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Sisterhood Summit 2023

Event Program

Wednesday, March 29th
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

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the legacies we'll leave

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Cristina Costa

Founder and Coach: Cristina Costa Coaching

Cristina is a lifelong learner and educator who believes that experience is our biggest teacher in life. She empowers others with the personal and professional skills to succeed. Cristina is the Founder of Cristina Costa Coaching where she offers career and empowerment coaching to job seekers of color, particularly helping them transition into the technology sector. She also heads a Career Program for a nonprofit organization called Parachute Bridge, which serves first generation college students and young graduates of color to navigate the job search. Previously, Cristina was the Head of the Career Program at Outco -- a San Francisco based startup that provides career coaching and technical skill sharpening for job seeking software engineers.

Cristina is a Latina born and raised in Boston and is an outspoken advocate who works towards equity and inclusion for all people of color -- particularly in the technology sector and battling the digital divide.



Karen Roberts Turner

Attorney and Author

Karen Roberts Turner, Esquire is a DC-based defense attorney and certified civil mediator with over 31 years' experience handling complex civil, commercial, and medical malpractice cases. Ms. Turner developed a distinguished reputation as a highly skilled trial attorney and formidable opponent.

In 2013, Ms. Turner left private practice to become Senior Associate General Counsel for Health Sciences at Howard University. Beyond her professional contributions, Ms. Turner takes pride in her decades of community activism in her hometown of Washington, DC. She has volunteered countless hours of service to community outreach initiatives through her church, sorority, and various civic and professional organizations.

Ms. Turner has a passion for storytelling and authored her debut fiction novel, "The Other Twin," in 2021, a coming-of-age story of African-American twins embarking on adulthood.

STUDENT PANEL SPEAKERS



Briana Dorval

Howard University
Student



Braxton Babb

Howard University
Student



Camille Waters

Howard University
Student



Hannah Hollis

Howard University
Student



Janeeta Shaukat

Georgetown University
Student



LaMaria Glass

Georgetown University
Associate Director



Michelle Ramos

Georgetown University
Student



Mia Johnson

Georgetown University
Student



Zarah Reeves

Howard University
Student

PANEL & CAREER FAIR SPEAKERS



Adina Crawford

Yoga & Aqua Instructor, Fit100 &
Meditation Teacher



Afua Branoah Banful

CEO: Aneta Education



Alisha Small

Life Coach: Living Fulfilled
Coaching & Consulting



Allison Blanc

Singer-Songwriter & Producer:
Allison Blanc Productions &
Driven Women Publishing



Amanda Paul

Social Worker & Psychotherapist:
Audacious Black Girl



Bre Henderson

Coach: Cut Seven



Brucetta Williams

Communications Director &
Spelman National Alumnae
Association



Celeste Iroha

CEO & Founder:
Enough of Gun Violence



Christlene Bright

Voiceover Artist:
Christlene Bright's Voice

Event Schedule

Time	Activity/Session	Location
8:15-8:45 AM	Speaker arrival & breakfast	Lobby
9:00-9:45 AM	Welcome & Keynote Address	Auditorium
9:50-10:15 AM	Student Panel: 9th & 10th grades	Auditorium
	Career Fair: 10th & 11th grades	Cafe
10:20-10:45 AM	Student Panel: 10th & 11th grades	Auditorium
	Career Fair: 9th & 10th grades	Cafe
10:50-11:30 AM	Panel Discussion: Session 1	Classrooms
11:35-12:15 PM	Panel Discussion: Session 2	Classrooms
12:20-1:00 PM	Lunch	Auditorium

Thank you speakers!



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PANEL & CAREER FAIR SPEAKERS



Christie Garton

CEO: 1000 Dreams Fund



Dawn Mabery Chestnut

CEO: Mabery Consulting



Ellen Nixon

Leader: Cybersecurity
Threat Management



Gabrielle Gueye

Outreach Officer: Women of Color
Advancing Peace, Security and
Conflict Transformation



Jayla Powers

Artist: Miss Spoken Poet



Jorhena Thomas

Director of Mentorship and
Professional Advancement:
Girl Security



Kenya Johnson

Founder & CEO:
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Founder & Owner:
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paramedical tattoo



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PANEL & CAREER FAIR SPEAKERS



Maria Miller

International Development Specialist
& Spelman National Alumni
Association



Marquita Hardy

**College & Career Readiness
Program Manager:** Office of the
State Superintendent of Education



Monae White

Law Associate:
Hogan Lovells



Nefertiti Cooper

Founder #NefOnTheBeat:
Celebrity Make-Up Artist



Rachael Payton

Founder & President:
BeGreatDC



Shannon Jones

**Director of Equity, Inclusion,
Diversity and Wellness:**
Kaiser-Permanente



Trenisha Goslee

Program Director:
ADA Developers Academy



Valencia Jones

Emergency Medical Technician:
DC Fire & Emergency Medical Services



Verelyn Watson

Owner: Nothing Bundt Cakes



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CAREER FAIR SPEAKERS



Heather Hutt

Chief of Content & Co-Founder:
Make a Scene Media



Nefetari Heath

Clark Scholar and Project
Engineer: Gilbane



Nichole Ruffin

Licensed Massage Therapist & Owner:
Caressence Therapeutic Massage

SUMMIT PLANNING TEAM



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Instructional Coach &
Math Teacher



Lydia Kang
Instructional Coach &
English Teacher



Sonija Parson
Instructional Coach &
World Language Teacher



Angel Strong-Archer
Music & Engineering Teacher



Jackie Sylvain
Restorative Intervention Specialist



Jessica Tucker
Business Teacher



Michele Miller
Science Teacher



Starr Rhee
History Teacher

GGA STUDENT PRESENTERS



Ikram Yosuf
11th Grade Student



Niyea Pollard-Calliste
11th Grade Student



Inia Brown
11th Grade Student



Valery Bourdier Nunez
11th Grade Student