13th Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo

Schedule of Events - September 24-27, 2026 - Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina

All times EDT (America/New York) - Updated as of Thursday, September 17, 2026

Note: Schedule is subject to change. Please check back for the most current version.

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 AM - 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 AM - 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 PM - 12:15 PM — **Travel to Campbell Law [Raleigh]**
Within downtown Raleigh - approximately 5-10 minutes

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM — **Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law Tour [Raleigh]**
225 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC

1:15 PM - 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 PM - 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 PM - 5:30 PM — **Travel to NCCU Law [Durham]**
Duke University School of Law to North Carolina Central University School of Law

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM — **North Carolina Central University School of Law Tour [Durham]**
150 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC

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 AM - 9:45 AM — **Mock Law School Class @ an HBCU Law School**
Professor TBA - NCCU Student Center

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM — **Welcome Ceremony & Opening Keynote Session**
NCCU Student Center

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM — **Lunch Break + One-on-One Pre-Law Advising Session - Focused 15-minute conversations with law students, attorneys, and admissions professionals (space is limited)**
NCCU Student Center - Fast food options available on-site (pay on your own)

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM — **LAW EXPO**
NCCU Student Center

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM — **Break**
NCCU Student Center

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM — **Mock Law School Admissions Committee Exercise - A Closed-Door Insider Look at How Admissions Officers Think in Making Difficult Selection Decisions**
NCCU Student Center

6:30 PM - 6:45 PM — **Break**
NCCU Student Center

6:45 PM - 7:45 PM — **HBCU Law School Deans Showcase - Featuring Current HBCU Law School Deans and Honored Guests**
North Carolina Central University

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

8:30 PM - 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 AM - 7:55 AM — **VIP AND PLATINUM REGISTRANTS ONLY - VIP Networking Mixer | Networking Activity**
NCCU Student Center - VIP/Platinum Registration Required

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM — **PLATINUM REGISTRANTS ONLY - Admission Strategy Lab (Q&A and Hot Seats)**
NCCU Student Center - Platinum Registration Required

9:00 AM - 11:05 AM — **Saturday Opening Keynote Session**
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.

11:05 AM - 11:15 AM — **Break**
NCCU Student Center

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM — **Legal Education Pipeline Programs Panel Discussion - Pathways and Promise: How Pipeline Programs Help You Get into and Succeed in Law School**
NCCU Student Center

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM — **Break**
NCCU Student Center

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM — **Double Panel: Financing Legal Education | LSAT Preparation**
NCCU Student Center

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM **Lunch Break + One-on-One Pre-Law Advising Session - Focused 15-minute conversations with law students, attorneys, and admissions professionals (space is limited)**

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

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM **The Law Student Experience: Part I HBCUs vs. PWIs; Part II Success in Law School - Double Panel Discussion**

NCCU Student Center

3:45 PM - 3:55 PM **Break**

NCCU Student Center

3:55 PM - 4:55 PM **Career Plans & Success Strategies Panel Discussion - The Future of Legal Work: Finding Jobs, Creating Opportunities, and Lawyering in the Age of AI**

NCCU Student Center

4:55 PM - 5:00 PM **Break**

NCCU Student Center

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Legal Career Advisement Small Group Conversations with Attorneys (sign-up as space is limited)**

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6:00 PM - 6:30 PM **Transition Break**

NCCU Student Center

6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. ET **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**

To Be Announced - Platinum and By Invitation Only

Day 4 - Sunday, September 27, 2026 (Optional Culture and History Tours)

Sunday Cultural Excursion: Black Durham + Black Raleigh

This is a free tour and anyone can participate. However, it is not a formal bus tour and transportation will not be provided. Participants can choose to drive their own cars and ride together, or share rides through ride-share apps such as Uber or Lyft.

10:00 AM - 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 AM - 11:25 AM **Drive to Hayti Heritage Center [Durham]**

Approx. 2-3 miles / 8-12 min - Short transfer.

11:30 AM - 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 PM - 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 PM - 12:40 PM **Walk to Carolina Theatre [Durham]**

Approx. 0.2 miles / 3-5 min - Downtown Durham.

12:40 PM - 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 PM - 12:55 PM **Walk to Durham Civil Rights Mural [Durham]**

Approx. 0.1 miles / 2-3 min - Adjacent to the Carolina Theatre.

12:55 PM - 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.

1:05 PM - 1:15 PM **Drive to Pauli Murray Center [Durham]**

Approx. 1.5 miles / 8-12 min - From downtown Durham.

1:15 PM - 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 PM - 3:05 PM **Drive to Raleigh - Pope House Museum [Raleigh]**

Approx. 25-30 miles / 40-50 min - Build in cushion.

3:05 PM - 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 PM - 4:00 PM **Drive to John Chavis Memorial Park [Raleigh]**

Approx. 1 mile / 5-8 min - Downtown Raleigh.

4:00 PM - 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 PM - 4:40 PM **Drive to St. Agnes Hospital Ruins [Raleigh]**

Approx. 2-3 miles / 8-12 min.

4:40 PM - 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.

5:10 PM - 5:20 PM **Drive to Shaw University [Raleigh]**

Approx. 1.5 miles / 5-8 min - From Saint Augustine's University.

5:20 PM - 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 PM - 5:55 PM — **Drive to Historic Oberlin Village [Raleigh]**

Approx. 5 miles / 12-15 min.

5:55 PM - 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 PM - 6:45 PM — **Drive to North Carolina State Capitol [Raleigh]**

Approx. 2-3 miles / 8-12 min.

6:45 PM - 7:00 PM — **African American History Monument at the North Carolina State Capitol [Raleigh]**

1 E Edenton St, Raleigh, NC 27601 - Significance: The first monument on the Capitol grounds to honor the African American experience in North Carolina, recognizing the struggle for freedom, education, and civil rights from slavery through the modern era. It stands at the seat of state government, directly across from the future Freedom Park site. Outdoor interpretive stop.

7:00 PM - 7:05 PM — **Walk to North Carolina Freedom Park [Raleigh]**

Short walk along Lane and Wilmington Streets - Less than 0.3 miles.

7:05 PM - 7:30 PM — **North Carolina Freedom Park [Raleigh]**

Corner of Lane & Wilmington Streets, Raleigh - Significance: North Carolina's first monument dedicated to the African American freedom struggle - a state-owned park in the shadow of the Capitol featuring the Beacon of Freedom and 40+ quotes from Black North Carolinians spanning slavery, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the civil rights movement. Essential outdoor closing reflection.

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