



Cultivating Transformative Leaders: Unsung Heroines of HBCUs Conference Agenda

Day 1: June 24, 2024

Mistress of Ceremonies:

Dr. Gwen Williams Dandridge, Assistant Vice President for Communications, Office of Communications and University Relations, Virginia State University

7:30am - 8:00am

Registration Opens

8:00am - 8:30am

Welcome

Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Virginia State University

Introduction of Dignitaries

Dr. Bernice Carson, Executive Director of Student Success and Retention, College of Natural and Health Sciences, Virginia State University

8:30am – 9:00am

Presentation: Embracing the Legacy of HBCUs and the Role Women Played

Presenter: Dr. Cheryl Mango, Associate Professor and Executive Director of National HBCU Studies Center, Virginia State University

Morning Sessions

9:00am – 12:00pm

Theme: Navigating Gender and Race in Leadership: Owning Your Voice in Male Dominated Spaces

9:00am – 9:45am

Session 1: Amplifying Authenticity: Embracing Intersectionality

Panelists: Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Virginia State University; Kendra White, J.D., Director of Compliance, Office of Institutional Integrity and Compliance, Virginia State University; Dr. Adrian M. Petway, Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance, Virginia State University

Moderator: Dr. Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, Associate Professor Graduate Coordinator, MSCJ Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Virginia State University

10:00am - 10:45am

Session 2: Beyond Barriers: Strategies for Breaking the Glass Ceiling

Panelists: Dr. Letizia Gambrell-Boone, Vice President for Student Affairs, Salve Regina University; Dr. Isis N. Walton, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Virginia State University; Dr. Ivana Rich, Associate Vice President, Director of Athletics, Edward Waters University

Moderator: Dr. Annie Redd, Chief of Staff, Director of Board Operations and Relations, Virginia State University

11:00am – 11:45am

Session 3: Cultivating Safe Spaces: Fostering Inclusivity and Empowerment in Leadership

Panelists: Felicia Johnson, Former Athletic Director Virginia Union, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Compliance, Virginia State University; Peggy Davis, Associate Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, Virginia State University

Moderator: Cassandra S. Price, Assistant Professor, Sports Communications Coordinator, Department of Mass Communications, Virginia State University

12:00pm – 12:45pm

Women's Empowerment Self-Care Expo and Networking Break

- Line Dancing: Dance Studio Room 1305
- Chair Massages: Welcome Center Room 1300
- Blood Pressure Screening: Mass Communications Room 1418
- Manicure Station: Room 1420
- Meditation and Grounding: Athletics Practice Gym
- Networking Lounge: Orange and Blue Suite
- Inspirational Water Bottle Station: MPC Main Lobby
- Vendor Fair: Terrace Lounge



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Day 1: June 24, 2024 (cont.)

1:00pm – 1:50pm	Lunch Keynote Panel
	<p>Topic: The Significance of Building and Sustaining Alliances in Our HBCU Network: Former and Current Presidents and Chancellors Share their Stories</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, President, Norfolk State University; Dr. Algeania Warren Freeman, Former President at Livingstone College, St. Paul's College, Wilberforce University, and Martin University; Dr. Dianne Boardley Suber, Former Vice President for Administrative Services, Hampton University, Liaison to the General Assembly, and SACSCOC Liaison, 10th President of Saint Augustine's University; Dr. JoAnn Haysbert, Executive Vice President and Provost, Hampton University, and 15th President of Langston University.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, Executive Director, HBCU Executive Leadership Institute, Clark Atlanta University and 18th President of Bennett College</p>
Afternoon Sessions	
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Theme: Collaborative Innovation: Fostering Cross-Institutional Partnerships- Advocacy and Policy Influence
2:00pm – 2:45pm	<p>Session 4: HBCU Sisterhood: Leveraging Collective Strength for Greater Institutional Impact</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, Executive Director, HBCU Executive Leadership Institute, Clark Atlanta University and 18th President of Bennett College; Dr. Paulette Dillard, President, Shaw University</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Virginia State University</p>
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<p>Session 5: Amplifying HBCU Voices: Strategies for Collective Politics and Policy Advocacy</p> <p>Panelist: Lezli Baskerville, Esquire, President & CEO National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education; Delegate Marcia Price, 85th District, Virginia House of Delegates; Deborah Howard, Title IX Coordinator, Virginia State University</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Alisha Rowley, Associate Professor, Counseling Department, Virginia State University</p>
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Adjournment



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Day 2: June 25, 2024	
Mistress of Ceremonies: Dr. Gwen Williams Dandridge, Assistant Vice President for Communications, Office of Communications and University Relations, Virginia State University	
7:30am - 8:00am	Registration Opens
8:00am – 8:30am	Welcome and Day 1 Reflections Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Virginia State University
8:30am – 9:00am	Presentation: Who Said We Couldn't: Phenomenal Women Leading Phenomenally Presenter: Rev. Marilyn L. Medley, Holley Grove AME Church in Windsor, VA
Morning Sessions	
9:00am – 12:00pm	Theme: Holistic Leadership: Balancing Well-being and Professional Growth
9:00am – 9:45am	Session 1: Ancestral Strength: Drawing from Our Roots for Holistic Leadership Panelist: Dr. Gabrielle D. Pina, Director of Academic Communications/Public Relations and Executive Director of the VSU Women's LeadHERship Institute, Office of the Provost, Virginia State University Moderator: Dr. Sharon Lassiter, Director of Dual Enrollment and Digital Learning and Extended Studies, Virginia State University
10:00am - 10:45am	Session 2: Cross Generational Sister Circles: Building Supportive Communities for Professional and Personal Thrive Panelists: Dr. Gabrielle D. Pina, Director of Academic Communications, Public Relations and Executive Director of the VSU Women's LeadHERship Institute, Office of the Provost, Virginia State University; Cassandra S. Price, Assistant Professor, Sports Communications Coordinator, Department of Mass Communications, Virginia State University; Jane Parker, Bachelors of Social Work Program Director, Virginia State University; Callie Burdette, Sociology Major, Chair of EmpowerHER, Virginia State University Moderator: Dr. Kimetta R. Hairston, Associate Vice President for Regional Centers and Online Programs, Bowie State University
11:00am – 11:45am	Session 3: Empowered Self-Care: Strategies for Resilience in the HBCU Leadership Landscape Panelists: Tonya Edington, First Lady of the University of the District of Columbia; Myra Williams, First Lady of Hampton University Moderator: Dr. Ahkinyala Abdullah, First Lady, Virginia State University
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1:00pm – 1:50pm	<p>Legacy Luncheon- A Homage to Our Culinary History Dr. Gabrielle D. Pina, Director of Academic Communications/Public Relations and Executive Director of the VSU Women’s LeadHERship Institute, Office of the Provost, Virginia State University</p>
	<p>Celebrating Our Unsung Heroines: Cross Generational Achievements and Contributions Phenomenal Woman Awards- Dr. Glenell M. Lee-Pruitt and Alisha Foster Hidden Figure Award- Dr. Gladys B. West Dream Keepers Awards- Dr. Kishia C. James and TBA Presenters: Dr. Tia A Minnis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Virginia State University; Sharon Taylor, Director of Advising and Professional Enhancement, Virginia State University The Crowning of HBCU Queens: A Pledge to Our Sisterhood Presenter: Dr. Linda Noel-Batiste, Executive Director of Strategic Faculty Initiatives and Innovation, Virginia State University</p>
Afternoon Sessions	
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Theme: Navigating the Imposter Syndrome
2:00pm – 2:45pm	<p>Session 4: Unearthing Our Stories: Historical Context and Imposter Syndrome in HBCUs Panelists: Dr. Kala Burrell-Craft, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Academic Center for Excellence, Virginia State University Moderator: Dr. Teresa Hardee Boone, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Claflin University</p>
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<p>Session 5: Reframing Success: Tools to Redefine Accomplishments and Combat Imposter Syndrome Panelists: Dr. Tracey Barley, Vice Provost for Digital Learning and Extended Studies, Office of the Provost, Virginia State University; Nicole D. Jackson, Assistant Deputy Chief, Virginia State University; Crystal Square-Williams, Executive Director for University Events and the Wilder Center, Norfolk State University Moderator: Dr. Adrian M. Petway, Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance, Virginia State University</p>
3:45pm – 4:00pm	<p>Closing Remarks Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Virginia State University</p>
4:00pm	Adjournment