internationally known legal theorist, has spent his

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## The 43rd Annual Legislative Conference

### SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Except where otherwise indicated, all events take place at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center (WCC) located at 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

#### Wednesday, September 18, 2013

|                        |                                                                     |                                                                |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | REGISTRATION / TICKETING OPEN                                       | East Registration                                              |
| 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  | AVOICE STUDENT WORKSHOP (w.t.)                                      | Off-Site                                                       |
| 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | CPAR FUTURE FOCUS                                                   | WCC – various rooms                                            |
| 8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | CBC SPOUSES 17th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE FINE ARTS* | National Museum of Women in the Arts<br>1250 New York Ave., NW |

#### Thursday, September 19, 2013

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| 7:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  | CBC SPOUSES COMMUNITY BREAKFAST AND HEALTH FAIR                                                                           | Thrive D.C.<br>1525 Newton St., NW                             |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.   | NEW ATTENDEE WELCOME RECEPTION (IO)                                                                                       | Room 201                                                       |
| 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.   | REGISTRATION / TICKETING OPEN                                                                                             | East Registration                                              |
| 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  | NATIONAL TOWN HALL<br>From Poverty to Prosperity: Confronting Violence, Restoring Opportunity, and Investing in Our Youth | Ballroom A                                                     |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | SESSIONS                                                                                                                  | WCC – various rooms                                            |
| 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | EXHIBIT SHOWCASE OPEN                                                                                                     | Hall E                                                         |
| 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | SHERATON CLUB LOUNGE OPENING (IO)                                                                                         | Room 204-B                                                     |
| 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  | EMERGING LEADERS<br>Instant Apprentice Power Luncheon (LC)                                                                | Room 202-AB                                                    |
| 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  | NETWORKING LUNCHEON (LC)                                                                                                  | Ballroom BC                                                    |
| 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | SESSIONS                                                                                                                  | WCC – various rooms                                            |
| 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.   | NIELSEN AND the NNPA'S STATE OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONSUMER                                                             | L Street Bridge                                                |
| 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.   | CBC SPOUSES ESSAY CONTEST ISSUE FORUM                                                                                     | Benjamin Banneker High School<br>800 Euclid St., NW            |
| 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  | LEADERSHIP RECEPTION<br>Honoring Rep. Marcia L. Fudge Chair of the CBC (IO) *†                                            | Arena Stage<br>1101 6th St., SW                                |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.   | CBCF ALUMNI NETWORKING RECEPTION                                                                                          | National Association of Realtors<br>500 New Jersey Ave., NW    |
| 8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  | JAZZ CONCERT                                                                                                              | Ballroom A                                                     |
| 8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  | GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA                                                                                                       | United House of Prayer for All People<br>601 M St., NW         |
| 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.  | THE SOJOURNER TRUTH WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP RECEPTION                                                                          | National Museum of Women in the Arts<br>1250 New York Ave., NW |

#### Friday, September 20, 2013

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| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | SESSIONS                               | WCC – various rooms                 |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | REGISTRATION / TICKETING OPEN          | East Registration                   |
| 9:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.  | SOJOURNER TRUTH LEGACY PROJECT SESSION | Room 144-BC                         |
| 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | EXHIBIT SHOWCASE                       | Hall E                              |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. | EMERGING LEADERS TOWN HALL             | Room 207-B                          |
| 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.   | CBCF CHAIR'S RECEPTION (IO)            | Ballroom C                          |
| 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.   | BLACK PARTY                            | The Howard Theatre<br>620 T St., NW |

#### Saturday, September 21, 2013

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.   | REGISTRATION / TICKETING OPEN                   | East Registration   |
| 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  | PRAYER BREAKFAST*                               | Hall D              |
| 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.   | EXHIBIT SHOWCASE                                | Hall E              |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | FAITH LEADERS ROUNDTABLE                        | Room 147-AB         |
| 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | SESSIONS                                        | WCC – various rooms |
| 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | VIP RECEPTION (IO)                              | Hall D concourse    |
| 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.   | PHOENIX AWARDS DINNER* — 5:00 p.m. Doors Open — | Hall D              |

\* Ticketed Event Ticket available for sale at the ticket counter in the Registration area until capacity is reached.  
(LC) Limited Capacity Attendees must declare on the registration form their intention to attend this event.

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thoughts and experiences and learn the positive impact one person can have on society through intimate conversations, social media and exchanging collateral materials to become even more motivated to inspire their families, their communities and the nation. "This year our country marked several important anniversaries as well as witnessed many retracted achievements," said A. Shuanise Washington, president and chief executive officer for CBCF. "While we commemorated events such as the 50th anniversary March on Washington and the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, we also mourned the court rulings on the Voting Rights Act and the Trayvon Martin case. As we enter the final months of this year, we are looking to ignite personal leadership, to

implore a sense of adventure, and to seek a thirst for justice through ALC," she said.

In addition to the issue forums, ALC's news-making national town hall meeting, "From Poverty to Prosperity: Confronting Violence, Restoring Opportunity, and Investing in our Youth" will address the impact of poverty, juvenile justice and gun violence; the exhibit hall will feature a newly-introduced enterprise pavilion with both procurement and employment fairs; icons in the performing and visual arts will be honored for their contributions; and the next generation of leaders – current and alumni participants in the Foundation's stellar internship and fellows program will be showcased.

"ALC is recognized as one of the most important gatherings of African-Americans in the nation," said Rep. Chaka Fattah of Pennsylvania and CBCF chair. "Every year, we see thousands of returning attendees and even more new faces ready to join the dialogue so they too can be agents of change in their communities. Our communities find support through the Foundation's work on policies, programs and initiatives. It is our focused agenda that provides greater opportunities for all Americans."

The conference will also include the much heralded Phoenix Awards Dinner fundraiser, the inspirational Prayer Breakfast and a community outreach project in volunteering at Thrive DC, a philanthropic organization dedicated to homelessness and providing vulnerable individuals a comprehensive range of services to help stabilize their lives. Proceeds from the Saturday signature events – the Prayer Breakfast and Phoenix Awards Dinner are used to fund scholarships and other programs that positively impact the global black community.



ALC 2012 attendees get information and helpful directions at the Information Desk of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center lobby. ALC 2013 events begin on Wednesday, September 18.

## ALC Daily

### In Print

Look for our on-site printed issues of *ALC Daily* — Thursday through Saturday — available throughout the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

### Online

Digital versions of each issue will be posted at [www.cbcf.org](http://www.cbcf.org) after the event, and e-mailed each publication morning by CBCF to all registered attendees of ALC 2013.

After ALC 2013, watch your inbox for our interactive *ALC Daily* Conference Highlights Issue in early October, featuring coverage of Saturday events and the Annual Phoenix Awards dinner.

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## CBCF to Celebrate African-American Leaders in Fine Arts

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc (CBCF) and the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses will recognize the contributions of three icons in the arts, 8 p.m. -10:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18, during the 17th Annual

Celebration of Leadership in the Fine Arts at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. This fundraising event for scholarships in the performing and visual arts kicks off the 43rd Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) at the Walter E. Washington

Convention Center from Sept. 18-21. Tickets are still available for this event which will honor film director and producer Antoine Fuqua, visual artist Carrie Mae Weems and author Tananarive Due.

"Mr. Fuqua is one of the few Af-

frican Americans in Hollywood leading his own production company while Ms. Weems and Ms. Due are independent artists, versed in a variety of mediums, whose works have been admired by millions in worldwide," said A. Shuanise Washington, president and chief executive officer for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. "These groundbreaking artists, trailblazers in their own rights, perfectly embody the theme of this year's ALC, It Starts With You, and we are pleased to recognize and celebrate their valuable contributions to African-American culture."

In addition, 20 undergraduate students studying performing and visual arts will be recognized as scholarship recipients. More than 250 performing and visual arts students applied for CBCF's national scholarship program in 2013. "We are seeing an increase in scholarship applications indicating the importance of the arts programs in schools," said Katrina Finch, scholarship coordinator for CBCF. "The Foundation and the Spouses recognize that students should experience a full realm of academic challenges as well as opportunities to explore the arts," she said.

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## Avoice Presents:

Opening Doors to Housing -  
CBC and the Development of U.S. Fair Housing Policy

This session will focus on the role of the Congressional Black Caucus and other African Americans in Congress in the debate and formation of U.S. fair housing policies. From the Fair Housing Act of 1969 to current debates over the Housing Fairness Act of 2013, African American members of Congress have played an important role in strengthening housing protections. Join a panel of experts, policy makers and Congress members to discuss the history and future of this important issue. | FRIDAY SEPT. 20 • 10AM - 12PM • RM 144A



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### CBCF Vision

We envision a world in which the black community is free of all disparities and able to contribute fully to advancing the common good.

### CBCF Mission

Our mission is to advance the global black community by developing leaders, informing policy and educating the public.

### CBCF Will Achieve Its Mission By:

- Facilitating the exchange of ideas and information to address critical issues affecting our communities.
- Developing strategic research and historical resources for the public.
- Providing leadership development and scholarship opportunities.
- Developing effective programs and research to address social, economic and health disparities.



## Future Focus Series to Examine Top Issues Facing African Americans

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's (CBCF) Center for Policy Analysis and Research (CPAR) has organized several dynamic sessions to address health, education and social justice issues disproportionately impacting the African-American community as part of its Future Focus Series during the Foundation's 43rd Annual Legislative Conference Sept. 18-21 in Washington, DC.

The series will feature six panels over four days and examine health risks facing black mothers and babies; programs encouraging African Americans to enter STEM fields; affordable housing; immigration reform; sexual health; and legislative and White House initiatives for black male achievement.

"Through the Future Focus series, CBCF addresses the critical challenges of the day and discusses realistic policy solutions to the issues we face as African Americans," said Marjorie Innocent, Ph.D., vice president of research and programs for CBCF. "Our goal is to heighten proactive decision-making and civic engagement to improve health, economic and educational outcomes in

our communities," she said.

Under the conference theme "It Starts With You," ALC encourages engagement and action by individuals at the local level to effect positive change. "There is strength in numbers. The nearly 10,000 attendees at ALC are there to get informed, contribute and take action to do their part to positively impact their communities," said Dr. Innocent.

ALC serves as an outlet to highlight the mission of CBCF – to develop leaders, to inform policy and to educate the public – by providing more than 70-high level, thought-provoking forums to address the critical challenges facing the African-American diaspora. It is recognized as one of the most important gatherings of African Americans in the nation.

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So thank you for appreciating and being a part of the only daily publication that showcases the significant activities and events at the ALC, the premier African-American conference on critical policy issues.



### ***Bridging the Gap: A Pan-African Approach to Immigration Reform***

**Thursday, Sep. 19, 2013  
2:00-4:00pm, Salon H (Street Level, South Building)  
Walter E. Washington Convention Center**

This panel will discuss recent public policies and public opinion regarding immigration reform and what is at stake for Africans, African Americans, and Caribbeans. Immigration reform will be discussed in terms of coalition building among people of African descent and policy priorities will be explored in light of the polemical debate about whether African-American jobs are being "taken" by black immigrants. What are our similarities and differences as people of African descent? What challenges do African Americans and black immigrants have in the immigration reform debate? What policy and community based solutions exist to bridge the gap of differences in priorities and perspectives? This is an important and necessary discussion you don't want to miss!

#### **Moderator**

**Dr. Menna Demessie**, Senior Policy Analyst, The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

#### **Panelists**

**Esther Olavarria**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Homeland Security, White House

**Emira Woods**, Co-director of Foreign Policy in Focus at the Institute for Policy Studies

**Dr. William Spriggs**, Chief Economist, AFL-CIO, Former Asst. Secretary for the Office of Policy at the U.S. Department of Labor

**Trina Jackson**, Network for Immigrants and African Americans in Solidarity

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## It's Movement Time!

*Moving A Unified Women's Agenda Forward in 2013 and Beyond*

The Black Women's Roundtable (BWR) successfully convened a diverse group of women leaders to celebrate "HerStory" and craft a unified agenda during the BWR Women Leaders of the Movement Intergenerational Dialogue & Luncheon hosted as part of the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington official week of activities. Building on this dialogue, the session, Moving A Unified Women's Agenda Forward in 2013 and Beyond, scheduled for Sept. 18 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, will bring women leaders together from across the country to build upon the key policy priorities that were identified by the group last month.

The goal of the session is to move forward a unified women's agenda that provides just and equitable policies to ensure voting rights, quality and affordable health care, reproductive rights, quality jobs with livable wages, equal pay for women and quality public education for our children. This session will include a solutions-driven discussion of the best national and state-based coalition building and organizing strategies needed to maximize the power and impact of the sister vote to move these women's policy priorities forward in the 113th Congress, the 2014 Election Cycle and beyond.

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The Foundation and the spouses will also host the 8th Annual Community Breakfast and Health Fair from 7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on September 19, at Thrive DC located at 1525 Newton Street, NW. The community breakfast, begun by the CBC Spouses, provides an opportunity for the Foundation, the Spouses, members of congress and corporate partners to participate in a community service event during ALC. Breakfast will be served to homeless followed by free health screenings. "Each year CBCF and a host of partners join forces to address the urgent nutritional and medical challenges impacting our community," said A. Shuanise Washington, president and chief executive officer of CBCF. "The partnership with Thrive DC will allow for comprehensive health screenings and needed services to our neighbors most in need."

Sponsors for the Community Health Breakfast are General Mills, Inc., Safeway, Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Baxter Healthcare. In Kind donations are provided by Safeway, Personal Care Products Council, PepsiCo, APRO, The Trade Association, Buddy's Home Furnishings, Baxter Healthcare, General Mills, Inc. and The Sears Associate Gospel Choir

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The Spouses will also recognize three high school students for their essays on bullying as part of their national essay contest which invites students to research, write and analysis topics that are front burner issues.

The students will be recognized during the 2013 Issue Forum, entitled Speak Up, Stand Up – United Against Bullying, 2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m., September 19, at Benjamin Banneker High School located at 800 Euclid Street, NW.

Others panelists include Miss Elena Pass, a teen ambassador from the STOMP Out Bullying organization and Consultant/Speaker/Author Robert Jackson, who wrote the book "No More Excuses: Put a Stop to Bullying". The issue forum will be moderated by Moraima "Mo" Ivory, an on-air personality who appears on CNN, HLN and Fox 5 offering her commentary on top news items of the day.



(left to right) Kenny Leon, Tayari Jones and Dr. Bobby Jones at the Celebration of Leadership, part of last year's ALC 2012 event.



Last year's CBC Spouses Community Breakfast and Health Fair was just one of many events, forums and sessions presented by the CBC Spouses during ALC 2012.

## CBCF Welcomes Bloggers to 43rd ALC

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) announced the creation of Bloggers Row, powered by USTelecom Association, the newest addition to the Annual Legislative Conference (ALC), held Sept. 18-21, 2013 at Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Bloggers Row is a special section designed to provide a custom workspace for Bloggers. It will be located on the west side of the L Street Bridge of the Convention Center. Approved bloggers will receive free password-accessible internet service, beverages and access to VIPs for interviews.

"We realize the growing impact that bloggers have in the media landscape as more people, especially millennials, increasingly turn to new media for their news," said A. Shuanise Washington, president and chief executive officer of CBCF. "The influence

and reach of popular bloggers has grown exponentially over the past few years. Bloggers Row offers us the opportunity to create and build relationships with those bloggers and ensure coverage of ALC across traditional and social media."

Bloggers interested in covering ALC from Bloggers Row, must register using the link for media registration. Bloggers will be notified of their acceptance.

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career working to secure the rights guaranteed by the Constitution for all equally under the law. He is Founder and Executive Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice and under his leadership, the Institute has engaged in a wide range of important educational, legal, and policy issues. Dr. Ogletree has authored and edited several books on race and justice including: *The Presumption of Guilt: The Arrest of Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Race, Class, and Crime in America*, *All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half-Century of Brown v. Board of Education*, and most recently *Life without Parole: America's New Death Penalty?*

Other distinguished panelists include: Rep. Donna Edwards of Maryland, Rep. Cedric Richmond of Louisiana, U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake,

Newark, NJ Mayor Cory Booker, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Dr. Calvin Mackie, managing partner, Channel Zero Group, LLC; Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Boys and Men, and Deacon Larry D. Oney, chairman, HGI International.

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The conference also features an outreach project with Thrive DC, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people facing the dire consequences of economic upheaval, including homelessness and housing instability.



## Iyanla "Fix My Life" Vanzant to Keynote Networking Luncheon

Iyanla Vanzant, host of the Oprah Winfrey Network's "Iyanla: Fix My Life" reality television show, will serve as keynote speaker during the Annual Legislative Conference Networking Luncheon. The Networking Luncheon provides conference attendees with information, resources and networking opportunities to expand their personal and professional lives. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013 from 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

"The Networking Luncheon is one of our signature events connecting concerned citizens who want to effect positive change in the African American community," said A. Shuanise Washington, president and chief executive officer of CBCF. "The participation of Iyanla Vanzant, a speaker and teacher known for her power to inspire, ensures the success of this year's luncheon."

"We encourage attendees to take the knowledge, relationships and opportunities they learned during the luncheon and ALC back to their home communities to influence public policy and help solve social issues," Ms. Washington added.

"My life's work has been to facilitate and support individuals in living beyond their perceived limitations so that they will build meaningful personal, professional, social and political relationships in order improve themselves and the world," said Vanzant. "Through the Networking Luncheon, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation is providing an intimate and powerful



Iyanla Vanzant, pictured here with Oprah Winfrey, will keynote Thursday's ALC 2013 Networking Luncheon.

setting for creating new connections that can be catalysts for positive change."

Vanzant is a nationally recognized, inspirational speaker and relationship expert who is devoted

to showing people how to transform their lives. Vanzant is also an award-winning author of five New York Times Bestsellers. Her works include: *Tapping the Power Within*, *Acts of Faith*, *The Value in the Valley*, *Faith in the Valley*, *In the Meantime: Finding Yourself and the Love You Want*; *One Day My Soul Just Opened Up: 40 Days and 40 Nights Toward Spiritual Strength*; and her latest book, *Peace from Broken Pieces*.

The Networking Luncheon is one of the most attended special events during ALC, attracting more than 1,000 people every year. The luncheon is included in the ALC Standard Registration Package. It is a limited capacity event.

## ALC Features New Enterprise Pavilion During Exhibit Showcase

**Pavilion Connects Job Seekers, Corporations, the Government Sector, and Minority Businesses**

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) will unveil its new Enterprise Pavilion at the Exhibits Showcase, during ALC 2013.

"The Exhibit Showcase is designed to provide educational, health and business related opportunities for ALC attendees," said A. Shuanise Washington, president and chief executive officer for CBCF. "This year, our new Enterprise Pavilion will include a job fair, and information regarding how to secure federal and private contracts. We know that small businesses fuel our economy. The procurement portion has been added to increase the value of the Exhibit Hall experience for entrepreneurs and small business owners," she said.

The ALC Exhibit Showcase will feature nearly 200 exhibitors including corporations, government and nonprofit organizations, small businesses and a marketplace. Close to 10,000 attendees are expected to visit the Showcase on Sept. 19 from noon - 7:00 p.m.; Sept. 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sept. 21 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Exhibitors are



The Exhibits Showcase opens Thursday and will feature nearly 200 exhibitors.

arranged in Pavilions according to products and services offered and will include:

### **Enterprise Pavilion (Job and Procurement)**

The new Enterprise Pavilion will provide a platform for individuals to learn about various job opportunities in the federal and private sectors and give minority owned businesses an opportunity to engage with government agencies and private industry around the contracting process. This business exchange will be a rewarding opportunity for individual job seekers, and minority owned businesses.

### **Authors Pavilion**

More than 75 of the nation's premier African-American literary and scholarly talent from all over the country converge at ALC for readings and book signings. Confirmed authors include Terry McMillan, Sherrie Shepherd, Bernice King, Victoria Rowell, Dr. Robin L. Smith and Dr. Sampson Davis.

### **Business and Technology Pavilion**

Lenders, investment professionals, credit counselors, government and private agencies and others join together at the Business and Technology Pavilion. This pavilion is

designed to attract influential industry leaders from around the world to introduce new products, services or advanced technology. In addition, attendees can learn about home-based businesses, franchise opportunities, retirement, investment, asset protection and credit/debt management.

### **Health Pavilion**

African Americans are disproportionately affected by a number of health conditions, including heart disease, stroke, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and certain cancers. The Health Pavilion will offer potentially life-saving health screenings to Exhibit Showcase visitors. Screenings provided by Howard University Hospital, vital information on health issues and preventative measures will also be provided to increase awareness of the negative impact of health disparities especially for African Americans.

### **Marketplace Pavilion**

Exclusively for professional artisans, designers and unique craftsman and businesses, the Marketplace Pavilion is a source for one-stop shopping and features artistry at its best. ALC attracts high-end consumers seeking one-of-kind, high quality artistry, jewelry and clothing.



# CBCF Fellows to Provide Timely Summaries of Key ALC Sessions

By FIONA SOLTES

Each of us views the world through unique eyes. Even in the same room, even sharing the same experience and hearing the same words, we all will come away with different understanding.

This year's Annual Legislative Conference takes advantage of those distinct viewpoints with the help of our Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellows. Each Fellow will submit a summary of key issue forums and sessions for linking, sharing and further dialogue.

Following a template, the summaries will include lists of panelists; narratives of the presentation; lessons learned; applicable themes from group discussions; and more. The idea is not only to keep record of what is said and shown, but also to allow the writers and readers of the summaries to discover timely points, consider new angles and develop more comprehensive understanding.

In addition to being printed in future issues of *ALC Daily*, these summaries will be available for download from the ALC 2013 companion app, compatible with both iPhone and Android.

In the meantime, please meet the CBCF Fellows invited to participate:

**Jilliene Johnson** earned her Bachelor of Arts in psychology and minored in black studies at The College of Wooster. She also performed HIV/AIDS research at Rhodes University in South Africa and traveled to Ghana, West Africa, where she served as a co-instructor at the E. P. Church Mawuko Girls Secondary School. Her research interest areas include supporting students with marginalized identities; HIV/AIDS awareness; and educational policy. She received an honors citation on her thesis, and has been the recipient of several awards including the Richard F. Stevens Outstanding Graduate Student Award; the Kenneth P. Saurman Memorial Award; and the Innovation Award. She began her fellowship in the office of Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH-11).

**M. Reese Everson** earned her law degree as well as a Certificate in International and Comparative Law from DePaul University College of Law in Chicago. She graduated in just two years while maintaining a Law Achievement Scholarship, and studied law in Madrid and Beijing.



The CBCF Fellows Class of 2012-2014 are ready to contribute to the legislative process.

Prior to that, while studying international relations at Michigan State University, she worked as a Legislative Assistant to State Rep. Paul Condino, researching the implications of the minimum wage bill and garnering support for Condino's House bill, which proposed broadening the definition of employees eligible for overtime pay in the automotive industry. She began her fellowship in the office of Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA-03).

**Thomas Cuffie II** earned a Bachelor of Science in industrial and systems engineering from Georgia Tech; a Bachelor of Science in general science from Morehouse College; and a Juris Doctor from Georgia State University College of Law. He has worked at Discovery Communications in Silver Spring, Md., since 2011. Thomas has served as a rights analyst of television programming, using his legal and technical skills to increase efficiency in the management of intellectual property within Discovery's commissioned, acquired and co-produced television products. Thomas began his fellowship in the office of Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL-24), where he worked on science and technology issues, and is the first Science and Technology Fellow sponsored by Google.

**Tiffany Robson** earned her

Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Florida State University after three years of study, followed by her Juris Doctor at the George Washington University Law School. Tiffany joined the Florida Attorney General's Office as an Assistant Attorney General in the office's Children's Legal Services division, prosecuting those who abuse, abandon or neglect children. Tiffany's work with termination of parental rights and dependency trials and handling pre-adoption files spurred an interest in child welfare policy, focusing on family preservation and preventive services. She began her CBCF fellowship in the office of Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL-20).

**Thomas Brunet** is a recent graduate from American University's Washington College of Law, following a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Georgetown University. While at WCL, Thomas served as the president of the Black Law Students Association, a Marshall Brennan Constitutional Law Teaching Fellow, and as an editor of the *Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law*. He also served as a legal fellow in the office of Rep. Donna M. Christensen (D-VI), where he worked on issues including telecommunications, health, energy and the environment. He is now serving in

the office of Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR).

**Janelle Johnson** received her Bachelor's degree in international affairs from Transylvania University, in addition to earning her Master's degree in public policy from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy Studies. She was awarded a David L. Boren Scholarship to fund her independent study of Palestinian rights in Jordan. While in school, Janelle focused on security issues such as terrorism, insurgency, nuclear nonproliferation and state failure. She served as a research assistant for a project on political violence in Pakistan; authored a memo on how the incoming Pakistani government can counter religious radicalization and sectarian conflict; and coauthored a 30-page memo

Please see "FELLOWS" on page 13

Look for ALC Daily profiles of ALC 2013 Co-Chairs Reps. Donna Edwards of Maryland and Cedric Richmond of Louisiana; CBCF Chair Rep. Chaka Fattah of Pennsylvania, and A. Shuanise Washington, CBCF President and CEO; in our Thursday, Friday and Saturday issues.



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on reducing youth involvement in gangs in El Salvador. Janelle is CBCF's first Donald M. Payne Foreign Policy Fellow. She began her fellowship working in the office of Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA-37).

**Alvenia Y. McQueen** earned a Master's degree in public policy administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Toledo. Alvenia has worked for several non-profit health organizations, including Howard University's Center for Infectious Disease Management and Research (CIDMAR); Connecting Point, Inc.; and Neighborhood Health Association. She has managed programs that positively impact women and children for more than a dozen years. Alvenia plans to pursue a Doctorate degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. She began her fellowship in the office of Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY-13).

**Michael Baham** earned his Bachelor of Science in physics from Southern University in Baton Rouge and a Master's degree in international relations and politics from St. John's University at the Rome, Italy, campus. In addition to working with physicists and oceanographers at the Naval Research Laboratories and Naval Oceanographic Office, Michael also spent time studying in Mexico. He interned at the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory in Livingston, La., as well as the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cam-

bridge, Mass., and the United Nations World Food Programme. Michael also volunteered as an English teacher in Costa Rica with World Teach, a non-profit organization that sends volunteers to developing countries. Michael is one of two Energy Fellows sponsored by the American Petroleum Institute (API). He began his fellowship in the office of Rep. Bobby L. Rush (D-IL-01).

**Larcus Pickett** is an award-winning recent graduate of Columbia University School of International

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and Public Affairs; she received a Master's degree in public administration with a concentration in energy and environmental policy, following a Bachelor of Arts in economics at Howard University. Larcus has a

passion for addressing energy and environmental issues, primarily in underserved and underrepresented communities. She worked and lived in Africa for two years, starting as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guinea teaching secondary school math in a local village and organizing community events, in addition to working in Blantyre, Malawi, as a project assistant with the non-profit Water for People. She began her fellowship in the office of Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-PA-02).



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## Wednesday Event Summary

### Avoice Student Workshop: Voting Rights Act Revisited

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
U.S. National Archives and  
Records Administration  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Invitation Only  
Host: CBCF  
Track: Special Events

### Somalia in 2013: Our Best Chance to Fix a Failed State?

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Room 144-A  
Honorary Host: Rep. Keith Ellison  
Track: Foreign Affairs & National  
Security

### Head Start: Keeping Babies Healthy Before and After Birth Health and Wellness Luncheon

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Room 201  
Host: CBCF  
Track: Health & Wellness

### A Study of Drinking Behaviors and Attitudes among African- American College Students, pre- sented by Dr. Shaquille O'Neal

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Room 143-B  
Honorary Host: Rep. Emanuel  
Cleaver, II  
Track: Community Outreach/  
Civic Engagement

### What Have We Learned From Trayvon Martin?

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Room 140-B  
Honorary Hosts: Reps. Steven  
Horsford and Hakeem Jeffries  
Track: Civil Rights, Judiciary &  
History

### "Where Are They Now?"

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Room 143-A  
Host: CBCF  
Track: Emerging Leaders

### Beacons for the Future: Trailblazers in STEM Education for African Americans

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Room 140-A  
Host: CBCF  
Track: Education & Labor

### Intellectual Property and Technology Sharing: Energy Issues in Developing Nations

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Room 143-B  
Host: CBCF  
Track: Emerging Leaders

### CBC Spouses 17th Annual Celebration of Leadership in the Fine Arts

8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  
National Museum of Women in the  
Arts  
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Track: Special Events

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# The Village Is Burning!

## *How School Closings Affect African-American Children and Communities*

A discussion sponsored by the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association

**Thursday, Sept. 19**

**1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Room 143C**

What do the school systems in Chicago, Kansas City, New York City and Philadelphia have in common? They all have closed large numbers of public schools, almost all of which have been in African-American and Latino neighborhoods.

This session will examine the real impact of school closings on students and their communities, and how community-classroom partnerships can positively affect public education. We will also take a look at so-called parent-trigger laws, high-stakes standardized testing and the debate about the future of public education.

This enlightening, engaging and possibly provocative conversation will provide insights and tools to inspire activism among students, educators, parents and community members that will help guarantee every student access to a great public education.

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