



NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK
35th Anniversary Convention
April 8th – 11th, 2026

Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel
811 Seventh Ave.
New York, NY 10019

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8th

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM | REGISTRATION

Location: Back Lobby, 1st Floor

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | RIBBON CUTTING & OPENING REMARKS

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network, **Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson**, Chairman, National Board of Directors, National Action Network, and

Elected Officials:

The Honorable George Alvarez, Assemblymember, New York State

The Honorable Alvin Bragg, District Attorney, Manhattan, NY

The Honorable Gale Brewer, Council Member, New York City

The Honorable Darcel Clark, District Attorney, Bronx, NY

The Honorable Jennifer Davenport, Attorney General, New Jersey

The Honorable Vanessa L. Gibson, Borough President, Bronx, NY

The Honorable Rita Joseph, Councilmember, New York City

The Honorable Brad Hoylman –Sigal, Borough President, Manhattan, NY

The Honorable Zohran Mamdani, Mayor, New York City

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, U.S. Representative, (NY –12)

The Honorable Kevin Parker, Senator, New York State

The Honorable Yusef Salaam, Councilman, New York City

The Honorable Jumaane Williams, Public Advocate, New York City

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | JUSTICE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND HEALING: VOICES OF VICTIMS AND FAMILIES

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

Ben Crump, Esq., Civil Rights Attorney

PANELISTS:

Wanda Cooper –Jones, Mother, Ahmaud Arbery, and Founder, Ahmaud Arbery Foundation **Pamela Dias**, Mother, A.J. Owens, and Advocate, Gun Violence Prevention

Philonise Floyd, Brother, George Floyd, and Social Justice Advocate

Sybrina Fulton, Mother, Trayvon Martin, and Co –Founder, Trayvon Martin Foundation

The Honorable Yusef Salaam, Council Member, New York City, District 9,



and Member, Exonerated Five

Rodney Wells, Father, Tyre Nichols, and Advocate, Police Accountability

Row Vaughn Wells, Mother, Tyre Nichols, and Advocate, Police Accountability

Korey Wise, Member, Exonerated Five, and Justice Reform Advocate

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

The Honorable Josh Shapiro, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

12:15 PM – 12:45 PM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

The Honorable Al Green, U.S. Representative (TX –9)

12:45 PM – 1:05 PM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

The Honorable LaMonica McIver, U.S. House Representative, (NJ –10)

1:05 PM – 2:05 PM | JUSTICE IN ACTION: ACCOUNTABILITY, REFORM, AND THE FUTURE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN AMERICA

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

Ben Crump, Esq., Civil Rights Attorney

PANELISTS:

The Honorable Alvin Bragg, Esq., District Attorney, New York County, NY

The Honorable Jennifer Davenport, 52nd Attorney General, New Jersey

Tony Romanucci, Esq., Civil Rights Attorney, and Founding Partner, Romanucci & Blandin

2:05 PM – 3:05 PM | POWER, NOT PERMISSION: ORGANIZING FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN A NEW ERA OF LABOR

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

PANELISTS:

Clayola Brown, President, A. Philip Randolph Institute, (APRI)

Everett Kelley, President, American Federation of Government Employees, (AFGE)

Manny Pastreich, President, 32BJ SEIU

Lee Saunders, President, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, (AFSCME)

Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers, (AFT)

3:05 PM – 3:35 PM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network



The Honorable Ro Khanna, U.S. House of Representatives, (CA –17)

3:35 PM – 4:20 PM | THE EQUITY BLUEPRINT: A NEW STRATEGY FOR HOME OWNERSHIP & WEALTH

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

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PANELISTS:

The Honorable Mercedes Narcisse, Council Member, 46th District, New York City Council

Jamie Smarr, President and Chief Executive Officer, New York City Housing Partnership

Rev. Dr. Adolphus C. Lacey Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church of Brooklyn

4:20 PM – 6:30 PM | BREAK

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM | KEEPERS OF THE DREAM RECEPTION

Location: Empire Ballroom, 2nd Floor

7:00 PM | KEEPERS OF THE DREAM AWARDS CEREMONY (TICKETED EVENT)

Location: Metropolitan Ballroom, 2nd Floor

HONOREES:

Jamie Bland, Founder, Jumpstart Productions, President, Paterson New Jersey Chapter, National Action Network

Louis Carr, President, BET

Marc Holliday, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, SL Green Realty Corp.

Alex Lasry, Chief Executive Officer, FIFA World Cup 2026™ NYNJ Host Committee

Lawrence O'Donnell, Host, The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell, MS NOW

Billy Porter, Emmy, Grammy, and Tony Award –winning Actor & Singer

Lee Saunders, President, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, (AFSCME)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM | CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Location: Empire East Ballroom – 2nd Floor

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | REGISTRATION

Location: Back Lobby, 1st Floor

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | NAN BOARD MEETING

Location: Central Park West Ballroom, 2nd Floor

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | NAN RESOURCE ROOM

Location: Liberty Ballroom, 3rd Floor

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM | REMARKS

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor



SPECIAL GUEST

10:15 AM – 1:00 AM | FINDING TRUTH IN THE AGE OF MISINFORMATION

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATORS:

Rachel Noerdlinger, Equity Partner, Actum, LLC.

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

PANELISTS:

Ashley Allison, Publisher, The Root

Jonathan Capehart, Cohost, MS NOW's "The Weekend"

Dr. Benjamin Chavis, President and CEO, National Newspapers Publishers Association

Molly Jong –Fast, Journalist and Author, Vanity Fair/MS NOW

Don Lemon, Host, The Don Lemon Show

Jonathan Mahler, Journalist and Author, The New York Times

Symone Sanders Townsend, Cohost, MS NOW's "The Weeknight"

11:00 AM – 11:40 AM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

The Honorable Wes Moore, Governor, Maryland

11:40 PM – 12:30 PM ISTEWARDSHIP & SHARED PROSPERITY:

PUBLIC CAPITAL FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

Charles Phillips, Cofounder & Managing Partner, Recognize

PANELISTS:

The Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli, 54th Comptroller, New York State

The Honorable James A. Diossa, 32nd General Treasurer, Rhode Island

The Honorable Mark D. Levine, 52nd Comptroller, New York City

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM IFIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

The Honorable JB Pritzker, Governor, Illinois

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM IPLENARY

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

The Honorable David Jolly, Former U.S. Representative for Florida (D –13).

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM | LEGACY TALKS

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

Ashley Sharpton, Daughter, Rev. Al Sharpton and Founder, National Action Network, Youth Huddle,



and Founder, Sharpton Entertainment, LLC

PANELISTS:

Jamaal Bernard, Son, Rev. A.R. Bernard and Pastor, Christian Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY

Ashley Jackson, Daughter, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Bishop –Elect Joshua Jordan, Son, Archbishop Bernard and Prophetess Deborah Jordan, and Cofounder, The Z Connection

Rev. William Richardson III, Son of Rev. Dr. W Franklin Richardson II, Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Port St Lucie, Florida

Trenness Woods Black, Granddaughter, Sylvia Woods and PR Strategist

David Wright, Son of Rev. Timothy Wright

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Women’s Empowerment Luncheon (Ticketed Event | Invite Only)

Location: Metropolitan West Ballroom, 2nd Floor

HOST:

Cheryl Wills, Emmy Award –Winning Journalist, Spectrum News NY1

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Ayanna Pressley, U.S. Representative (MA –7)

HONOREES:

The Honorable Adrienne Adams, 34th Speaker, New York City Council, and Democratic Nominee, Lieutenant Governor, New York

Camille A. Brown, Director, Choreographer

Kierra Sheard Kelly, Award –Winning American Gospel Singer, and Evangelist

Sheila Tyson, President, Birmingham, Alabama Chapter, National Action Network

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

Kelley Robinson, President, The Human Rights Campaign

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM | Loved Delivered: A Conversation on Black Maternal Health

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

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WELCOME REMARKS

Mrs. Ethel Isaacs Williams, National President, The Links, Incorporated

OPENING REMARKS:

The Honorable Marilyn Strickland, U.S. House of Representative, (WA –10)

MODERATOR:

Ernesha Pinder, Vice President, Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Belonging, CVS Health

PANELISTS:

Dr. Shirley Abraham, Chief Medical Officer, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

Dr. Stacie NC Grant, International President, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Chiamaka (Amaka) Onwuzurike, OB/GYN, Mass General Brigham

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | The New Normal: Truth, Tech, and Our Future

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor



MODERATOR:

Rev. Dr. Steffie Bartley, Northeast Regional Director, National Action Network, and Board Member, National Board of Directors, National Action Network

PANELISTS:

Jessica L. Brown, CEO, College Gurl, and President, The College Gurl Foundation

Camille Joseph –Goldman, Group Vice President, Charter Communications, and Board Member, National Board of Directors, National Action Network

Dee C. Marshall, CEO & Managing Partner, AI Training Plus

Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Governance Studies and Director, Center for Technology Innovation

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM | Keeping the Lights On: Energy Affordability & Economic Justice

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

The Honorable Ruben Diaz, 13th Borough President, Bronx, and New York State Cochair, Natural Allies

PANELISTS:

Neel Brown, Managing Director, Progressive Policy Institute

Ron Busby Sr., President & CEO, U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. (USBC)

Rev. Demetrius Carolina, Pastor, First Central Baptist Church, Staten Island, NY

The Honorable Bob Duffy, 76th Lt. Governor, New York, and New York State Co –Chair, Natural Allies

The Honorable Michael Nutter, 98th Mayor, Philadelphia, National Co –Chair, Natural Allies

5:30 PM – 6:45 PM | MARCH TO DEI THURSDAY

Location: Meet in Lobby – 1st Floor, marching to 787 11th Avenue, New York, NY.

(Red T –shirts will be distributed in Metropolitan Ballroom prior to departure)

**7:00 PM – 9:30 PM | NAN CHAPTER LEADER RECEPTION WITH REV. AL SHARPTON
(EXCLUSIVE TO NAN CHAPTER LEADERS & CHAPTER MEMBERS)**

Location: Metropolitan West Ballroom, 2nd Floor

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM | CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Location: Empire East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | REGISTRATION

Location: Back Lobby, 1st Floor

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | NAN RESOURCE ROOM

Location: Liberty Ballroom, 3rd Floor

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM | CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS WITH SCHOLARS: ADDRESSING AMERICA'S URGENT CHALLENGES



Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

Dr. Jamal Watson, Professor & Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Trinity Washington University

PANELISTS:

Dr. Khalilah Brown –Dean, Executive Director, Allbritton Center, Study, Public Life, and Rob Rosenthal Distinguished Professor, Civic Engagement, Wesleyan University

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Distinguished Professor, Vanderbilt University

Dr. Christina Greer, Associate Professor, Political Science, Fordham University

Dr. Darrick Hamilton, Henry Cohen Professor, Economics and Urban Policy, The New School

Rev. Dr. Tecoy Porter, President, Sacramento, California Chapter, National Action Network

Dr. Jeanne Theoharis, Distinguished Professor, History, Brooklyn College

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM IFIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, NAN

Dr. Doris Kearns Goodwin, Pulitzer Prize Winning Historian

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM IFIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

SPECIAL GUEST

11:45 AM – 12:25 PM I FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, NAN

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, 19th U.S. Secretary, Department of Transportation

12:25 PM – 12:35 PM I PLENARY

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

The Honorable Glenn Ivey, U.S. Representative (MD – 4)

12:35 PM – 1:05 PM I FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, NAN

The Honorable Jim Clyburn, U.S. Representative (SC – 6)

1:05 PM – 2:00 PM IIMMIGRATION FRONTLINES: ORGANIZING TO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

Monique Pressley, Esq., Principal, The Pressley Firm PLLC

PANELISTS:

Rev. Robert Bush, President, Las Vegas, Nevada Chapter, National Action Network

Latrice Cook, President, Austin, Texas Chapter, National Action Network

George Escobar, Executive Director, CASA, Inc.



Guerline Jozef, Executive Director, Haitian Bridge Alliance
Patrice Lawrence, Executive Director, UndocuBlack Network

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF RACE AND INEQUALITY IN TODAY'S MOVEMENT TOWARD A NEW WORLD ORDER

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

The Right Honorable Lord Woolley, Woodford, Principal, Homerton College, University, Cambridge

PANELISTS:

Runa Alam, Chief Executive Officer, Development Partners International

The Honorable Asha Castleberry – Hernandez, Expert, National Security and Foreign Affairs, and Major, U.S. Army Reserve

Dr. Edmund Folefac, Associate Professor, Internal Medicine, and Medical Oncologist, Ohio State University

Martin Ganda, CEO, New Africa Capital

The Honorable Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., Former U.S. Representative, (IL – 2)

Malcolm Nance, Intelligence Officer, and National Security Advisor

12:00 PM – 2:30 PM | REV. DR. WILLIAM A. JONES MINISTERS LUNCHEON (TICKETED EVENT)

Location: Metropolitan West Ballroom, 2nd Floor

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Rev. Dr. Howard John Wesley, Senior Pastor, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia

REMARKS

The Honorable Justin J. Pearson, Tennessee State Representative, 86th District

HONOREES

Rev. Shavon Arline – Bradley, President and CEO, National Council, Negro Women

Rev. Cordelia Wallace, Senior Pastor, Agape Church, New York

Rev. Dr. Howard John Wesley, Senior Pastor, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rev. Patrick Young, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, New York

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM | THE BLACK CHURCH IN THE AGE OF TRUMP 2.0

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

MODERATOR:

Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, II, Chairman of the Board, National Action Network, and Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, NY

PANELISTS:

Rev. Carolyn C. Cavaness, Senior Pastor, Mother Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia, PA

Rev. James Duckett, Senior Pastor, Fort Mott Baptist Church Bronx NY

Rev. R.B. Holmes, President, Tallahassee, Florida Chapter, National Action Network

Rev. Dr. George L. Parks, Jr., Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, DC Area

Bishop Frank A. White, Pastor, Zion Cathedral, Freeport, NY, and Member, General Board, C.O.G.I.C

immediately following

BOOK SIGNING | "NEVER LOST" BY Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, II



Location: Empire East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM IHEALTH IN CRISIS: CONFRONTING THE TRUTH AND THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Powered By: Choose Healthy Life

OPENING REMARKS

Rev. Kimberly L. Williams, President and CEO, Choose Healthy Life

MODERATOR:

Rev. Jacques Andre DeGraff, Senior Advisor, Choose Healthy Life

PANELISTS:

Rev. Lawrence Aker III, New York Clergy Leader, Choose Healthy Life

Divinah “Dee” Bailey, Chief Operating Officer, African American Clergy and Elected Officials

Dr. Melissa Clarke, Dean of Education, Choose Healthy Life

Ruth Clements, President East Region, Quest Diagnostics

Debra Fraser – Howze, Founder and Board Chair, Choose Healthy Life

Pastor Donnie McClurkin, Gospel Music Icon and Senior Pastor, Perfecting Faith Church

Johanne Morne, Executive Deputy Commissioner, New York State Department of Health

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM | INTERVENTION TO IMPACT: ADVANCING COMMUNITY SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

OPENING REMARKS

The Honorable Alvin Bragg, District Attorney, Manhattan, NY.

MODERATOR:

Kheperah Kearse, Chief Wellness Officer, LIFE Camp Inc.

PANELISTS:

The Honorable William Allen, District Leader, New York City, AD – 70

Aalayah Eastmond, Survivor, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Mass Shooting, and National Spokesperson, Team Enough

Rama Issa – Ibrahim, Executive Director, NY Center, Anti – Violence Education, CAE

Greg Jackson, Deputy Director, White House Office, Gun Violence Prevention

Stephanie McGraw, Founder, CEO, We All Really Matter, WARM

Nicole Myers, Director, Programs, Stand Against Violence East Harlem, SAVE

The Honorable Keith Powers, Council Member, New York City, District 4

Anthony Smith, Executive Director, Cities United

Michael – Sean Spence, Managing Director, Everytown, Gun Safety

The Honorable Althea Stevens, Councilmember, New York City, District 16

Samson Styles, Filmmaker, and Award – Winning Broadcast Journalist

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM | NAN HISTORY FILM

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM | STILL STANDING, STILL FIGHTING: A 90’S THROWBACK FOR JUSTICE



(COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST 90'S APPAREL, ALL ARE WELCOME)

Location: Metropolitan West Ballroom, 2nd Floor

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH – YOUTH & COLLEGE DAY

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM | SATURDAY ACTION RALLY LIVE FROM THE SHERATON

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

Live on IMPACT Television and WBLS – 107.5 Fm radio

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor, Kentucky

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | MEASURING THE MOVEMENT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

LEADERS:

Rev. Shavon Arline – Bradley, President and CEO, National Council of Negro Women

Melanie Campbell, President & CEO, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation

Marc Morial, President and CEO, National Urban League

Janai Nelson, President and Director – Counsel, The Legal Defense Fund (LDF)

Maya Wiley, President and CEO, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Senator Mark Kelly, AZ

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM | OPENING CEREMONY AND YOUTH DAY AWARDS

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

BEACON OF LIGHT HONOREES:

The Honorable Maxwell Frost, U.S. Representative, (FL – 10)

Angie Thomas, New York Times Best – Selling Author, The Hate U Give, and Nic Blake Series

12:30 PM – 4:00 PM | COLLEGE CONNECT PATHWAYS & JOB FAIR

Location: Empire Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Presented by NYC Job Fairs



1:30 PM – 2:30 PM | THE ENTREPRENEURIAL BLUEPRINT PANEL AND YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR PITCH CONTEST: STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Location: Empire East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

TEEN ENTREPRENEUR PITCH CONTEST JUDGES

Imani Ellis, CEO, and Founder, CultureCon, and Creative Collective NYC

Syreeta Gates, Founder, Most Incredible Studio, and Cultural Archivist, Gates Preserve

Brandon “Scoop B” Robinson, Founder, CEO, Scoop B Enterprises, Host, Scoop B Radio, and Sportswriter, and NBA Insider

Willie “Prophet” Stiggers, CEO, and Founder, Black Music Action Coalition

Sharene Wood, President, CEO, 5001 Flavors, Harlem Haberdashery, HH Bespoke Spirits and Beverages, and Wood Enterprises

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM | I KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WORKSHOP

Empire East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

PRESENTERS:

Mathilda Adeniji, Organizer, Manhattan Office, Community Liaison, New York, NY

Mauricia Harry, Organizer, Manhattan Office, Community Liaison, New York, NY

Tatiana Hill, Organizer, Manhattan Office, Community Liaison, New York, NY

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM | OUR PRISONS AND JAILS 2026 – IMPLEMENTING HUMANITY, TRANSFORMATIVE/RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND SYSTEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY

Empire West Ballroom, 2nd Floor

CO – MODERATORS:

Victor Pate, Co – Director, New York Campaign, Alternatives, Isolated Confinement, NYCAIC

Dr. Vanda Seward, Director, Criminal Justice Program, and Professor, Criminal Justice, CUNY Kingsborough Community College

PANELISTS:

Lillie Branch – Kennedy, Advocate, Criminal Justice Reform

Gwendolyn Levi, Advocate, and Justice Impacted Leader

Dr. Divine Pryor, CEO, People’s Police Academy, PPA, Medgar Evers College, CUNY

The Honorable Julia Salazar, Senator, New York, District 18

The Honorable Jordan J.G. Wright, Assembly Member, New York City, AD – 70

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | PROTECTING THE PROMISE: THE STATE OF BLACK MEN AND THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Location: Empire East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

OPENING REMARKS:

The Honorable Jumaane Williams, 5th Public Advocate, New York City

MODERATOR:

Phil Taitt, 2x Emmy Award – Winning Journalist, and Founder, Dream, Reach, Inspire

PANELISTS:

The Honorable Michael Blake, CEO, and Founder, KAIROS Democracy Project

Erik Cliette, Executive Director, One Hundred Black Men, New York

The Honorable Landon Dais, Assembly Member, New York City, AD – 77

Dr. Dominique Lester, Education Chairman, Alpha Lambda Chapter,



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

The Honorable William Smith, District Leader, New York City, AD – 68

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM IHBCU ASCEND TOUR PRESENTATION

Location: Empire West Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Rev. Cassius Rudolph

Rev. Willie Francois

Dr. Gabby Wilkes

HBCU student leaders

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM IARTIVISM FASHION & TALENT SHOWCASE

Powered by Sharpton Entertainment

Location: Metropolitan East Ballroom, 2nd Floor

HONOREES:

Sergio Hudson, American Luxury Fashion Designer

Lanny Smith, Founder, and CEO, Actively Black

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