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About CBCF

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy, research and educational institute that aims to help improve the socioeconomic circumstances of African Americans and other underserved communities.

Founded in 1976 and based in Washington, D.C., CBCF envisions a world in which the black community is free of all disparities and able to contribute fully to advancing the common good. Its mission is to advance the global black community by developing leaders, informing policy and educating the public. It is achieving that 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.

Each year, CBCF undertakes significant public health, economic empowerment and scholarship programs that benefit thousands of people across the country. Its stellar fellowship and internship programs are among the largest of their kind and, while enabling young African Americans to pursue careers in public policy and public service, have helped to diversify the ranks of officeholders and staff on Capitol Hill and through the federal and state governments.

CBCF's influence extends to African-American intellectuals and others focused on policy and

legislative issues. Each September, thousands of elected officials and industry leaders, celebrities, media, emerging leaders and everyday Americans come to Washington, D.C., for the organization's Annual Legislative Conference (ALC). The conference features participation by the Congressional Black Caucus and includes dozens of policy forums, general sessions, exhibits, a job fair, book signings and vast networking opportunities.

In addition, CBCF produces district-level forums throughout the country to explore public policy concerns, promote public health and financial empowerment and to solicit opinions and recommendations of citizens at the local community level. CBCF and the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses also sponsor an annual golf and tennis classic that raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for educational and training opportunities for high school and college students.

CBCF programs are supported by fundraising events and the generous support of our corporate partners. To better expand and sustain its research efforts, and to enhance its leadership education programs, CBCF is establishing a multi-million-dollar endowment to provide support for its efforts not just for one year, or even one generation, but also in perpetuity.

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Preliminary Schedule



Wednesday, September 23			Location
8:00 AM	– 7:00 PM	Registration / Ticketing	Washington Convention Ctr. (WCC)
11:00AM	– 5:30 PM	CPAR Future Focus Series	WCC – various rooms
6:00 PM	– 7:30 PM	Welcome Ceremony	WCC – Ballroom A
8:00 PM	– 10:30 PM	CBC Spouses Celebration of Leadership of the Visual and Performing Arts*	Nat'l Museum of Women in Arts, 1250 New York Ave., NW

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Thursday, September 24**Location**

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Registration / Ticketing	WCC – East Registration Area
7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	CBC Spouses Community Breakfast	So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.) 71 "O" Street, NW, DC 20001
9:00 AM – 11:45 AM	National Town Hall Meeting	WCC – Ballroom A
12:00PM – 7:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Grand Opening	WCC – Exhibit Hall A
12:30PM – 2:30 PM	Emerging Leaders Instant Apprentice Luncheon**	WCC – TBD
12:30PM – 2:00 PM	Networking Lunch**	WCC – Ballroom C
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	CBC Spouses Essay Contest & Issue Forum	WCC – TBD
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Issue Forums & Briantrusts / Emerging Leaders Series	WCC – various rooms
2:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Jazz, the Church and Community - Sacred versus Secular	WCC – TBD
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Jazz Forum and Concert	WCC - Ballroom C
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	CBC Chair's Reception (invitation only)	TBD
8:00 PM – 10:30 PM	Gospel Extravaganza	WCC – Ballroom A
9:00 PM – 1:00 AM	The Renaissance* (Formerly know as The Black Party)	TBD (Off-site venue)
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Alumni Networking Event (invitation only)	National Association of Realtors 500 New Jersey Ave, NW Washington, DC 20001

Friday, September 25**Location**

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration / Ticketing	WCC – East Registration Area
10:00AM – 6:00 PM	Exhibit Showcase	WCC – Hall A
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Issue Forums & Braintrusts	WCC – various rooms
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	CBCF Chair's Reception	WCC
	(invitation only-all paid registrants receive an invitation)	
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Young Leaders' Reception "i Lead" (invitation only)	Josephine Lounge
Saturday, September 26		Location
7:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Prayer Breakfast*	WCC – Hall D
9:00AM – 4:00 PM	Exhibits Showcase	Hall E
10:30AM – 5:00 PM	Issue Forums & Braintrusts	WCC – various rooms
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	VIP Reception (invitation only)	WCC – Concourse D
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Annual Awards Dinner*	WCC – Hall D

* Ticketed Event

** Due to space limitations for these sessions, attendees must check the box labelled "Networking Lunch" or "Instant Apprentice Power Lunch" to receive confirmation of registration for these particular sessions. General registration is not a guarantee of registration for these specific events.

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The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation engages in many programs intended to help improve the socioeconomic circumstances of African Americans and other underserved communities.

Center for Policy Analysis and Research

The Center for Policy Analysis and Research (CPAR) comprehensively creates, identifies, analyzes and disseminates policy-oriented information critical to advancing the African American community towards economic independence, education and health equity.

Leadership Institute for Public Service

The Leadership Institute for Public Service is the vehicle through which the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation prepares the next generation to take its rightful place in community service and policy development arenas. The Leadership Institute's primary goal is to increase the pool of black leaders in community-based programs and public service careers. CBCF selects and engages nearly 1,000 students and young professionals in intense, focused environments each year, during which they are taught critical thinking and leadership skills. They receive this advanced training through the scholarship, internship and fellowship programs. CBCF's Leadership Institute offers educational and leadership development programs to individuals ranging from junior high school students to young adults up to age 40.

Black Health Empowerment Project

The Black Health Empowerment Project (BHEP) is a national health initiative created and produced by CBCF to educate African Americans about the relationship between obesity and