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# Fifth Annual President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge National Gathering

**Thursday, September 10, 2015**

## **11:00am-1:00pm: Registration**

*Howard University*

*Armour J. Blackburn University Center*

*2397 Sixth Street, NW*

*Washington, DC 20059*

## **1:00-2:30pm: Opening Plenary "What Works in Interfaith/Community Service"**

*Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel*

- Opening
  - Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell, Director, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, U.S. Department of Education
- Social Media Minute
  - Anna Leach, Confidential Assistant on Special Projects, U.S. Department of Education
- Welcome from Howard University
  - President Wayne A.I. Frederick
- Welcome from the White House
  - Melissa Rogers, Executive Director, White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships
  - Video from President Barack Obama
- Presentation "Navigating Tensions around Religious Identity on Campus"
  - Eboo Patel, Founder and President, Interfaith Youth Core
- Panel Discussion
  - Greg Jao, Director of Campus Engagement & Vice President, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
  - Janina Montero, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles
  - Cindi Love, Executive Director, ACPA – College Student Educators International
- Questions and Answers
  - Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell
- President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
  - Bill Basl, Director of AmeriCorps, Corporation for National and Community Service
  - Paul Monteiro, Director of AmeriCorpsVISTA, Corporation for National and Community Service
- Celebration of the Honor Roll
  - Announce Finalists
- Announcements

## 2:45-3:45pm Breakout Session I

### Asking Big Questions Beyond the Classroom

Room: Blackburn Center Hill Top Lounge (2nd Floor)

- Description: Howard University encourages interfaith reflection beyond the classroom. Come to learn about some of the ways in which these two institutions provide students opportunities for interfaith community service. Ask Big Questions is a national program seeking to change the world through better conversation.
- Facilitator: Anthony Wutoh, Howard University
  - Bradford Grant                      Howard University
  - Sandra Crewe                        Howard University
  - Subodh Kulkarni                     Howard University
  - Joseph Dillard                        Howard University
  - Eric Ellis                              Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture
  - Lawrence Wyman                     Howard University
  - Judy Fisher                            Mercy Outreach Ministry International

### Leadership Practices for Interfaith Excellence in Higher Education

Room: Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge (1st Floor)

- Description: What strategies are most effective for engaging interfaith work on campus? Come learn about the Leadership Practices, a set of high-impact practices that can guide campus interfaith efforts.
- Facilitator: Brendan Randall, Interfaith Youth Core
  - Katie Basham                        Berea College
  - Sonja Hagander                      Augsburg College
  - Sara Shady                            Bethel University

### Navigating Tensions around Religious Identity on Campus

Room: Blackburn Center Digital Auditorium, (1st Floor Rm. 155)

- Description: How do we navigate conflict that arises around religious identity on campus? This session is an opportunity to engage the opening plenary panelists and explore in greater depth the issues of religious identity.
- Facilitator: Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core
  - Greg Jao                                InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
  - Janina Montero                        University of California, Los Angeles
  - Cindi Love                              ACPA – College Student Educators International

### Protecting the Planet as Interfaith Community Service

Room: Founders Library, Browsing Room (1st Floor)

- Description: Dharmic religious traditions provide a window into ways in which your school can approach protecting our planet. Participants will learn about how communities, such as Howard University, are approaching global community service.
- Facilitator: Alexander Metcalf, Environmental Protection Agency
  - Murali Balaji                         Hindu American Foundation
  - Shreekari Tadepalli                    Bryn Mawr College
  - Sumeet Kaur                            EcoSikh
  - SriVani Ganti                         Hindu American Foundation
  - Arvind Vora                            Federation of Jain Associations in North America
  - Glen Vinson                            Howard University

## **Student Staff Collaboration: Best Practices for Interfaith Action**

Room: Blackburn Center Room 148 (1st Floor)

- Description: How are students best equipped to lead? Come learn best practices in supporting interfaith student leadership from exemplar institutions. This conversation will include both student and staff presenters.
- Facilitator: Hanna Minks-Clark, Interfaith Youth Core
  - Robert Pyne Saint Norbert College
  - Fouad Alkhouri Saint Norbert College
  - Paulette McIntosh Prince George's Community College
  - Neha Sethi Prince George's Community College
  - Tarah Trueblood University of North Florida
  - Kalilah Jamall University of North Florida

## **Students Leading Interfaith Community Service**

Room: Rankin Chapel, Clinton Room (Lower Level)

- Description: Student leadership not only benefits students; it can result in outstanding programs. Come learn how two institutions are supporting student leadership.
- Facilitator: Jerry Lawson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - Joe Deegan Loyola University New Orleans
  - Bethany Washington Loyola University New Orleans
  - Emily Mastin Loyola University New Orleans
  - Alexa Bilich Loyola University New Orleans
  - Clare Stern University of North Florida
  - Taylor Dalencourt Howard University
  - Brandon Slaughter Howard University

## **Transforming Hate Into Knowledge, Engagement and Service**

Room: Blackburn Center Room 150, (1st Floor)

- Description: Leaders from Institutions of Higher Education and Government Agencies will discuss the power and potential that religious tolerance and cooperation can play in community service and engagement.
- Facilitator: Nicole Wood, Department of Homeland Security
  - Bassem Chaaba Seminole State College of Florida
  - Tahil Sharma University of La Verne
  - Amie Harris U.S. Agency for International Development
  - Altaf Husain Howard University

## **What to Do When the House is Divided?**

Room: Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel (Main Floor)

- Description: This session takes a very practical look at specific strategies to support community collaboration. Come learn how hate can be transformed into knowledge and language can integrate communities.
- Facilitator: Lauren Mamane, Peace Corps
  - Hal Edward Runkel ScreamFree
  - Jon Kaplan ScreamFree
  - Abdel Azim Elsiddig Bridges
  - Moima Hussain Bridges
  - Ramona Hernandez Atlanta Technical College
  - Eric Mason Atlanta Technical College
  - Dessie Hall Atlanta Technical College
  - Zainab Alwani Howard University

## **The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**

Room: Carnegie Hall, Lounge A (1st Floor)

- Description: Get all your questions answered about how to apply for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and about the benefits of applying.
- Facilitator: Lenore Garcia, Department of Education
  - Rob Bisi Corporation for National and Community Service

## **4:00-5:00 Breakout Session II**

### **Church and State Issues on Campus**

Room: Rankin Chapel, Clinton Room (Lower Level)

- Description: Questions are often raised about free speech, establishment of religion, and other church and state issues. This session will discuss where constitutional issues are clear and where there is ongoing discussion about the First Amendment.
- Facilitator: Melissa Rogers, White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships
  - Charles Haynes Newseum
  - Barry Lynn Americans United
  - Holly Hollman Baptist Joint Committee
  - Gregory Jao InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA

### **Interfaith Service Learning: An International Roundtable of Discovery**

Room: Carnegie Hall, Lounge A (1st Floor)

- Description: With presenters from Africa, Europe, and North America, this session will provide a cross-cultural, interfaith conversation about the role of community service and service learning in differing campus contexts.
- Facilitator: Kathy Engelken, Illinois Campus Compact
  - Abdel Azim Elsidig Bridges
  - Steven Timmermans Christian Reformed Church in North America
  - Marlene Wall LCC International University
  - Getenet Timmermans Trinity Christian College

### **Irish Film Maker Tells Story of Campus Challenge**

Room: Founders Library, Browsing Room (1st Floor)

- Description: This session will explore how film can be used to engage students, educators and community partners in building mutually beneficial partnerships for student achievement.
- Facilitator: Chad Frey, Messiah College
  - Paul Moorehead LjHSTV
  - Don Murk Messiah College
  - Wayne Baxter Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ
  - Sybil Knight-Burney Harrisburg PA School District
  - Molly Thompson Downey Elementary School

## **Reaching Diverse Groups through Interfaith Community Service**

Room: Blackburn Center Hill Top Lounge (2nd Floor)

- Description: Prisoners, refugees, artists, and patients are all being reached through interfaith community service projects. Come learn about these projects and discuss how they add value to interfaith community service work.
- Facilitator: Marcus Brownrigg, Department of Agriculture
  - Lopita Nath University of the Incarnate Word
  - Monica Cruz University of the Incarnate Word
  - Maria Bedolla University of the Incarnate Word
  - Bahiyyah Muhammad Howard University
  - Aamir N. Hussain University of Chicago

## **Peacebuilding through Interfaith Service on Campus in Post-Conflict and Conflict Zones**

Room: Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel (Main Floor)

- Description: Learn about how religious groups negotiate historic and present trauma through community-building work (particularly multi-ethnic and multi-religious communities in conflict and post conflict zones).
- Facilitator: Ambassador Brendan Scannell, Ireland
  - Besa Ismail Faculty of Islamic Studies (Kosovo)
  - Ayten Birhanie Peace and Development Centre (Ethiopia)
  - Kazi Narul Islam Dhaka University (Bangladesh)
  - Javier Gelbwaser Hebrew University (Israel)
  - Mohammad Ikbal Al Kheder Arab Spring for Syria (Syria)
  - Hassan Nadhem University of Kufa (Iraq)

## **Resilience through Diversity: Interfaith Education and Peacebuilding in Pakistani Higher Education**

Room: Blackburn Center Room 148 (1st Floor)

- Description: This session focuses on developing curriculums, dialogue, and service work surrounding pluralism and diversity in Pakistan. Speakers will examine ways to utilize these attributes to transform negative perceptions among different communities.
- Facilitator: Robert Chase, Intersections International
  - Amineh Hoti Forman Christian College (Pakistan)
  - Noor Fatima International Islamic University (Pakistan)
  - Hasan Murad University of Management Technology (Pakistan)
  - James Channan Peace Center (Pakistan)
  - Melody Fox Ahmed Georgetown University

## **The Multifaith Movement: Global Risks and Cosmopolitan Solutions**

Room: Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge (1st Floor)

- Description: Join a panel discussion which follows the multifaith activities initiated by faith communities and state actors in response to 21st century global risks and crises. Leaders will also examine the benefits and challenges of multi-actor networks for local and international security.
- Facilitator: Bud Heckman, International Shinto Foundation
  - Anna Halahoff Deakin University (Australia)
  - Paul Morris Victoria University (New Zealand)
  - Sarah Snyder Cambridge University (UK)
  - Kathy Matsui Seisen University (Japan)

## **Emerging Curricular Programs in the Field of Interfaith Studies**

Room: Blackburn Center Digital Auditorium, (1st Floor Rm. 155)

- Description: What do curricular programs in interfaith studies look like? Learn from this roundtable discussion of campus faculty developing academic interfaith programs.
- Facilitator: Noah Silverman, Interfaith Youth Core
  - Tracy Wagner Sadd Elizabethtown College
  - Jonathan Golden Drew University
  - Jacqueline Bussie Concordia College, Moorhead

## **Race and Religion: Students Respond through Dialogue and Action**

Room: Blackburn Center Room 150, (1st Floor)

- Description: Students from universities in Massachusetts and Florida share stories about responding compassionately and constructively to events such as the Boston Marathon Bombing, the Charlie Hebdo and Chapel Hill tragedies, and the #Black Lives Matter movement. Students will describe a variety of interfaith responses, including dialogue, public vigils, volunteer service, and an interfaith pilgrimage from Selma to St. Louis/Ferguson.
- Facilitator: Ben Seigel, U.S. Department of Labor
  - Tarah Trueblood University of North Florida
  - Kalilah Jamall University of North Florida
  - Clare Stern University of North Florida
  - Abubakr Hassan University of North Florida
  - Alexander Levering Kern Northeastern University
  - Afif Abdur-Rahman Northeastern University
  - Julia Baker Northeastern University
  - Lindsey Bressler Northeastern University

## **5:15-6:30pm: Evening Reception**

*Blackburn Center West Ballroom*

All participants are invited to attend this evening reception, co-sponsored by Interfaith Youth Core and Intersections International.

A student networking event will be held concurrently with the evening reception in Blackburn Center East Ballroom. All students are invited to gather food from the reception and join the student networking event.

## Friday September 11, 2015

### 9:30-10:45am: Opening Plenary “Going Global with Interfaith/Community Service”

*Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel*

- Opening
  - Melissa Rogers, Executive Director, White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Social Media Minute
- Comments “The State of Interfaith Engagement”
  - Andrea Bartoli, Dean of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University
- Comments “Developing Experiential Interfaith Courses”
  - Douglas Leonard, Executive Director Al Amana Centre, Sultanate of Oman
- Panel Response from Students
  - Jes Kast-Keat, Associate Minister, West End Church, New York
  - Amanda Kirsch, Lutheran Volunteer Corps
  - Imam Adell Zeb, Director of Muslim Life, Duke University
  - Shine Hawramani, Muslim Chaplain, Trinity College-Hartford
- Panel Response from International Educators
  - Amineh Hoti, Forman Christian College (Pakistan)
  - Sarah Snyder, Cambridge University (United Kingdom)
  - Karel San Juan, Ateneo de Zamboanga (Philippines)
- Question and Answers
  - Melissa Rogers Moderator
- Closing and Announcements
  - Melissa Rogers

### 11:00am-12:00pm: Breakout Session III

#### **Complex Faith and Family Identities on Campus**

Room: Blackburn Center Hill Top Lounge (2nd Floor)

- Description: Interfaith family backgrounds and religious identities still in formation are a part of campus life. What resources are available to support complex faith and family identities, and the interaction of gender and religion?
- Facilitator: Melody Fox Ahmed, Georgetown University
  - Susan Katz Miller Author
  - Crystal Corman World Faiths Development Dialogue
  - Asma Uddin altMuslimah
  - Besa Ismaili Faculty of Islamic Studies (Kosovo)

#### **Muslim and Christian Cooperative Social Action in Indonesia and Singapore**

Room: Blackburn Center Room 150, (1st Floor)

- Description: Come learn how Christian and Muslim religious educators are using cooperative social action to support interfaith cooperation and religious tolerance in a global setting.
- Facilitator: Heidi Hadsell, Hartford Seminary
  - Siti Syamsiyatun Consortium for Religious Studies
  - Joas Adiprasetya Jakarta Theological Seminary
  - Albakri Ahmad Islamic Religious Council of Singapore

## **Taking Planning and Evaluation Seriously**

Room: Blackburn Center Room 148 (1st Floor)

- Description: Everyone talks about metrics and business practices. At this session you will learn about ways to apply specific practices to your interfaith community service programs that help you organize, plan, and evaluate.
- Facilitator: Eddie Martin, U.S. Department of Education
  - Jacqueline Bussie                      Concordia College-Moorhead
  - Robyn Adams                          Concordia College-Moorhead
  - Medora Frei                            Concordia College-Moorhead
  - Paul M. Fullmer                        Lebanon Valley College
  - Matt Sayers                            Lebanon Valley College
  - Candace Metcalf                       Illinois Campus Compact
  - Frank Fredericks                      World Faith

## **A Discussion with National Security Council Staff**

Room: Blackburn Center Digital Auditorium

- Description: Join a panel discussion with experts from the White House National Security Council to discuss their work.
- Facilitator: Melissa Rogers, White House
  - Ronnie Newman                      Director for Human Rights and Refugee Protection, National Security Council
  - Laura Schulz                          Director for Global Engagement, National Security Council
  - George Selim                          Director for Community Partnerships, National Security Council

## **Faith and Service: A Global Perspective**

Room: Founders Library, Browsing Room (1st Floor)

- Description: Community-based interfaith leaders from around the world will discuss the role of religious groups in fostering a broad understanding of global social justice issues. Participants in the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program will reflect on their experiences meeting with interfaith leaders throughout the United States.
- Facilitator: Carlos Aranaga, Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
  - Hoda Barakat                          Amal Innovation Fund Coordinator, Oxfam (Lebanon)
  - Chantal Suissa-Runne                Progressive Jewish Community of Amsterdam
  - Rahamtullah Miya                      Federation of Nepali Muslims (Nepal)
  - Mangala Etipola                        Dalukgolla Rajamaha Viharaya Buddhist Temple (Sri Lanka)

## **Focus on Social Justice: Catholic Social Thought, Education and Interfaith Engagement Around the World**

Room: Rankin Chapel, Clinton Room (Lower Level)

- Description: This session focuses on the international role Catholic and Jesuit education plays in interfaith dialogue, community engagement, and student development. Topics will include efforts in religiously plural societies and work with indigenous students.
- Facilitator: Angela McGraw, Georgetown University
  - Karel San Juan, S.J.                    ATENEO de Zamboanga (Philippines)
  - Frazer Mascarenhas, S.J.              Reach Education Action Program (India)
  - Dr. Miguel Ugalde                      Universidad Rafael Landivar (Guatemala)
  - Lauren DeVeau                          Universidad Antonio Ruiz Montoya (Peru)
  - James Channan                          Peace Center (Pakistan)

## **Interfaith Community Service Across Higher Education**

Room: Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge (1st Floor)

- Description: Community colleges, career colleges, and theological schools are developing strong interfaith community service programs. Every school with a diverse student body can learn from their experiences.
- Facilitator: Kimberly Konkel, U.S. Health and Human Services
  - Lea Appleton Claremont School of Theology
  - Raymond Elias Claremont School of Theology
  - Sarah Fiske-Phillips Claremont School of Theology
  - Deborah Brent ITT Technical Institute
  - Toune Greene ITT Technical Institute
  - Elzbieta Nowak ITT Technical Institute

## **Pluralism on the Front Lines of Change: Interfaith Work on Campus in Europe**

Room: Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel (Main Floor)

- Description: European interfaith leaders will analyze international community work around scriptural reasoning, women's interfaith agency, and culture, and how they all relate to rising tensions over migration, violent extremism, and discrimination.
- Facilitator: Sarah Synder, Cambridge University (UK)
  - Victor Grezes Coexister (France)
  - Anja Fahlenkamp Faiths in Tunes(Germany)
  - Yasmeen Akhtar 3Faiths Forum(UK)
  - Christoph Stückelberger Globalethics.net Foundation (Switzerland)

## **Interfaith Leadership After Graduation: What Comes Next?**

Room: Carnegie Hall, Lounge A (1st Floor)

- Description: College and universities cultivate interfaith leadership skills among their student body – but how are those skills put into practice after graduation? This panel session will feature alumni of campus interfaith leadership programs sharing their experiences in interfaith work post-graduation.
- Facilitator: Amber Hacker, Interfaith Youth Core
  - Aamir Hussain University of Chicago Medical School
  - Alexis Vaughn Kassim Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ
  - Rue Khalsa American University
  - Chayva Lehrman US Agency for International Development

## **12:00pm-1:15pm: Lunch Break**

## **1:30pm-2:30pm Breakout Sessions IV**

### **Creating a Safe Space for Dialogue**

Room: Blackburn Center Digital Auditorium, (1st Floor Rm. 155)

- Description: This interactive workshop will introduce you to the essential skills needed for meaningful dialogue in the community that can challenge religious prejudice and bring about mutual understanding.
- Facilitator: Marcus Brownrigg, U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - Kristen Looney Tony Blair Faith Foundation
  - Ian Jamison Tony Blair Faith Foundation

## **Interfaith Partnerships: From Nice Words to Community Service**

Room: Founders Library, Browsing Room (1st Floor)

- Description: Great things can happen when communities and campuses work in partnership. This session will discuss how to engage community leaders and the resulting rewards.
- Facilitator: Kathy Engleken, Illinois Campus Contact
  - Abdel Azim Elsidig Bridges
  - Getenet Timmermans Trinity Christian College
  - Douglas Kindschi Grand Valley State University
  - Katie Gordon Grand Valley State University
  - Andrew Plague Grand Valley State University

## **Navigating Privilege and Identity in Multifaith Engagement**

Room: Blackburn Center Hill Top Lounge (2nd Floor)

- Description: Participants, with a focus on student-driven research and outreach work, will collaborate and exchange strategies to tackle various forms of culture and identity that can lead to stereotypes and prejudices on campus.
- Facilitator: Sara Singha, Georgetown University
  - Timothy Rosenberger Georgetown University
  - Timothy Loh Georgetown University
  - Spencer Crawford Georgetown University
  - Joel Harter Elon University
  - Diana Abrahams Elon University
  - Anna Torres-Zeb Elon University
  - Yasmine Arrington Howard Divinity School
  - Donita Sharkey Elon University
  - Olivia Arges Elon University

## **Partnering with National Non-profit Organizations to Achieve Campus Impact**

Room: Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge (1st Floor)

- Description: Three organizations, Interfaith Youth Core, Habitat for Humanity, and Coexist will discuss how the support work on campuses across the country and how your institution of higher education can benefit from partnering with national non-profit organizations.
- Facilitator: Julia Smith, Interfaith Youth Core
  - Caryn Riswold Illinois College
  - Susan Young Occidental College
  - Kalilah Jamall University of North Florida
  - Tarek Elgawhary The Coexist Foundation America
  - Lance McPherson The Coexist Foundation America
  - Jose Quinonez Habitat for Humanity International

## **International Higher Education Discussion with Ted Mitchell**

Room: Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel (Main Floor)

- Description: Engage in a conversation with the Undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Education about possible ways that the Obama Administration can support interfaith community service across the globe. This is an open discussion to hear what the international participants have to share after spending time learning about the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.
- Facilitator: Eddie Martin, U.S. Department of Education
  - Ted Mitchell U.S. Department of Education

## **Who's Engaged? Understanding Student Involvement With Interfaith Experiences**

Room: Carnegie Hall, Lounge A (1st Floor)

- Description: What does research say about what students are involved in interfaith community service? This session includes presentations on how two schools are developing successful programs to engage students.
- Facilitator: Rev. E. Terry LaVelle, Veterans Affairs
  - Tarah Trueblood University of North Florida
  - Ben Correia Interfaith Youth Core
  - Muhammad Shafiq Nazareth College
  - Lynn Boucher Nazareth College
  - Angela Tona Nazareth College
  - Paul Lippert Nazareth College

## **Examining & Overcoming Cultural Bias: Mine & Theirs**

Room: Blackburn Center Room 150, (1st Floor)

- Description: Come and learn how one school is using a Freedom Seder to foster understanding and how another university is using interfaith cooperation to combat cultural biases.
- Facilitator: Marcus Coleman, Department of Homeland Security
  - Amy Shorner-Johnson Elizabethtown College
  - Amy Milligan Elizabethtown College
  - Chiamaka Ikpeze Howard University
  - Molly Levine Howard University
  - Troy Duffie Howard University
  - Maryam Laiyemo Howard University

## **International Seminary Education Discussion**

Room: Rankin Chapel, Clinton Room (Lower Level)

- Description: Engage in a conversation with the Director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships about possible ways that the Obama Administration can support interfaith community service across the globe. This is an open discussion to hear what the international participants involved in seminary education have to share after spending time learning about the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.
- Facilitator: Ken Bedell, Department of Education
  - Brenda Girton-Mitchell White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership

## **Engaging Students in Interfaith Service**

Room: Blackburn Center Room 148 (1st Floor)

- Description: Be a part of an interactive session with faculty and IFYC staff working together to build interfaith programs at a Christian college with a large number of evangelical students. In addition, Bethel University will describe their work to engage students.
- Facilitator: Marcus Coleman, U.S. Department Homeland Security
  - Katie Baxter Interfaith Youth Core
  - Joe Morrow Interfaith Youth Core
  - Amy Poppinga Bethel University
  - Sara Shady Bethel University

## 2:45-4pm Closing Plenary – Living with Hope in a Post-9/11 World

- Opening
  - Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell, Director, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, U.S. Department of Education
- A Washington DC Story
  - Michelle and Clifton Cottoms, Asia S. Cottoms Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Reflections from Administration Leadership
  - Introduction of Secretary Julian Castro
    - Paula Lincoln, Director, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Secretary Julian Castro, Secretary, U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development
  - Q & A
- A New York City Story
  - Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University
- Reflections from Administration Leadership
  - Introduction of Administrator Lenhardt
    - C. Eduardo Vargas, Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships Center, US Agency for International Development
  - Administrator Alfonso Lenhardt, US Agency for International Development
  - Q & A
- Closing
  - Melissa Rogers

The President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge is an initiative of the White House with support from the Department of Education, USAID, the State Department and the Corporation for National and Community Service.



Non-federal partners are essential for the implementation and success of the Campus Challenge. This year for the first time there were international partners that contributed to the planning of the event. The International Shinto Foundation and KAICIID were funding partners. They facilitated the attendance of participants from 24 countries.



Hundreds of institutions of higher education support the Gathering by providing programming and sending participants. This year three institutions, Howard University, Hartford Seminary, and Georgetown University were institutional partners.



Planning partners participated in the planning for the Gathering and provided various additional resources that were essential to the success of the event. These planning partners include:





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