



**GENERATION NEXT:
THOUGHT LEADERS.**

A SUMMIT

**April 30th, 2024
Baltimore City, MD**

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The Vision

Black college students are NOT apathetic when it comes to politics and civic engagement. Instead, they are sometimes disengaged from related public discourse because they do not find their viewpoints invited, heard or their voices encouraged. Inaccurate assumptions that Black college students share monolithic viewpoints or mainly align with a singular political party's policies, necessitates an unbiased platform through which their voices can be heard.

Featuring Black students from a variety of HBCUs and Non-HBCUs as the panelists of crowd-sourced national issues that influence their vote; and elected officials, civic organization leaders and fellow students as the audience, this is a different model of engagement.

GenerationNext: Thought Leaders summit presented by [I Love My HBCU? LLC](#) provides:

- 1) An unbiased public platform for Black students from any college to share their varied political viewpoints:
- 2) An avenue for some of those inaccurate assumptions to be disabused:
- 3) Increased exposure to civic and politically inclined Black students:
- 4) And an ecosystem of Black student political and civic engagement enthusiasts who are committed to further their impact at the local, state, and national levels.

Speaking for the I Love My HBCU? platform, founder Tosin Adegbola Richard (Dr. Tosin) invites us to continue doing the necessary work to get Black youth registered to vote, and on the other side of that same coin, because it is needed, actively engage them on their views of the issues that permeate their vote and their sense of civic engagement.



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AGENDA

Main Events

Time

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| 01 | Welcome +
Continental Breakfast | 9:00 am – 10:00 am |
| 02 | Panel 1 - Immigration | 10:00 am – 10:50 am |
| 03 | Panel 2 – U.S. Economy | 11:00 am – 11:50 am |
| 04 | Power Lunch +
Networking | 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm |
| 05 | Panel 3 – U.S.
Domestic Welfare | 1:30 pm – 2:20 pm |
| 06 | Panel 4 – Systemic
Racism | 2:30 pm – 3:20 pm |
| 07 | Fireside Chat
Town Hall | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm |
| 08 | Closing Remarks | 6:00 pm – 6:15 pm |

Special Reception to follow at Collegiate Luxe.

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THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Sommer Hill

Morning Keynote Speaker

Sommer Hill, a journalist, host, and social media strategist, advocates for storytelling, creativity, and social justice. With a BA in Media, Journalism, and Film from Howard University, she gained production experience with major networks like NBC, CBS, Fox, and BET. Currently, Sommer serves as the senior social media associate for NPR and hosts her own talk show, 'It's Sommer Time'.

@sommerfh



Alex Aaron

Afternoon Keynote Speaker

Founder and CEO of BLANK SLATE which revitalizes historic properties and promotes economic development while preserving community integrity, Alex earned a B.B.A in Finance from Howard University. Aaron serves as Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for Baltimore Community Lending (BCL) and Co-Chair of the BCL Campaign Cabinet. Aaron is pursuing a Masters from the John Hopkins Carey Business School. **@blankslatecdm**



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THE MODERATORS



Jenyne Donaldson

Immigration Panel

Jenyne Donaldson co-anchors 11 News weekend mornings and reports during the week while also occasionally filling in as the traffic anchor. A 2010 graduate of Morgan State University she began her news career as an assignment editor with KYW in Philadelphia, winning an Emmy for News Excellence in 2013. Jenyne joined WBAL-TV in October 2022 after working as a national correspondent for Black News Channel and covering politics in New Jersey for WNET.

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Anjali Gulati

U.S Economy Panel

Anjali began her career in environmental economics in 2020 with PEARL, assisting the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in analyzing the economic impacts of recreational boating. She pursued a Master's in Political Economy through Georgetown University and Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, working on projects involving market analysis and energy market reform. Anjali currently advocates for carbon pricing legislation and serves as a Climate Equity Associate with Interfaith Power & Light, engaging in climate education and political advocacy.

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Taylor Stewart

Systemic Racism Panel

Taylor Stewart is an award-winning journalist and host, known for her impactful reporting. Her career began as a one-woman band in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where she earned recognition for her coverage of police use-of-force policies. Passionate about mentorship and raised with a strong work ethic and a commitment to cultural acceptance, she continues to inspire others through her work in journalism.

@thetaylorstewart



Ryan Turner

U.S. Domestic Welfare Panel

Ryan Turner, the founding Executive Director of GreenLight Fund Baltimore, has over 10 years of experience in the human service and nonprofit sectors. He actively works to establish equitable social support structures for communities impacted by systemic racism, notably through initiatives like redirecting justice-involved youth into college/career access programs. His commitment to youth engagement and social justice has earned recognition from local periodicals, news outlets, and government officials.

@ryanaturner_

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MEET THE STUDENT PANELISTS

Immigration



Morghan Blair

Morghan Sanei Blair, a freshman at Morgan State University and hailing from Springfield, NJ, brings a wealth of experience and a commitment to making a difference in her academic journey. She serves as the freshman class senator for the student government association, a role that reflects her long-standing dedication to leadership and advocacy. As a student member of the Springfield Unity Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing bias, social injustice, and equality, Morghan actively contributes to educational initiatives aimed at fostering a more inclusive society. [@morghansanei](#)



Chelsea Morton

Chelsea Morton, a passionate Social Justice Advocate, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts at American University. With roles including Public Relations Director for the American University Black Student Union and Board Member of 100 Girls Leading, she empowers marginalized communities through mentoring and leadership initiatives. As a Youth Ambassador for Ecumenical Women at the United Nations, Chelsea fervently advocates for gender equality and ending global violence. [@Chelsea.alise_](#)



Ruvy Chigiji

Ruvimbonashe Chigiji, a Zimbabwean-American freshman at Morgan State University, brings a powerful demeanor for political science to her academic journey. Ruvimbonashe's engagement in civic activism during secondary school and involvement in collegiate organizations like the National Council of Negro Women and Black Girls Vote reflects her dedication to challenging civil injustices. Ruvimbonashe advocates for reform rooted in combating xenophobia and classism. [@ruvy.c](#)

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U.S. Economy



Jade Nieves-Calderon

Jade Nieves- Calderon, a first-generation college student from Bronx, New York, is recognized for her dedication, innovation, and leadership in finance, entrepreneurship, and strategic partnerships. Jade has held 4 prominent internships with Wellington Management as a Trade Operations Intern, Goldman Sachs as a Finance Intern, Project Destined as a Real Estate Intern, and Duke University as a Logistics Intern. Jade has shown continuous learning and growth which is shown by her accolades and pursuit of career endeavors.



Oluwaseye Onasanya

Oluwaseye Onasanya, a student at Morgan State University, brings a rich blend of cultural experiences and academic ambition to her studies in Biology. With a passion for biomedical science, particularly in promoting equitable healthcare within communities of color, Oluwaseye is dedicated to making a positive impact through research and community engagement. As a leader in various organizations, including Women in Pre-med MSU Chapter and NAACP, Oluwaseye is committed to amplifying underrepresented voices and advocating for social justice in healthcare.

@[theoriginalcgmarmar](#)



Karson Smith

Karson Smith is a sophomore at Howard University, majoring in International Affairs and minoring in Spanish. A trailblazer in both arts and academia, she became the Woodlands Dance Company's first African American Principal Ballerina and ranks third among all Texas private school flutists. Karson's deep commitment to philanthropy and politics is evident through her leadership roles in organizations such as the College Democrats of America and her groundbreaking research on decolonizing economies. @[karsonns](#)

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U.S. Domestic Welfare



Aniyah Barnett

Aniyah Barnett, a second-year student at Hampton University, hails from South New Jersey and resides in Newark, Delaware. Pursuing a major in Biochemistry with a minor in Psychology, she aspires to become an Obstetrician and Gynecologist, driven by her passion to address healthcare disparities, particularly impacting black women. Aniyah is involved in various organizations, including the Greer Dawson Wilson Student Leadership Training Program, where she works towards fostering inclusivity and empowering young black women. [@aniyahhlanaee](#)



Nakayla Hill

Nakayla Hill, a vibrant and passionate individual from Washington D.C, is a Junior at Western Carolina University, majoring in psychology and criminal justice with a minor in special education. Nakayla aims to create a more just and equitable society. As a first-generation student and active member of her campus community, Nakayla is determined to make a positive impact in the lives of marginalized individuals, aspiring to pursue a career in criminal psychology or become a juvenile defense attorney after graduation. [@nakaaylaaa](#)



Chimaobi Uzowihe

Chimaobi Uzowihe, a junior pursuing a degree in economics, is studying to complete the SIE exam in hopes to enter the realm of Asset Management. This Society for Financial Education and Professional Development Ambassador has completed a Commercial Real Estate Internship under Project Destined while leading his lacrosse team to their first championship win during his time at Morgan State University. [@chimaobi__](#)

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MEET THE STUDENT PANELISTS

Systematic Racism



Breana Mahoney

Breana Mahoney, a driven researcher and creator, is a fourth-year student at Virginia Wesleyan University's Batten Honors College, set to graduate with degrees in Art and Media & Communications in May 2024. With an internship at the Chrysler Museum of Art and a study abroad experience in Japan, Breana has honed her passion for art, culture, and media analysis. Post-graduation, she aims to pursue a master's degree in illustration and graphic design to launch her career in the media production industry.



Alyssa Mark

Alyssa Mark, a dynamic advocate for social justice and media literacy, recently completed her studies at Howard University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media, specializing in journalism. Her dedication to community empowerment and combating disinformation has been evident through her roles as a producer's assistant at WHUR radio station and a multimedia journalist with HU News Service. Alyssa envisions her future as a leader in the media industry, driven by her commitment to advocacy and uplifting marginalized voices, particularly those of Black, Queer, and Women. [@alyssa.nadella](#)



Kalee Williams

Kalee Williams, a sophomore pursuing a political science degree, has a passion for inclusion of Black and Brown people in majority spaces. Kalee has had an opportunity to serve as an intern to Megan Marshall, 3rd district At- Large Legislator of Jackson County Missouri. Through her leadership roles and internships, she remains steadfast in her dedication to advancing the rights and voices of Black and Brown communities. [@everyonewannabekalee](#)

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THE FIRESIDE GUESTS

Charles E. Sydnor III, Esq

*Democrat, District 44,
Baltimore County*



Charles E. Sydnor III has served in the Senate since January 8, 2020, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to legislative governance. As Chair of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics since 2023, he exemplifies integrity and accountability within the legislative process. With a diverse background in law and public service, Charles is dedicated to addressing critical issues such as housing, criminal justice, and cybersecurity, ensuring the well-being of Maryland's citizens.

Nick J. Mosby

Baltimore City Council President



Nick J. Mosby, Baltimore City Council President, embodies a steadfast commitment to his community as a leader, mentor, and public servant. With a background rooted in Baltimore's streets and a dedication to education, he has enacted impactful initiatives and legislation aimed at addressing systemic issues and advocating for marginalized communities. As Council President, Nick remains a fierce advocate for transparency, equitable reform, and amplifying the voices of all Baltimore residents.

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