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ANNUAL SUMMIT 2023



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Rev. Anthony Evans
National Black Church Initiative



14-15 APRIL
6PM-9PM | 9AM-5PM
REGISTRATION \$40

LEVERAGING FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS TO DIVERSIFY THE STEM WORKFORCE PIPELINE



HOST: DR. SHETAY ASHFORD-HANSERD
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In honor of National Community Development Week, Dr. Shetay Ashford-Hanserd and ACCEYSS Network will host the ACCEYSS Faith and Community Leadership Summit on Friday, April 14 - Saturday, April 15.

This Year's Call to Action: "Leveraging Faith-Based Institutions to Diversify the STEM Workforce Pipeline"

The ACCEYSS Faith and Community Leadership Summit facilitates a collaborative exchange for faith-based and community leaders to connect with researchers, industry professionals, government officials, economic developers, and workforce professionals with a common vision of serving *low-income, impoverished, formerly incarcerated and historically marginalized youth and young adults*.

This summit will provide faith and community leaders with CONNECTIONS and RESOURCES to build capacity to alleviate poverty among underserved youth and adults and to equip them to obtain high-wage and high-skilled job opportunities in the STEM workforce, thus closing the STEM equity gap.

This Year's Keynote Speaker: Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President

Originally from Savannah, Georgia, an advocate for justice, at an early age, while as a student in Vermont, Reverend Evans mobilized local colleges to raise over \$15,000 to help fund the investigation of the Atlanta child killings in the early eighties. After which, Reverend Evans earned a bachelor's degree in religion in 1981 from Middlebury College in Vermont. He was ordained in 1982 and went on to earn a Master's of Divinity in 1988 from Howard University School of Divinity. Shortly after earning his Masters, Reverend Evans became President of the National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) in 1992 and for the past twenty-five years he has devoted his expertise to leading the organization, working tirelessly on social and economic justice issues facing the black faith community.

Under Reverend Evans' leadership, NBCI has brought together a coalition of 150,000 churches from across the country, including over 15.7 million African Americans who join together to fight against health disparities, promote financial literacy, protect babies from abuse and neglect, and help preserve the environment. Reverend Evans remains a tireless advocate of the African American community and is determined to preserve the moral authority of the black church's voice. Reverend Evans has provided expertise and guidance related to health disparities in all stages of planning and project implementation to ensure cultural sensitivity of project materials and to support participation and engagement of African American and other minority families.

He serves as a liaison with the Black Churches at all four recruitment areas and helps to identify churches and facilitate recruitment of community service providers at these churches. Reverend Evans has assisted in program evaluation to improve community uptake, and manuscript preparation to disseminate research.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 14, 2023, Embassy Suites by Hilton and San Marcos Conference Center		
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Opening Reception	Keynote Speaker: Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President
Saturday, April 15, 2023, , Embassy Suites and San Marcos Conference Center		
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Panel 1: Building Capacity of Faith-Based Organizations to Close the STEM Equity Gap	Moderator: Dr. Shetay Ashford-Hanserd
	Panel 2: Leveraging Industry Partnerships to DIVERSIFY the STEM Workforce.	
	Panel 3: Leveraging University-Community Partnerships to increase ACCESS to STEM Resources.	
	Panel 4: Identifying funding opportunities for Faith-Based and Community Organizations for STEM workforce development.	

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