Booker T. Washington Economic Development Summit

Restore, Renew, Regenerate: Build Back Better for Tomorrow

BTW SUMMIT 26TH SEPT 14&15 2022
MONTGOMERY, AL

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa
Montgomery, Alabama
About the Summit

On September 18, 1895, Booker T. Washington gave a historically renowned speech at the opening of the Atlanta Exposition. Though some leaders were critical of the approach espoused in the speech, one thing remains clear: Booker T. Washington’s strategy for addressing the social ills of society was through the economic development of black people. The Booker T. Washington Economic Summit uses this and other historical and philosophical perspectives of Booker T. Washington to focus on present day changes and to promote entrepreneurship and business opportunities for economic development in small towns, the southern region, and rural America. It is with this intention that then Extension Administrator, Velma Blackwell, established the summit in 1995, commemorating 100 years of the vision espoused by Booker T. Washington at the Atlanta Exposition.

It is with great honor that we welcome our partner, The National Business League, who are launching a national campaign for “Black Economic Freedom”. Founded by Booker T. Washington on August 23, 1900, the National Business League is the nation’s oldest business and trade association and continues to be a leader in developing a variety of business and trade associations, coalitions, and institutions.

This year’s Summit is pivotal, as it moves into its second quarter of a century. With persistent issues of economic underdevelopment, social and political strife, and impending shifts in global climate and trade; this year’s summit and partners seeks to Restore, Renew, and Regenerate the vision of Booker T. Washington to build a more equitable and just economic environment for all.

As a conference, the objectives are:

1. Provide technical assistance for individuals and organizations to become eligible for financing opportunities
2. Provide a forum and a source of funding that eligible individuals can access to launch and/or grow for-profit and not-for-profit business entities
3. Act as an aggregation point for entities in target industries seeking to improve their profitability through alliances, partnerships and/or cooperatives

Conference participants are expected from the minority business sector, community-based organizations, government, HBCUs and other universities. They will convene to learn more about procurement and funding opportunities; examine best practices, programs and policies; and exhibit success stories and model business programs for new opportunities and growth in individual businesses, small towns and rural communities.

Entrepreneurship and Start-up Business Development and Education are extension projects within the planned program area of Community and Economic Development. This program area primarily focuses on community resources and leadership development, business and entrepreneurial development, individual and family financial management. The major objective is to enhance financial security and organization for families, start-up micro-entrepreneurs, and communities. Extension Projects for this program area include: (a) Family Finances, (b) Start-up Businesses and Non-Profits, (c) Heir Property and African American Landloss, (d) Community Environmental Justice, and (e) Volunteer Leadership Development.

Summit Website
www.tuskegee.edu/btwsummit
Dear Summit Participants:

It is my distinct pleasure to participate in the 26th Annual Booker T. Washington Economic Development Summit.

I am always so proud of this organization’s work in translating the importance of Booker T. Washington’s vision and brilliance around economic empowerment while converting that into relevant messages for today.

Your work to create opportunities for discussion, problem-solving, networking, and providing today’s entrepreneurs with the tools and support they need to create and grow thriving businesses is the vision for which Booker T. Washington toiled.

I commend you for coordinating such a meaningful event that will provide thought-provoking presentations while celebrating the work of entrepreneurs who are brilliantly serving communities across the country.

Supporting African American entrepreneurs at all levels is a responsibility in which we all have a role. My thanks to those who have worked diligently to make this event meaningful.

My best wishes for your continued success,

Charlotte P. Morris, Ph.D.
President
BTW Economic Development Summit,

On behalf of the National Business League (NBL) and our founder Booker T. Washington, we would like to extend a warm congratulations for the 26th Annual Booker T. Washington Economic Summit, to be held September 14-15, 2022, in Montgomery, Alabama with the theme Restore, Renew and Regenerate.

The NBL, celebrating 122 years of legacy, takes pride in being the first and largest trade association for Black businesses in the country, with 120,000 members, city chapters in all 50 states and international, more than 125 Fortune 500 corporate partners and a platform for Black economic empowerment and freedom.

May this year’s conference expand the vision and legacy of Booker T. Washington, who sought to ensure that the Black community developed an economic base, as the core function towards the pursuit of economic freedom.

Entrepreneurially yours,

[Signature]

Dr. Kenneth L. Harris, Ph.D.
16th President and CEO
The National Business League

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. .......................................................... Registration (Exhibit Hall Foyer)

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. .......................................................... Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Hall B)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. .......................................................... Opening Plenary Session (Exhibit Hall B)

Dr. Charlotte P. Morris, President
Tuskegee University

The Honorable Steven Reed, Mayor
City of Montgomery, Alabama

The Honorable Lawrence “Tony” Haygood, Mayor
City of Tuskegee, Alabama

Sheryl Good, Senior Technical Expert
Environmental Protection Agency

Raymon Shange, Extension Administrator
Tuskegee University

Walter A. Hill
Vice Provost of Land Grant Affairs & Community Economic Development
Tuskegee University

The Honorable Bobby Singleton, Minority Leader
District 24, Alabama State Senate

Reverend Clifford Jones, President and Founder
Greater Peace Community Development Corporation

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. .......................................................... Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ................................................. Second Plenary Session (Exhibit Hall B)

Neal Wade, Managing Partner
Advanced Economic Development Leadership Program

Bryan Parker, Director of Governmental Affairs
Alabama League of Municipalities’

Kenneth Boswell, ADECA
Montgomery, AL

Kai Koong, Dean
College of Business & Information Science
Tuskegee University

Olga Bolden-Tiller, Dean
College of Agriculture, Environment & Nutrition Sciences

Tuskegee University Students
Antonio Andrews, Langston Hines, Chera Howard and Hasson Lewis-Majied

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ......................................................... Luncheon

Bill Perry Music, Musical Interlude

Special Presentations: Kenneth Harris, Ph.D., President/CEO
National Business League

Leona Barr-Davenport, President, Atlanta Business League

Clifford Bailey, President & CEO, TechSoft Systems

Awards and Recognitions

Recognition: Kenneth Harris, Leona Barr-Davenport

Distinguished Alumni Award: Clifford Bailey, TechSoft Systems

Emerging Business Award: LaQuantas Shepherd, QFit4Life, LLC

Distinguished Service Award: Cedric Varner, CTV Communications

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ......................................................... Break
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  

Third Plenary Session

Michelle Warren, USDA
Office Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Sheryl Good, Senior Technical Expert
Environmental Protection Agency

Daphne Wilson, Specialist and Grants Coordinator
Environmental Protection Agency

Joe Turnham, Director
Macon County Economic Development Authority

Lucas Blankenship
Economic Development Representative – Alabama & Tennessee
U.S. Department of Commerce

Andrea Rogers Mosely, Director
Alabama State University Small Business Development Center

Thomas Todt, District Director
U.S. Small Business Administration

Roger Selph, Vice President
Regional Director of Commercial Banking and Business Development
Liberty Bank

Louis Franklin, VP, Alabama Regional Director
Liberty Bank

Kenneth Davis, Branch Relationship Manager, AVP
Renasant Bank

Chase Hamner, Vice President, SBA Banker
Renasant Bank

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  

Dinner

Willie Durham, Agent
State Farm Insurance

Announcements: Miles Robinson
Tuskegee University
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration/Information Desk (Exhibit Hall Foyer)

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Fourth Plenary Session

Nivory Gordon, Jr., State Director
USDA Rural Development

Allen Bowen, Community Development
USDA Rural Development

“STATE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE BLACK BELT”

Jerry Pennick, Coordinator for Agriculture and Rural Policy, Carver Integrative Sustainability Center, Tuskegee University

Dr. Gloria Tinubu, Lead Researcher, Carver Integrative Sustainability Center
Tuskegee University

Dania Davy, Esq., Director of Land Retention and Advocacy
Federation of Southern Cooperatives

Monyai Chavers, Assistant Professor
College of Arts & Sciences
Tuskegee University

Dalal Alkordi, Ph.D. Candidate
Integrative Public Policy and Development Program
Tuskegee University

Kourtney Sherrod, Ph.D. Student
Integrative Public Policy and Development Program
Tuskegee University
“SUCCESS STORIES IN NON-PROFIT AND FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT”

Felicia Lucky, President
Black Belt Community Foundation

Clarinda Turner, Executive Director
Greater Peace Community Development Corporation

Richard Williams
Metropolitan United Methodist Church

Tyson Howard, Executive Director
South Central Alabama Development Commission

Coleton Buckley, National Executive Director
National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils

Bobby Jon Drinkard, Training Manager
Alabama Industrial Development & Technology

Kenneth Free, Alabama HUD Field Director
Housing & Urban Development

“HEIRS’ PROPERTY & CONTINGENCY PLANS”

Robert Zabawa, Professor
College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences
Tuskegee University

Kara Woods, Research Analyst
1890 SFDR Policy Center
Alcorn State University

Ciji Griffin, Urban Regional Extension Agent
Alabama A&M University
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

12:30 p.m. ................................................................. Closing Remarks
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