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WELCOME FROM THE FOUNDER



Welcome to the Summit

Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., Ed.M.

Founder & Summit Director

Prairie View A&M University alumna

Dear Friends and Future Legal Leaders,

With deep gratitude and great joy, I welcome you to the 13th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo! I am delighted that you are joining us in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, as we gather at North Carolina Central University to invest in your future in law.

When I founded this Summit, I wanted HBCU students and graduates to have a national gathering created with their aspirations and experiences in mind. As an HBCU graduate and a first-generation college student, law student, and lawyer, I understood the importance of access to guidance and people who could help make the path forward clearer. That understanding became the foundation of this work.

Building this Summit from the ground up and sustaining it for thirteen consecutive years has required persistence, resourcefulness, and a deep commitment to its purpose. I am proud of what we have built together, and I am profoundly grateful to everyone who has helped make it possible. What keeps me committed is the opportunity to help aspiring lawyers recognize what is possible for their lives and take meaningful steps toward it. You are the reason this work matters.

To every aspiring lawyer joining us: you belong here, and your aspirations deserve to be taken seriously. You do not need to have every answer today. Bring your curiosity, your questions, and a willingness to learn. Whether you have dreamed of becoming a lawyer for years or are just beginning to consider the possibility, I hope you feel welcomed and supported in this community.

Use this opportunity fully. Introduce yourself to someone whose journey interests you. Ask about the parts of the process you do not yet understand. Seek guidance, take notes, and follow up with the people you meet. As you listen and participate, identify the steps you can take when you return home. Allow what you learn here to shape how you prepare for what comes next.

Our HBCUs have long recognized talent, nurtured ambition, and prepared leaders whose contributions extend far beyond their campuses. You carry that legacy forward. Your experiences can help you recognize needs others overlook and understand the people you may one day serve. As you pursue a legal education, consider how you will use that knowledge to advocate effectively and contribute to the communities that need you.

To our speakers, law school representatives, sponsors, partners, and extraordinary volunteers: thank you for believing in this mission and putting that belief into action. Your generosity makes these opportunities possible. I do not take your time, your contributions, or your trust for granted.

My commitment to this work remains strong because I believe in the people this Summit brings together. I believe in your capacity to learn, to lead, and to make a meaningful contribution to the legal profession. I am grateful to be part of your journey, and I look forward to the day when you help another aspiring lawyer find their way.

Welcome to the Summit. Your next chapter deserves your full commitment, and you have a community here cheering you forward. Let’s go!

With gratitude and determination,

Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., Ed.M.

Founder & Event Director | National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo

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September 24, 2026

Dear Students,

Congratulations on your decision to attend the 2026 National HBCU Pre-Law Summit and Law Expo. I am excited that you're considering a career in the profession that has been so rewarding for me.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to join the **American Bar Association,** the largest, most prominent, and most diverse organization of legal professionals in our nation and the world. The ABA is the voice and home of America's legal community. As you begin your career in the law, the ABA can become your professional home, too. We offer career-building resources, the ability to advocate for our profession, and to opportunity to promote justice for all through the rule of law.

The ABA is a leading advocate in eliminating bias and enhancing diversity in our profession and legal system. To be effective at what we do, the legal profession must reflect the diversity of the clients and the communities we serve. This is why your attendance at this event is so important.

You can join the ABA as a law student—for free. What you get in return is access to countless opportunities to connect and network not only with law students but also with leading lawyers and judges.

The ABA offers educational and career guidance, internships, clerkships, and other ways to advance your schooling and career. For example, our **Legal Opportunity Scholarships** provide law school financial assistance for students who are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Please visit our website at **ambar.org/diversity** for information on the ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship and other initiatives that promote diversity in the legal profession. You can learn more about the benefits of ABA membership and sign up for your free student membership, at **abaforlawstudents.org.**

Always know that the American Bar Association is here to help you during your law school years and beyond.

With best wishes for success,



Barbara J. Howard, President
American Bar Association

GREETINGS

Letter from the National Conference of Black Lawyers

On behalf of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, we are proud to support the National HBCU Pre-Law Summit. Its vision and commitment to replenishing the ranks of legal warriors, by ensuring our HBCU students are informed, prepared, and inspired to attend law school, is critical. At a moment in our history when efforts to build diversity across the United States are under attack, we are grateful that the National HBCU Pre-Law Summit has remained steadfast in its commitment. We salute Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., for her vision, courage, and sheer will in ensuring that this important initiative continues.

The Summit does what too few institutions are willing to do: it opens doors and then walks students through them. By bringing HBCU students face to face with law schools, practicing attorneys, judges, and mentors, the Summit demystifies the path to the legal profession and replaces uncertainty with a plan. It affirms what our HBCUs have always known, that brilliance and leadership are already present on our campuses and need only opportunity and preparation to flourish. Every student who leaves this Summit with a clearer vision of law school strengthens our profession and our communities.

NCBL was born from a question that echoed through the Movement in the 1960s: Where are our lawyers? As activists and organizers were surveilled, arrested, and prosecuted, Black lawyers answered in 1968 by building an organization willing to stand between our people and the power of the State. When existing institutions were insufficient, Black lawyers built new ones. The National HBCU Pre- Law Summit stands in that same tradition of building.

It is our time again. That is why we say to every student here: We need you. We need you rooted in our history, culture, and traditions of resistance. We need you to learn not only what the law is, but to develop the courage and imagination to ask what justice should become.

So yes, go to law school, pass the bar, build successful practices, and care for your families. We will celebrate every one of those achievements. But never confuse your achievement with your assignment. Your degree, license, and title are achievements. Liberation is the assignment.

We invite you to build with us now, not after graduation. Join us in New York, October 9–11, at CUNY School of Law, to meet the elders who carried this tradition, the lawyers doing the work today, and students from across the country.

Your people need you. Your community needs you. The Movement needs you.

Let this Summit be your beginning. Take the knowledge, relationships, and inspiration you gain here and carry them forward into law school and beyond. We thank Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., and everyone who makes the National HBCU Pre-Law Summit possible, and we look forward to the day when the students in this room stand beside us as colleagues in the fight for justice.

In struggle and solidarity,

Whitley Carpenter, Esq.

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September 24, 2026

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Dear National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Pre-Law Summit Attendees,

I am delighted to welcome each of you to North Carolina's Fourth Congressional District and to the 13th Annual National Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Pre-Law Summit. I hope you take this opportunity to celebrate your achievements, explore your educational and professional aspirations, and connect with fellow students and graduates from across the country at our nation's premier pre-law event dedicated to the HBCU community.

I am proud to recognize the vital role HBCUs play in preparing the attorneys, advocates, and public servants who will shape the future of our nation. As you prepare to embark on the next chapter of your academic and professional journeys, I encourage you to pursue your goals with confidence, lead with purpose, and use your talents and experiences to uplift others and strengthen our communities.

Today, we celebrate the brilliant young minds, accomplished graduates, and outstanding institutions represented at this year's Summit. May this conference provide you with meaningful connections, valuable insights, and renewed inspiration as you pursue careers in law and public service.

I wish you all a rewarding, engaging, and inspiring conference, and I am honored to welcome you to North Carolina's Fourth Congressional District.

Sincerely,

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September 25, 2026

Dear Attendees of the 13th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit,

With great pride and excitement, I welcome all of you to the great state of North Carolina for the 13th Annual Pre-Law Summit. As Founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus, I commend you for all you have accomplished and all you will continue to achieve with the support of a first-class HBCU education.

This summit you are attending is truly one of a kind in our nation. It is curated specifically for you, designed with your future, your aspirations, and your community in mind. You will be in the presence of law school representatives, attorneys, judges, and other distinguished leaders. This is an opportunity to build on your foundation and further position yourself for the impactful career and service that lie ahead.

You also find yourself in a state with a long history of trailblazing Black legal leaders. Such as Cheri Beasley, North Carolina's first Black female Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, who once reminded us, ***'No door should ever be closed to you. With hard work and determination, you can accomplish anything***.' May her words serve as a powerful reminder that you stand on the shoulders of those who opened doors, and you now carry the responsibility and the opportunity to walk boldly through them.

Thank you to the 13th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit for creating this unparalleled space for future HBCU lawyers. With more than 1,100 participants this year, your work continues to strengthen the pipeline into the legal profession. Keep striving, stay focused, and know that your journey in law is both needed and unstoppable.

Sincerely,

Alma S. Adams Ph.D. (NC12)
Member of Congress

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF DURHAM



September 22nd , 2026

Dear National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo Participants,

On behalf of the City of Durham, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Durham, North Carolina, for the 13th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo 2026.

We are honored that Durham has been selected as the host city for this important national gathering. Known for its rich history, vibrant culture, entrepreneurial spirit, world-class educational institutions, and deep commitment to justice and opportunity, Durham is a fitting place to convene students, graduates, educators, attorneys, judges, law school representatives, and leaders who are committed to expanding access to legal education and the legal profession.

Founded by national pre-law advocate Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., Ed.M., the National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo is dedicated to empowering HBCU students and alumni, as well as other aspiring lawyers, as they prepare for law school, legal careers, public service, advocacy, and leadership. Over the years, the Summit has provided substantive information, mentorship, networking opportunities, exposure to law schools, and direct access to legal professionals who are invested in helping future lawyers succeed.

This year's Summit is especially meaningful because Durham hosted the very first National HBCU Pre-Law Summit, and we are proud to welcome this important gathering back to our city. As the Summit returns to Durham and to the campus of North Carolina Central University, one of our nation's treasured historically Black institutions and home to a law school with a proud legacy of preparing lawyers to serve, lead, and advance justice, we recognize the powerful connection between this event, this city, and the future of the legal profession.

Over the course of this event, participants will have the opportunity to learn from experienced legal professionals, connect with law school representatives, explore pathways into the legal profession, and build relationships that may shape their futures for years to come. These experiences are not only valuable for individual students, but also essential to the continued growth, strength, excellence, and future leadership of the legal profession.

To every student, graduate, speaker, exhibitor, volunteer, and guest joining us, welcome to Durham. I encourage you to take full advantage of this experience, engage deeply, ask questions, build

meaningful connections, and allow yourself to imagine the impact you can make as a future lawyer and leader.

We are proud to welcome you to the Bull City and wish you a successful, inspiring, and memorable Summit.

In Service and Gratitude,



Leonardo Williams
Mayor, City of Durham, NC

Raleigh

Dear Attendees,

I'm thrilled to welcome you to the Triangle and to the National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo. It is wonderful to have so many aspiring lawyers, future advocates, and community leaders here from HBCUs across North Carolina and the country. Thank you for being here this weekend to expand your networks, sharpen your skills, and learn more about the many paths you can take into the legal profession.

Raleigh is a city with a long history of education, leadership, and civic engagement, and our HBCUs are an important part of that story. Shaw University and Saint Augustine's University have helped shape generations of leaders, and the Triangle continues to be a place where talented young people come to learn, build careers, and make a difference.

For those of you considering where to attend law school or where to begin your careers, I hope you will take a close look at Raleigh and the Triangle. We have a growing legal and professional community, outstanding educational institutions, courts and government agencies, nonprofits, and countless opportunities to put your education into practice and serve your community.

In the City of Raleigh, we see every day how important lawyers and advocates are to building strong, equitable communities. Whether it is helping a family stay in their home, connecting residents with resources, navigating complex policy questions, or advocating for people whose voices are too often overlooked, there are so many ways that a legal career can become a career in public service.

We are so glad you are here, and we hope you will come back often, and perhaps one day call Raleigh home.

Sincerely,

Janet Cowell

Janet Cowell
Mayor of Raleigh

September 21, 2026

Dear Summit Participants,

On behalf of North Carolina Central University School of Law, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 13th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo. We are honored to serve as the host institution for this important gathering of aspiring law students, legal professionals, educators and advocates committed to expanding access to a legal education.

As one of only six law historically Black law schools remaining in the country, NCCU Law has a longstanding tradition of preparing attorneys who lead, serve and make a difference in their communities. Our distinguished alumni include retired Congressman G.K. Butterfield, former North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley, former Durham Mayor Elaine O'Neal and renowned trial attorney Willie E. Gary. This legacy of leadership and service continues today, with more than 170 NCCU School of Law alumni serving on the bench in North Carolina.

We gather at a time when our nation continues to call for principled leadership and a legal profession that reflects the communities it serves. African Americans remain underrepresented in the legal profession, underscoring the importance of creating pathways to legal education and expanding opportunities for future generations. Throughout history, lawyers have played a pivotal role in advancing justice, protecting individual rights and upholding the rule of law.

At NCCU Law, we recognize our responsibility to help build that future. Through innovative initiatives such as our Technology Law and Policy Center, we prepare students to navigate the evolving intersection of law, technology and public policy. Our Clinical Legal Education Program provides hands-on experience, equipping students with practical legal skills while serving individuals and communities in need. These programs reflect our commitment to preparing graduates who are equipped to address emerging challenges and make a meaningful impact.

The National HBCU Pre-Law Summit provides an opportunity to strengthen the pipeline to legal education, particularly for students of color who have historically faced barriers to entering the profession. We are committed to expanding access and providing aspiring law students with the resources and opportunities to succeed.

To those considering a career in law, I encourage you to take full advantage of this summit. Engage with the judges, attorneys, law school representatives and fellow participants. Ask questions, build relationships and envision the possibilities that a legal education can offer.

We are delighted to welcome you to NCCU School of Law and look forward to the connections, conversations and opportunities that will emerge from this gathering.

Sincerely,

Joseph Karl Grant
Dean and Professor of Law
North Carolina Central University School of Law

HOWARD UNIVERSITY | School of Law

September 5, 2026

Dear Future Attorneys:

Welcome to the 11th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo, and congratulations on taking a significant step toward your law school journey!

Choosing where to pursue your legal degree is an important decision that will not only shape your career but also influence who you are and how you practice law. Legal pioneer and distinguished Howard University School of Law graduate, Pauli Murray, once said, "[w]e inherit the magnificent tradition of an endless march toward freedom and toward the dignity of all mankind."

At Howard University School of Law ("HUSL"), your experience will extend beyond simply learning the law. We train social engineers who change the world by harnessing the transformative power of the law and advancing equal justice.

As the nation's first HBCU law school, HUSL leads the way in graduating more Black attorneys than any other law school in the country. HUSL students engage with world-renowned practitioners, learn from today's foremost legal scholars, and receive mentorship and support from our dedicated and accomplished alumni community.

With classmates from across the United States and around the world, you will have the opportunity to learn from the diverse experiences of your classmates and will graduate prepared to foster positive change in society.

I encourage you to take the opportunity to learn about everything Howard University School of Law has to offer.

We look forward to your application and wish you the best on your journey!

In truth and service,

Roger A. Fairfax, Jr.
Dean and Professor of Law

HBCU LAW SCHOOL WELCOME

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
LAW CENTER

Welcome from Southern University Law Center

On behalf of the Southern University Law Center, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to the organizers, participants, and future legal professionals attending the National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo.

For years, this event has served as an important gateway for aspiring attorneys seeking guidance, mentorship, and access to legal education opportunities. We are proud to continue our longstanding partnership with the Summit and remain committed to supporting initiatives that inspire and prepare the next generation of lawyer leaders.

At the Law Center, our mission is rooted in excellence, access, leadership, and service. We are dedicated to educating a diverse community of students who are equipped to become advocates, changemakers, and leaders within the legal profession and beyond. Through innovative academic programs, experiential learning opportunities, and a strong tradition of public service, we prepare our students to address the complex legal and societal challenges of today and tomorrow.

To all prospective law students attending this year's Summit, I encourage you to embrace this opportunity to learn, network, and envision the impact you can make through a legal education. The legal profession needs talented individuals who are committed to justice, equity, and meaningful change.

We commend the National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo for its continued dedication to expanding pathways into the legal profession and empowering future generations of attorneys. Southern University Law Center is honored to support this important work and looks forward to welcoming many of you into the legal community in the years ahead.

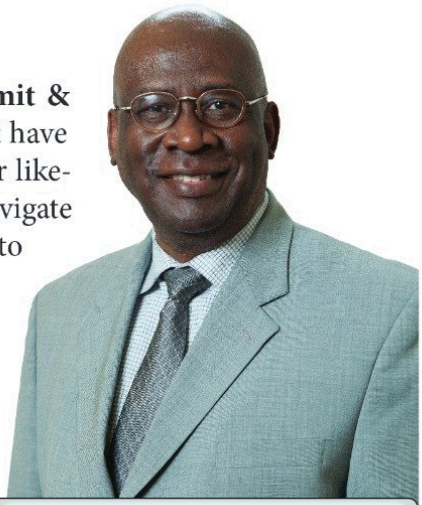
Sincerely,

Alvin R. Washington

Chancellor | Southern University Law Center

McKen V. Carrington
Acting Dean and Professor of Law
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Greetings HBCU Scholars and Future Law Students,



McKen V. Carrington
Acting Dean and Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Welcome to the **13th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo** in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina! You could not have chosen a better site to converge to connect and collaborate with other like-minded HBCU students, graduates and scholars to embrace and navigate law school interest, insight and strategy for law school matriculation to become lawyers and outstanding members of the profession.

At **Thurgood Marshall School of Law**, we are committed to doing what is academically and administratively necessary to remain competitive amongst area law schools within the city of Houston, around the state of Texas, United States and abroad. As of August 2022, our Law School's implementation of its full-scale, institutional relationship with BarBri Bar Review® program has yielded unparalleled, online resources for our students, to include instructional aids, lectures, workshops, customized study plans, and simulated bar exam questions, starting as early as the summer preceding the first-year academic program, transcending across the second and third-year law school curriculum, with additional bar prep resources leading up to the bar exam. Thurgood Marshall Law's partnership with BarBri® and our school's persistence in revitalizing our curricula and institutional programming, remain at the forefront of our annual strategic planning such that academic success and bar performance by our students continue to thrive. With such efforts, it is our belief we not only increase career options for our students, but enhance and enrich their lives, both personally and professionally.

While attending this year's summit, it is my hope you will take advantage of the curated experiences and networking opportunities created especially for you to expand your knowledge about the law school admissions process, law student development, along with the challenges and aspirations associated with becoming lawyers and members of this esteemed profession.

Enjoy the journey and I look forward to connecting with many of you during the summit!

Sincerely,

McKen V. Carrington

McKen V. Carrington
Acting Dean and Professor of Law

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW

Office of the Dean

September 24, 2026

Dear Summit Attendees:

On behalf of the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, I am delighted to welcome you to the 13th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo. This important gathering brings together aspiring law students, educators, legal professionals, and law schools committed to expanding opportunity within the legal profession.

As Dean of UDC Law, I am especially proud to participate in an event that reflects the values at the heart of our institution. As the District of Columbia's only public law school and an HBCU law school, UDC Law believes that access to opportunity matters and that the legal profession is strengthened when people from diverse backgrounds and experiences can study law, enter the profession, and serve their communities. HBCUs have long played an indispensable role in developing leaders who have transformed the law, government, business, and public life.

At UDC Law, we combine rigorous academics with nationally recognized clinical programs and meaningful experiential learning. We prepare students to understand the law, use it effectively and responsibly, and develop the practical skills, professional judgment, and commitment to service necessary to become exceptional lawyers and leaders.

I encourage you to use this Summit to explore the possibilities of a legal education, build relationships, ask questions, and imagine boldly where a legal career might take you. Most importantly, I encourage you to see yourself as belonging in the legal profession.

I hope the Summit inspires you and strengthens your commitment to pursuing a legal education. We invite you to learn more about UDC Law and consider becoming part of our community.

Sincerely,

Angela Gilmore

Angela Gilmore
Dean
University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS | FRIDAY

Nathan G. Alexander III, J.D.

13th Mayor, City of Prairie View

Nathan G. Alexander III serves as the 13th Mayor of Prairie View, Texas. Elected mayor in 2026, he brings a background in civic engagement, voting rights advocacy, and public service. His path from Prairie View A&M University student to municipal leader reflects his commitment to the community where he earned his degree.

SPEAKERS

Keynote Speakers

FRIDAY & SATURDAY



KEYNOTE ADDRESS | FRIDAY

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Hon. Shamieka LaCher Rhinehart

Superior Court Judge, Durham County, North Carolina

The Honorable Shamieka LaCher Rhinehart is a North Carolina Superior Court Judge serving Durham County. Appointed to the Superior Court bench by Governor Roy Cooper in February 2023, she presides over felony and civil cases.



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Hon. Camille Banks-Prince

District Court Judge, Forsyth County, North Carolina

The Honorable Camille Banks-Prince serves as a District Court Judge in Forsyth County, North Carolina. A native of Winston-Salem, she brings a background in social work, public defense, and community service to the judiciary. Governor Michael F. Easley appointed her to the bench in 2008, and she won election to her term that November.

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Hon. Keisha Wright Hill

Chief Magistrate Judge, Clayton County, Georgia

Chief Judge Keisha Wright Hill serves as Chief Magistrate Judge of Clayton County, Georgia. First elected to the position in 2020 and reelected in 2024, she brings experience as an attorney, judicial officer, and educator.



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Hon. Teresa Raquel Robinson Freeman

Chief District Court Judge, Judicial District 7, North Carolina

The Honorable Teresa Raquel Robinson Freeman is Chief District Court Judge for North Carolina’s Judicial District 7, serving Bertie, Halifax, Hertford, and Northampton counties. Appointed to the leadership position effective January 1, 2025, she has served on the District Court bench since 2009, following her election in November 2008.

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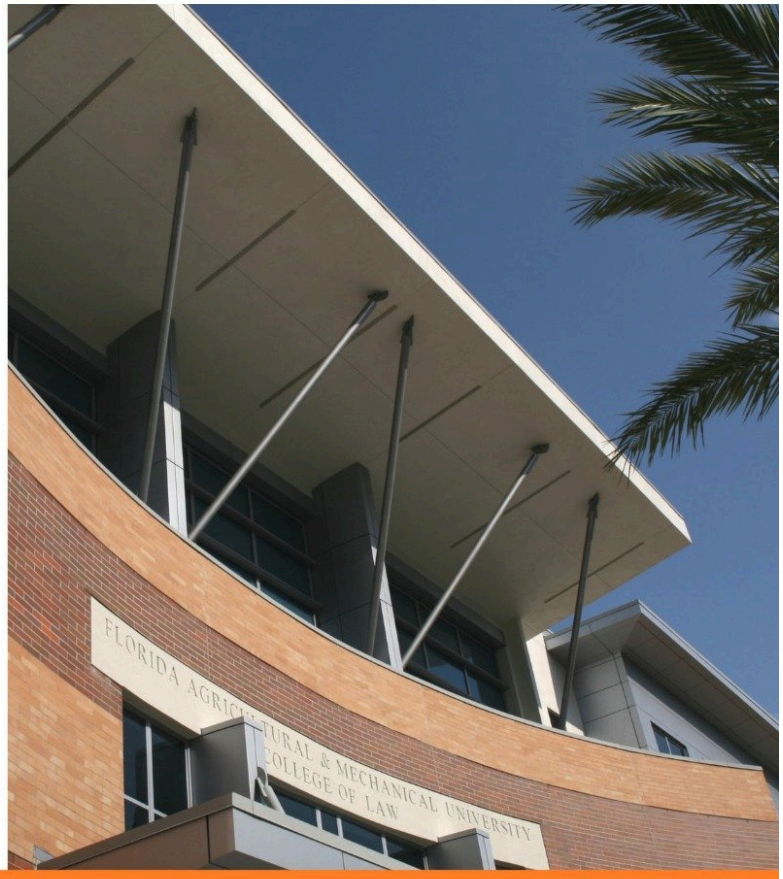
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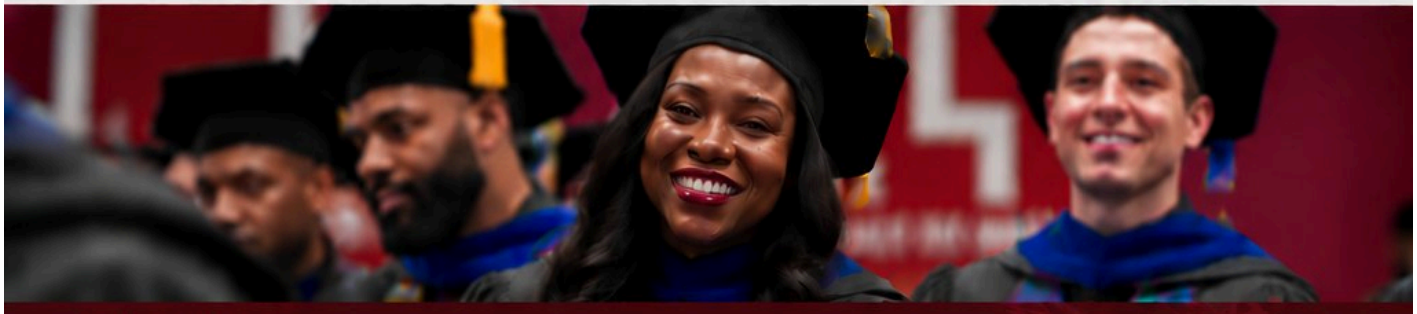
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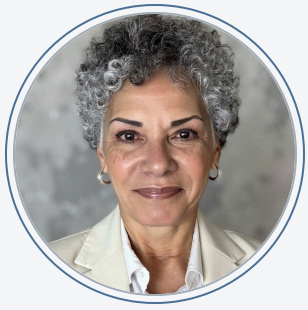
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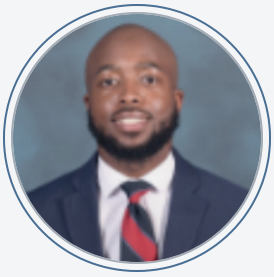
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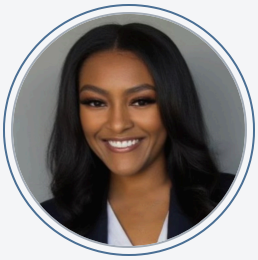
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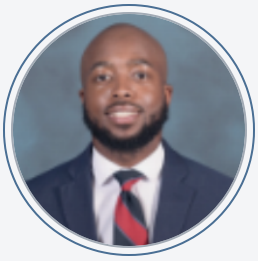
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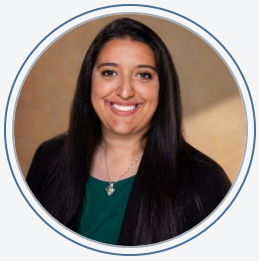
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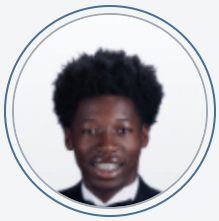
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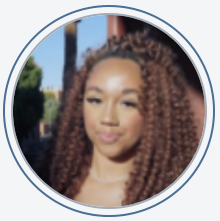
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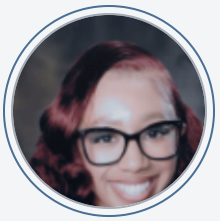
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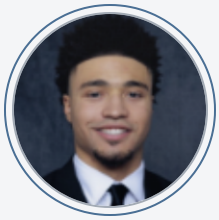
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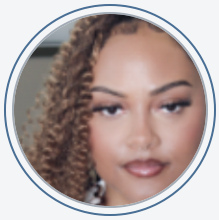
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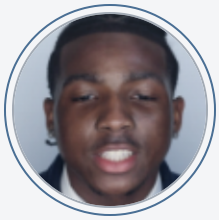
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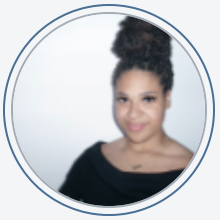
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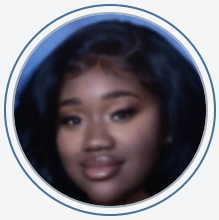
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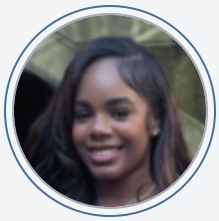
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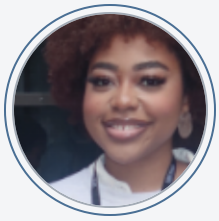
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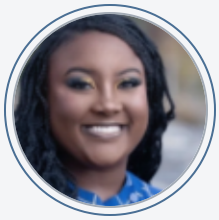

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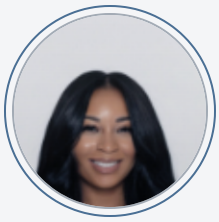

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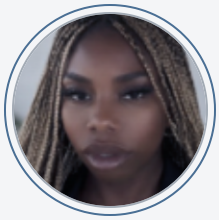

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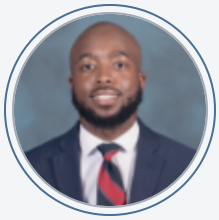
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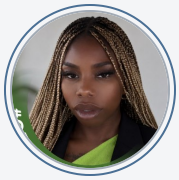
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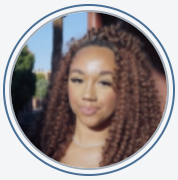
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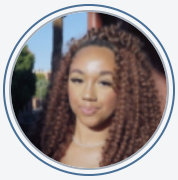


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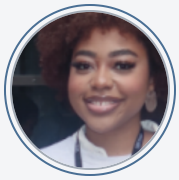
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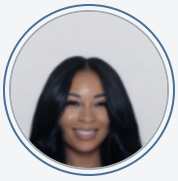
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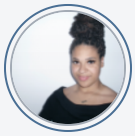
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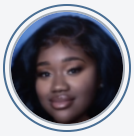
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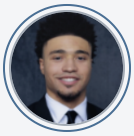
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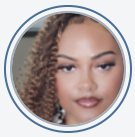

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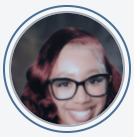

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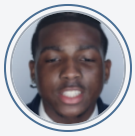

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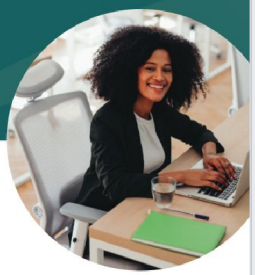
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9 AM – 4 PM	Virtual	College students

DAY 1

Thursday, September 24, 2026 OPTIONAL

Law School Tour Day · Chapel Hill, Raleigh & Durham, NC

> *A self-directed day of law school tours and a courthouse visit across Chapel Hill, Raleigh, and Durham. Participants are responsible for their own transportation - carpooling encouraged.*

9:00–10:00 AM	**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law Tour** *Van Hecke-Wettach Hall, 160 Ridge Road, Chapel Hill, NC* Very Limited Spots Available. Must RSVP and Be Granted a Spot BEFORE Tour Day.
10:00–11:00 AM	Travel to the Wake County Courthouse [Raleigh] · Travel from Chapel Hill to Raleigh, including parking, security, and check-in
11:00 AM–12:00 PM	**Wake County Courthouse Visit and Conversation with Judge McCullers [Raleigh]** *Wake County Courthouse, Raleigh, NC 27601* Begins at 11:00 a.m. sharp; concludes at approximately noon
12:00–12:15 PM	Travel to Campbell Law [Raleigh] · Within downtown Raleigh - approximately 5-10 minutes
12:15–1:15 PM	**Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law Tour [Raleigh]** *225 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC*
1:15–2:30 PM	Lunch and Travel to Duke Law (For Limited Number of Participants) [Durham] · Lunch at Morgan Street Food Hall or Duke's Brodhead Center, depending on which option works best logistically
2:30–5:00 PM	**Duke University School of Law Tour and Program [Durham]** *Duke University School of Law, 210 Science Drive, Durham, NC* Very Limited Spots Available. Must RSVP and be Granted a Spot BEFORE Tour Day.
5:00–5:30 PM	Travel to NCCU Law [Durham] · Duke University School of Law to North Carolina Central University School of Law
5:30–6:30 PM	**North Carolina Central University School of Law Tour [Durham]** *640 Nelson Street, Durham, NC 27707*

DAY 2

Friday, September 25, 2026

North Carolina Central University Student Center, Durham, NC

> *Complimentary shuttle service runs between the designated parking lot and the NCCU Student Center throughout the day.*

8:30 AM–5:00 PM

Registration

NCCU Student Center

9:00–9:45 AM

Mock Law School Class @ an HBCU Law School

Instructor: David A. Green - NCCU Student Center

10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Welcome Ceremony & Opening Keynote Session

NCCU Student Center

1:00–2:00 PM

Lunch Break + One-on-One Pre-Law Advising Session

NCCU Student Center - Fast food options available on-site (pay on your own)

Focused 15-minute conversations with law students, attorneys, and admissions professionals (space is limited)

2:00–5:00 PM

LAW EXPO

NCCU Student Center

5:00–5:30 PM — **Break** · NCCU Student Center

5:30–6:30 PM

Mock Law School Admissions Committee Exercise

NCCU Student Center

A Closed-Door Insider Look at How Admissions Officers Think in Making Difficult Selection Decisions

6:30–6:45 PM — **Break** · NCCU Student Center

6:45–7:45 PM

HBCU Law School Deans Showcase

North Carolina Central University

Featuring Current HBCU Law School Deans and Honored Guests

7:45–8:30 PM — **Travel to The Varsity Theatre, Chapel Hill** · NCCU Student Center to The Varsity Theatre, 123 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 - Approximately 20-minute drive

8:30–10:45 PM

HBCU Premier Film Screenings: “Becoming Black Lawyers”, “Mr. Advocate” and “Bar Daddy” Preview

The Varsity Theatre, Chapel Hill, NC

VIP AND PLATINUM REGISTRANTS RESERVED SEATING

DAY 3

Saturday, September 26, 2026

North Carolina Central University Student Center, Durham, NC

> *Complimentary shuttle service runs between the designated parking lot and the NCCU Student Center throughout the day. Everyone must be out of the NCCU Student Center by 9:00 P.M. sharp.*

8:30 AM–6:00 PM

Registration / Check-In

NCCU Student Center

7:15–7:55 AM

VIP, Platinum, and By-Invitation Registrants Only - VIP Networking Mixer | Networking Activity

NCCU Student Center

For the 7:15 a.m. mixer, arrange an early drop-off or park and walk. Confirm early-access and shuttle availability in the Registrant Hub.

8:00–9:00 AM

VIP, Platinum, and By-Invitation Registrants Only - Admission Strategy Lab (Q&A and Hot Seats)

NCCU Student Center

Access: VIP, Platinum, and by invitation only.

9:00–11:00 AM

Saturday Opening Keynote Session

NCCU Student Center

Begin the second day of the 13th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo with an inspiring morning featuring distinguished attorneys, legal educators, judicial leaders, and law student leaders.

11:00–11:15 AM — **Break** · NCCU Student Center

11:15 AM–12:15 PM

Legal Education Pipeline Programs Panel Discussion

NCCU Student Center

Pathways and Promise: How Pipeline Programs Help You Get into and Succeed in Law School

12:15–12:30 PM — **Break** · NCCU Student Center

12:30–1:30 PM

Double Panel: Financing Legal Education | LSAT Preparation

NCCU Student Center

1:30–2:30 PM

Lunch Break + One-on-One Pre-Law Advising Session

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DAY 3

Saturday, September 26, 2026 CONTINUED

North Carolina Central University Student Center, Durham, NC

2:30–3:45 PM

The Law Student Experience: Part I HBCUs vs. PWIs; Part II Success in Law School

NCCU Student Center

Double Panel Discussion

3:45–3:55 PM — **Break** · NCCU Student Center

3:55–4:55 PM

Career Plans & Success Strategies Panel Discussion

NCCU Student Center

The Future of Legal Work: Finding Jobs, Creating Opportunities, and Lawyering in the Age of AI

4:55–5:00 PM — **Break** · NCCU Student Center

5:00–6:00 PM

Legal Career Advisement Small Group Conversations with Attorneys

NCCU Student Center

Sign-up as space is limited

6:00–6:30 PM — **Transition Break** · NCCU Student Center

6:30–8:30 PM

The National HBCU Pre-Law Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Awards Presentation and Aspiring Lawyers Pinning Ceremony

North Carolina Central University Student Center | Event Hall | Durham, North Carolina

Concludes promptly at 8:30 PM

9:30 PM–12:30 AM

Networking Mixer Reception - Ticketed Event

Location confirmed via the Registrant Hub closer to the Summit

Platinum and By Invitation Only. Invited guests will receive the exact venue and check-in details through the Hub.

DAY 4

Sunday, September 27, 2026 OPTIONAL

Sunday Cultural Excursion: Black Durham + Black Raleigh (Self-Guided)

> *This is a free, self-guided itinerary, not an organized group tour — anyone can follow it at their own pace. Transportation is not provided; participants drive their own cars, carpool with new friends made at the Summit, or use ride-share apps such as Uber or Lyft. Meal, admission, and any site costs below are each participant's own responsibility, and sites such as the Pauli Murray Center require advance arrangements for private group visits.*

10:00–11:15 AM

Brunch at Dame's Chicken & Waffles [Durham]

455 S Driver St, Durham, NC 27703

A beloved Durham-founded Black-owned institution. Start with brunch and confirm group seating. Sunday hours are listed as 10 AM-2:30 PM.

11:15–11:25 AM — **Drive to Hayti Heritage Center [Durham]** · Approx. 2-3 miles / 8-12 min - Short transfer.

11:30–11:55 AM

Hayti Heritage Center - exterior/context stop [Durham]

804 Old Fayetteville St, Durham, NC 27701

Significance: Housed in historic St. Joseph's AME Church (built 1891), the spiritual and cultural anchor of the Hayti community - one of the most prosperous Black neighborhoods in the early 20th-century South before urban renewal displaced it in the 1960s-70s. Closed Sunday; exterior interpretation only.

11:55 AM–12:05 PM — **Drive to Black Wall Street / Parrish Street [Durham]** · Approx. 2-3 miles / 8-12 min.

12:05–12:35 PM

Black Wall Street / Parrish Street + NC Mutual context [Durham]

Parrish Street, downtown Durham

Significance: Four blocks that once housed the nation's densest cluster of Black-owned banks, insurance firms, and businesses, anchored by North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company (founded 1898) - the largest Black-owned business in America for much of the 20th century. Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois both singled out Durham as a model of Black economic self-determination. Outdoor walking stop.

12:35–12:40 PM — **Walk to Carolina Theatre [Durham]** · Approx. 0.2 miles / 3-5 min - Downtown Durham.

12:40–12:50 PM

Carolina Theatre [Durham]

309 W Morgan St, Durham, NC 27701

Significance: The site of sustained 1963 civil rights sit-ins in Durham, where Black students and activists from North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University) and other local institutions protested segregated seating. The theater became one of the first Durham venues to integrate after these demonstrations, and it remains a powerful symbol of the legal and grassroots struggle against Jim Crow. Exterior interpretive stop.

12:50–12:55 PM — **Walk to Durham Civil Rights Mural [Durham]** · Approx. 0.1 miles / 2-3 min - Adjacent to the Carolina Theatre.

12:55–1:05 PM

Durham Civil Rights Mural [Durham]

301 W Morgan St, Durham, NC 27701 (Durham Convention Center)

Significance: A large-scale mural depicting Durham's civil rights sit-ins, leaders, and the movement for desegregation. It visualizes the city's direct-action history and the legal battles that followed, complementing the Carolina Theatre story just steps away. Outdoor interpretive stop.

DAY 4

Sunday, September 27, 2026 OPTIONAL · CONTINUED

Sunday Cultural Excursion: Black Durham + Black Raleigh (Self-Guided)

1:05–1:15 PM	**Drive to Pauli Murray Center [Durham]** · Approx. 1.5 miles / 8-12 min - From downtown Durham.
1:15–2:15 PM	**Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice [Durham]** *906 Carroll St, Durham, NC 27701* Significance: The restored childhood home of Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray (1910-1985) - civil rights attorney, legal scholar, poet, Episcopal priest, and the first Black woman ordained an Episcopal priest. Murray's 1944 legal theory arguing Plessy v. Ferguson was unconstitutional was cited by Thurgood Marshall in Brown v. Board, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg named Murray a co-author on the brief in Reed v. Reed. A National Historic Landmark. Private Sunday tours must be arranged in advance (2+ weeks' notice).
2:15–3:05 PM	**Drive to Raleigh - Pope House Museum [Raleigh]** · Approx. 25-30 miles / 40-50 min - Build in cushion.
3:05–3:50 PM	**Pope House Museum [Raleigh]** *511 S Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC 27601* Significance: The 1901 home of Dr. Manassa Thomas Pope, a Shaw University-trained physician, Spanish-American War officer, and the only Black candidate to run for mayor of a Southern capital during the Jim Crow era (Raleigh, 1919). The only African American house museum in North Carolina. Open Sundays 1-4 PM; free admission.
3:50–4:00 PM	**Drive to John Chavis Memorial Park [Raleigh]** · Approx. 1 mile / 5-8 min - Downtown Raleigh.
4:00–4:25 PM	**John Chavis Memorial Park [Raleigh]** *505 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27601* Significance: Named for John Chavis, the first African American to attend Princeton (then the College of New Jersey) and a pioneering educator and Presbyterian minister in early 19th-century North Carolina. He operated a school in Raleigh that educated Black and white students together, making him a foundational figure in American higher education and a powerful precursor to the HBCU story. Outdoor interpretive stop.
4:25–4:40 PM	**Drive to St. Agnes Hospital Ruins [Raleigh]** · Approx. 2-3 miles / 8-12 min.
4:40–5:10 PM	**St. Agnes Hospital Ruins at Saint Augustine's University [Raleigh]** *1315 Oakwood Ave, Raleigh, NC 27610* Significance: The stone ruins of St. Agnes Hospital and Nursing School (1896-1961), founded on the campus of Saint Augustine's University to serve African Americans across the segregated South. For decades it was the only hospital between Washington, D.C. and New Orleans equipped to perform major surgery on Black patients, and one of the few institutions training Black nurses in the region. Outdoor interpretive stop.

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Sunday, September 27, 2026 OPTIONAL · CONTINUED

Sunday Cultural Excursion: Black Durham + Black Raleigh (Self-Guided)

5:10–5:20 PM — **Drive to Shaw University [Raleigh]** · Approx. 1.5 miles / 5-8 min - From Saint Augustine's University.

5:20–5:40 PM

Shaw University - Estey Hall and SNCC Founding History [Raleigh]

118 E South St, Raleigh, NC 27601

Significance: Founded in 1865, Shaw is the oldest HBCU in the South. Estey Hall (1874) is the oldest building on campus and the first building in the United States constructed specifically for the higher education of Black women. Shaw is also the birthplace of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), founded in April 1960 when Ella Baker convened the meeting that launched a generation of civil rights organizers. Exterior interpretive stop.

5:40–5:55 PM — **Drive to Historic Oberlin Village [Raleigh]** · Approx. 5 miles / 12-15 min.

5:55–6:35 PM

Historic Oberlin Village walking tour [Raleigh]

Oberlin Rd, Raleigh, NC 27605 (Latta House site / Oberlin Cemetery)

Significance: One of the largest and most intact Freedmen's villages in the South, founded in the late 1860s by formerly enslaved people who bought land, built homes, and established churches, schools, and businesses just west of downtown Raleigh. Includes the Latta House site (home of Rev. M.L. Latta, founder of Latta University for Black students) and Oberlin Cemetery. Outdoor self-guided walking tour along interpretive markers.

6:35–6:45 PM — **Drive to North Carolina State Capitol [Raleigh]** · Approx. 2-3 miles / 8-12 min.

6:45–7:00 PM

North Carolina State Capitol - exterior history stop [Raleigh]

1 E Edenton St, Raleigh, NC 27601

Explore the Capitol grounds as a place to reflect on North Carolina's government, law, and African American history. This is an exterior stop; confirm access and interpretation through the State Capitol's official visitor information.

7:00–7:05 PM — **Walk to North Carolina Freedom Park [Raleigh]** · Short walk along Lane and Wilmington Streets - Less than 0.3 miles.

7:05–7:30 PM

North Carolina Freedom Park [Raleigh]

218 N Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

Significance: North Carolina Freedom Park honors the African American struggle for freedom. The Beacon of Freedom and 20 "Voices of Freedom" quotations invite reflection. Visit before dusk; adjust this optional itinerary to the park's posted hours.

7:30 PM — **Return / Depart [Raleigh]** ·

FRIDAY PLENARY PROGRAM

Welcome Ceremony & Opening Keynote Session

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 • 10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. EDT

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Begin the Summit with university and civic welcomes, student leadership, and keynote and special guest addresses. Leaders in legal education, public service, and advocacy join aspiring lawyers for a morning of connection and encouragement.

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WELCOME TO NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Caleb Martin

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Torren Barrett

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UNIVERSITY WELCOME

Dr. Karrie G. Dixon

13th Chancellor & CEO, North Carolina Central University

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Jasmine Daniel

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Hannah Ravenell

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CITY OF DURHAM WELCOME

Leonardo (Leo) Williams

Mayor, City of Durham

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VIDEO GREETING

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President, American Bar Association

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VIDEO GREETING

The Honorable Janet Cowell

Mayor, City of Raleigh

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Opening Keynotes & Special Guest Addresses

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SPECIAL GUEST REMARKS

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LAW STUDENT LEADER REMARKS AND JOINT INTRODUCTION

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CLOSING REMARKS

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Jasmine Daniel
Co-President, Duke University BLSA



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Co-President, Duke University BLSA

SATURDAY PLENARY PROGRAM

Saturday Plenary Session

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 • 9:00–11:00 A.M. EDT

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Continue the Summit with student leadership, special guest addresses, a featured keynote, and "Sisters Who Rule," a moderated co-keynote conversation with four sitting judges.

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STUDENT LEADER REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION

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SPECIAL GUEST REMARKS

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STUDENT LEADER REMARKS AND JOINT KEYNOTE INTRODUCTION

Aaliyah LeCompte

President, BLSA, NCCU School of Law

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SATURDAY PLENARY FEATURED CONVERSATION

Sisters Who Rule

A Moderated Co Keynote Conversation

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 • 10:13–10:58 A.M. EDT • PRESENTED WITHIN THE SATURDAY PLENARY SESSION

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Four sitting judges join Dean Joseph Karl Grant for a shared keynote conversation centered on their reflections and a closing charge to aspiring lawyers. This session brings judicial voices into direct conversation with students considering their own futures in law.

Each judge will offer opening reflections, followed by a moderated exchange and follow-up questions. The conversation concludes with final words of guidance and encouragement from each judge, inviting attendees to consider what these perspectives mean for their own preparation and aspirations.

MODERATOR



Joseph Karl Grant, Esq.
Dean, North Carolina Central University School of Law

CO KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Hon. Shamieka LaCher Rhinehart
Sisters Who Rule



Hon. Camille Banks-Prince
Sisters Who Rule



Hon. Keisha Wright Hill
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Hon. Teresa Raquel Robinson Freeman
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STUDENT INTRODUCTION



Aaliyah LeCompte
President, Black Law Students Association, North Carolina Central University School of Law

PLENARY CLOSING REMARKS



Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., Ed.M.
Founder, National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo · 10:58–11:00 a.m. EDT

FRIDAY INTERACTIVE PROGRAM

Mock Law School Admissions Committee Exercise

Inside the Admissions Room: See How Admissions Decisions Are Really Made

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What happens when an application reaches the admissions committee? Watch experienced admissions and student-affairs professionals evaluate seven fictional applicants, weigh competing strengths and concerns, and deliberate in real time. This interactive educational simulation offers a practical look at holistic review and the evidence that can shape an admit, waitlist, or deny decision.

The discussion will explore close calls, common application myths, credibility gaps, and ways applicants can present their experiences more effectively. Audience questions and closing takeaways will help you identify concrete steps to strengthen your own application. All applicant files are fictional; the exercise does not disclose any law school's confidential admissions process.

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FRIDAY FEATURED CONVERSATION

HBCU Law School Deans Showcase

Legacy, Leadership, and Your Future in Law

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 • 6:45–7:45 P.M. EDT

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Explore the missions, communities, and opportunities that shape legal education at historically Black institutions. Through institutional spotlights and a moderated conversation, participating leaders will discuss academic opportunities, student support, bar preparation, affordability, career pathways, and the continuing role of HBCU law schools in preparing lawyers and leaders.

The conversation also considers technology, leadership, and the future of HBCU legal education. Prospective students will gain questions to ask as they assess institutional fit and learn more about each school. Five leaders participate live, with a prerecorded message from Howard University School of Law Dean Roger A. Fairfax, Jr.

CO MODERATORS



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Roger A. Fairfax, Jr., Esq.
Dean, Howard University School of Law • Prerecorded message

SATURDAY LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAM

Admission Strategy Lab

Live Q&A and Application Hot Seats

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 • 8:00–9:00 A.M. EDT

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Turn general admissions advice into a practical plan for your own application. In this working session, current law students share firsthand lessons about school selection, application timelines, personal statements, résumés, addenda, recommendations, and presenting an authentic, compelling application.

Live questions and voluntary application "hot seats" invite participants to explore an application decision with the panel, identify strengths to emphasize, and develop concrete next steps. The session concludes with a practical 30-day action plan. Participation is voluntary, and attendees may stop a hot seat at any time. Keep private or sensitive information out of the discussion; the session provides educational guidance and does not predict individual admissions outcomes.

MODERATOR



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SATURDAY PANEL DISCUSSION

Legal Education Pipeline Programs Panel Discussion

Pathways and Promise: How Pipeline Programs Help You Get Into and Succeed in Law School

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 • 11:15 A.M.–12:15 P.M. EDT

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Discover programs that can support your preparation for law school, then learn how to find and evaluate additional opportunities. Program leaders will share institutional spotlights and discuss purpose, eligibility, timing, benefits, expectations, and next steps. The conversation will help you assess fit, prepare competitive applications, build relationships, and make the most of participation. Leave with a framework for a 30-, 90-, and 180-day research and action plan that extends beyond the programs featured in this session.

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SATURDAY PANEL DISCUSSION

Getting In and Paying for It: Admissions Testing, Scholarships, and the Real Cost of Law School

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 • 12:30–1:30 P.M. EDT

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Preparing for the LSAT and paying for law school are connected decisions. Admissions and financial aid professionals join current law students to explore testing, scholarships, funding options, and the full cost of a legal education. Learn what to examine in an award offer, which scholarship conditions deserve close attention, and what questions to ask before committing to a school.

Student panelists will share their experiences with LSAT preparation, study approaches, setbacks, comparing awards, and weighing school fit, location, and career goals. The conversation will also address expenses beyond tuition, including fees, living costs, and bar preparation, along with borrowing and repayment considerations. This session offers general admissions and financial education; consult official admissions and financial aid offices for guidance about your circumstances.

CO MODERATORS



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STUDENT PANELISTS



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Third-Year Law Student (3L)



Cierra Baker

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SATURDAY TWO PART PANEL DISCUSSION

The Law Student Experience Panel Discussion

From HBCU to J.D.: What No One Tells You About Starting and Succeeding in Law School

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 • 2:30–3:45 P.M. EDT

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Part I · Transitions and Culture

What changes when you move from college into law school, and how do you find your footing in a new academic community? This first panel brings together students with HBCU-to-PWI and PWI-to-HBCU experiences, alongside an HBCU law student perspective, to discuss belonging, culture shock, identity, expectations, and institutional fit. Their firsthand accounts will help you anticipate transition challenges, build support systems, and identify preparation steps before your first semester. PWI refers to a predominantly white institution.

FULL SESSION CO MODERATORS



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Part II · Academic Success and Student Life

Succeeding in law school requires learning expectations that may never appear on a syllabus. This second panel examines that hidden curriculum through students' experiences with academic habits, professional identity, leadership, resilience, and well-being. Panelists will discuss seeking help, navigating student life, and building practices that support sustained progress. The session closes by connecting both panels' lessons on transition, performance, and wellness with a practical first-semester readiness checklist.

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SATURDAY PANEL DISCUSSION

Career Plans and Success Strategies Panel Discussion

The Future of Legal Work: Finding Jobs, Creating Opportunities, and Lawyering in the Age of AI

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How can aspiring lawyers prepare for a profession being reshaped by technology while building the judgment, advocacy skills, and trust that legal work demands? Lawyers from private practice, government, healthcare, and corporate legal leadership join moderators with career-services and AI-policy experience to explore what artificial intelligence changes and what remains a lawyer's responsibility.

The panel will examine accuracy, bias, confidentiality, privacy, supervision, and accountability, then connect those issues to hiring, mentoring, networking, technical fluency, and leadership. Cross-sector perspectives will help students distinguish current practice from predictions and identify practical ways to demonstrate readiness. Leave with a 90-day career-development challenge and a clearer sense of the skills and relationships to build now.

LEAD MODERATOR



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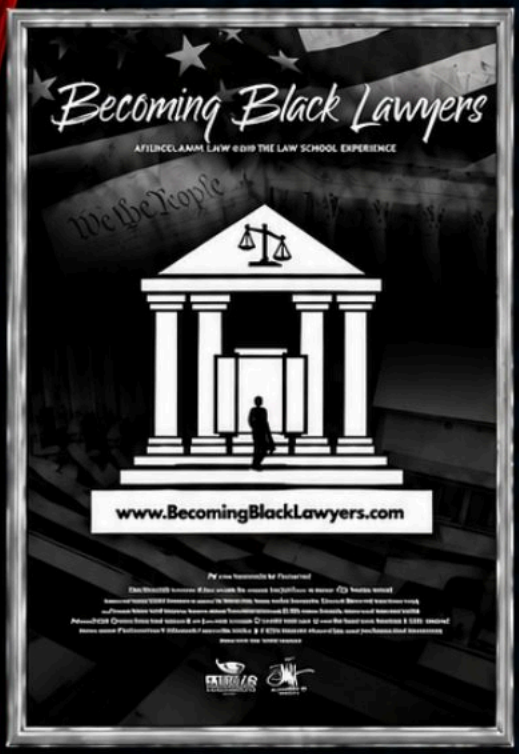
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1 Albany Law School
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17 Cooley Law School
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19 Duke University School of Law
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22 Florida A&M University College of Law
23 Florida State University College of Law
24 Fordham University School of Law
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29 Kenneth F. Kahn School of Law High Point University
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34 Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University
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37 Mitchell Hamline School of Law
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39 North Carolina Central University School of Law
40 Northeastern University School of Law
41 Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
42 Notre Dame Law School
43 Penn State Dickinson Law
44 Quinnipiac University School of Law
45 Roger Williams University School of Law
46 Rutgers Law School
47 Saint Louis University School of Law
48 Samford University Cumberland School of Law
49 Santa Clara University School of Law
50 Seattle University School of Law
51 Seton Hall University School of Law
52 SMU Dedman School of Law
53 Southern Illinois University School of Law
54 Southwestern Law School

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55 St. John's University School of Law
56 Stetson University College of Law
57 Suffolk University Law School
58 Texas A&M University School of Law
59 Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center
60 UC Berkeley School of Law
61 UC Davis School of Law
62 UC Irvine School of Law
63 UCLA School of Law
64 University at Buffalo School of Law
65 University of Alabama School of Law
66 University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
67 University of Arkansas School of Law
68 University of Baltimore School of Law
69 University of Cincinnati Donald P. Klekamp College of Law
70 University of Colorado Law School
71 University of Connecticut School of Law
72 University of Denver Sturm College of Law
73 University of Florida Levin College of Law
74 University of Georgia School of Law
75 University of Houston Law Center
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76 University of Illinois Chicago School of Law
77 University of Illinois College of Law
78 University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
79 The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law
80 University of Miami School of Law
81 University of Michigan Law School
82 University of Minnesota Law School
83 University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) School of Law
84 University of Nebraska College of Law
85 University of North Carolina School of Law
86 University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
87 University of Pittsburgh School of Law
88 University of Richmond School of Law
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89 University of San Diego School of Law
90 University of San Francisco School of Law
91 University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law
92 The University of Texas School of Law
93 University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law
94 University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
95 University of Virginia School of Law
96 UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
97 Vermont Law and Graduate School
98 Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
99 Washburn University School of Law
100 Washington University School of Law
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Check the Hub for the latest schedule, room, and shuttle updates before and during the Summit.

MAIN VENUE

- NCCU Student Center, 500 Nelson Street, Durham, NC 27707.
- Core programming runs Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26. All times are Eastern Daylight Time.
- Use the specific venue address in your GPS or rideshare app — not just "NCCU."

CHECK-IN

- The Summit Registration Center is on the second floor, in front of the Event Hall.
- Have your registration confirmation ready, and follow Summit signs and volunteers.
- Friday: general registration 8:30 a.m. · Mock Law Class 9:00 a.m. · opening program 10:00 a.m.

LATHAM PARKING DECK

- 705 East Lawson Street, Durham, NC 27707 — enter from East Lawson Street or Lincoln Street.
- Event rate: $7 per vehicle, per entry, paid on arrival. Cards and tap-to-pay accepted; no cash.
- Pay separately each day — leaving and returning costs another $7.

FINDING YOUR WAY

- Save the official campus map before you arrive: Student Center is Building 6, Latham Deck is Building 37.
- The interactive campus map can show accessible routes — worth a look the night before.

ON-SITE LOGISTICS

Shuttle & Getting Around

LATHAM PARKING DECK TO THE NCCU STUDENT CENTER

CONFIRM YOUR FIRST AND LAST SHUTTLE

Complimentary service runs Friday and Saturday, approximately every 15 minutes. Check the Registrant Hub or call the transportation contact for confirmed departure times.

WHERE TO BOARD

The maroon Summit shuttle runs between Latham Parking Deck and the NCCU Student Center. Wait at the designated Summit shuttle stop and follow staff directions.

No ticket or sign-up is needed. Capacity is 24 passengers per shuttle. Allow time to wait and board, especially when carrying bags or recruitment materials.

EARLY ARRIVALS & ACCESSIBILITY

Attending the 7:15 a.m. Saturday mixer? Arrange an early drop-off or park and walk unless early shuttle service has been confirmed. Check the Hub for early-access instructions.

The shuttle accommodates guests with mobility limitations. Contact the transportation team in advance if you need assistance.

ACCESSIBLE & ADDITIONAL PARKING

At Latham, display a valid state-issued accessible placard or plate. The $7 event parking rate applies. Accessible spaces are first come, first served.

Elsewhere on campus, a valid placard or plate plus NCCU parking authorization is required. NCCU lists daily visitor permits at $15; confirm the rate and authorized spaces in the parking portal.

Nelson Street metered parking uses ParkMobile Zone 5002 ($2/hour). The Summit shuttle serves Latham only.

Transportation: MacArthur Daniels | 919-357-1497

Confirm your return ride. The NCCU Student Center closes at 9:00 p.m.

Where to Eat

FUEL UP

From a quick bite between sessions to a proper Durham dinner — here's where to find good food.

RIGHT IN THE STUDENT CENTER

- Chick-fil-A, Panda Express, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, and Cinnabon — quickest option between sessions.
- Check posted hours; weekend schedules may be reduced.

MORE CAMPUS DINING

- W.G. Pearson Hall — Pearson Dining Hall, Central Market & Subway.
- James E. Shepard Memorial Library — Starbucks.
- Alston Avenue Apartments — Ten:Forty Wings Co.
- Mary M. Townes Science Building — Amplified Coffee Co.
- NCCU School of Law — The Albert Coffee Cafe.
- Budget for meals unless your ticket expressly includes them, and allow time for lines.

DURHAM FAVORITES

- Saltbox Seafood Joint — seafood
- Zweli's Ekhaya — Southern African dining
- Zweli's Kitchen — African cuisine
- Dame's Chicken & Waffles — Southern comfort food
- The Chicken Hut — homestyle Southern meals
- Goorsha — Ethiopian cuisine
- Beyu Caffé — coffee & café
- Flavor Hills Durham — Southern dining

WORTH THE DRIVE TO RALEIGH

- Flavor Hills Raleigh — Southern dining
- Oak City Fish and Chips — casual seafood
- Longleaf Swine — barbecue & Southern sides
- Jack's Seafood & Soul Food
- ORO Restaurant & Lounge — shared plates
- Black & White Coffee Roasters
- The Yard Milkshake Bar Raleigh — milkshakes & desserts
- Check each spot's current hours before you go, and budget extra time for the drive.

Campus dining locations and current hours

Beyond the Summit

PLAN YOUR VISIT

A few extra details to help the rest of your trip run smoothly.

GETTING HERE & AROUND

- Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) serves the area — check flight and ground-transportation details with your airline.
- Arrange your own travel between hotels, the airport, campus, and off-campus activities — the Summit shuttle serves Latham Deck and the Student Center only, not hotels, restaurants, or tour locations.
- The Hub lists hotel addresses and booking links; use Roommates & Rides to coordinate directly with other registrants.

FILM NIGHT & OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

- Film Night: Varsity Theatre, 123 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill — arrange transportation separately from the NCCU shuttle.
- Off-campus tours and cultural activities each have their own meeting place, timing, and transportation — plan independently.
- Before leaving each activity, check your next location and return-ride plan.

PACK THIS

- Registration confirmation and photo ID
- Charged phone plus a charger or battery pack
- Notebook or notes app and a pen
- Reusable water bottle and a light layer
- Comfortable shoes and professional or business-casual attire
- A bag for materials, plus a meal and transportation budget

CONTACTS & ON-SITE HELP

- Summit questions: info@hbcuprelawsummit.org · Shuttle: MacArthur Daniels, 919-357-1497.
- NCCU Parking Services: 919-530-5023 · NCCU Police: 919-530-6106.
- Emergency: call 911, give your exact location, and notify on-site staff.
- Start at the second-floor Registration Center for Wi-Fi, restrooms, a quiet space, accessibility help, or lost items.



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