

Minority Serving Institutions Summit



“Envisioning a Connected, Empowered Future”

CONFERENCE AGENDA

DATE:

January 25-26, 2024

STARTING AT:

12Noon on Thursday
8AM on Friday

VENUE:

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center



The Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Summit

Centered around Digital Equity & Broadband Connectivity, Student Workforce Opportunities, Minority & Women-Owned Business Growth, Research Development Grants, and Rural-Urban Telehealth & Telemedicine Access, The Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Summit is positioned to address critical issues in education and technology. Our goals are to foster innovative solutions, enhance the quality of education, develop skilled workforces, and promote inclusive growth. The Summit aims to provide a forum for sharing best practices, exploring new ideas, and forming collaborative partnerships that drive positive change.

HOT TOPICS



Artificial Intelligence



Community Partnership



Minority Infrastructure

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Governor Kay Ivey
State of Alabama



Dr. Jon P. Gant
NTIA
US Dept. of Commerce



Director Robinson
Alabam Office of
Minority Affairs



Director Boswell
ADECA



Dr. Damian Clarke
Alabama State University



Atty. Rodney Strong
Griffin & Strong

Register Online at:
TheMSISummit.com

DAY 1: Thursday • January 25th

The Google AI Lounge

at Alabama State University
915 S Jackson St, Montgomery, AL 36104

John Garrick-Hardy Center	12:00p - 1:00p	The AI Nexus: Connect + Collaborate = Initiate
	2:00p - 3:00p	AI Unveiled: Empowering Minority Communities
	3:00p - 4:00p	Unpacking AI: Exploring the Future of Innovation
Welcome to Montgomery Hospitality & Sponsored Receptions		
The Nest inside the ASU Stadium	5:30p - 7:30p	AOMA's VIP Mixer & Kickoff Reception
	5:30p - 8:00p	Collegiate Sneaker Mixer presented by Amazon



Various Offsite Locations

Post-Mixer Hospitality & Sponsored Experiences

Renaissance Hotel	7:00p - 9:00p	Breaking Bread: President's Dinner (Invitation Only)
	8:00p - 10:00p	Live Music at The Exchange @ Renaissance Hotel
	9:00p - 11:00p	Night Cap (Invitation Only)



ALABAMA'S MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS*

19 Historically Black Colleges and Universities • **HBCUs**
Historically Black Community Colleges • **HBCCs**
Predominantly Black Institutions • **PBIs**

- Alabama A&M University
- Alabama State University
- Auburn University at Montgomery
- Bishop State Community College
- Chattahoochee Valley Community College
- Drake State Community College
- Faulkner University
- Gadsden State Community College
- Lawson State Community College
- Miles College
- Oakwood University
- Reid State Technical College
- Shelton State Community College
- Stillman College
- Talladega College
- Trenholm State Community College
- Tuskegee University
- University of West Alabama
- Wallace Selma State Community College

*list is compiled from public data provided by U.S. Department Of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education

DAY 2: Friday • January 26th

Student Development Experience Agenda

9:15a - 10:15a	<p>“College & Career Pathways Panel Discussion” Explore the journey from college to career, emphasizing degree mapping, mentorship, and networking.</p> <p>Guest Speakers Dr. Michael Curry (Eco-friendly Plastic Materials and The Color of STEM Foundation, Associate Professor at NCA&T University), Mililani Stewart (Lawson State Community College), Nicole Villavicencio-Garduño (Birmingham Southern College), Cameron Ricks (First Vice President, ServisFirst Bank)</p> <p>Moderated by Dr. Calvin Briggs, The Southern Center for Broadening Participation in STEM</p>
10:30a - 11:30a	<p>“The Digital MSI” Discuss whether colleges are future-ready in terms of digital learning and workforce preparation.</p> <p>Guest Speakers Barry Briggs (Alabama State University), Mililani Stewart (Lawson State Community College), Lexa Sbethana Botello Montoya (Birmingham Southern College)</p> <p>Moderated by Dr. Calvin Briggs, The Southern Center for Broadening Participation in STEM & Dr. Samantha Briggs, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute</p>
1:45p - 2:30p	<p>“Career Opportunities + Being Future Ready” Industry partners share insights on current and future job opportunities, focusing on readiness for future challenges.</p> <p>Guest Speakers Ebony Horne (AOMA MSI Talent & Workforce Manager), Aubrey Coleman (Microsoft Lead, International Partnerships, Airband Initiative), Andrew Albrecht (Aubix Telecom), Representatives from Google and NVIDIA, Lloyd Sirmons (Southeastern Telehealth Resource System), Jamil Elliott (Program Manager, Amazon)</p> <p>Moderated by Mr. Carlos Torres, Programs and Community Partnerships Director - HICA</p>
2:45p - 3:30p	<p>“Enhancing Campus Culture” A discussion on creating a holistic student support framework to increase retention and graduation among diverse student populations.</p> <p>Guest Speakers Ciomara Angel (HICA), Lexa Botello Montoya (Student, BSC), Brandon Briggs (Alabama State University), Jalen Whisenhunt (Alabama A&M), Tericka Sanders (Miles College TRIO Program)</p> <p>Moderated by Dr. Carlos Aleman, President, HICA</p>

OUR PARTNERS



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Ecosystem Collaboration Agenda
 Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center
 201 Tallapoosa St, Montgomery, AL 36104



7:30a - 9:00a	OPENING BREAKFAST PLENARY
Exhibit Hall B	Igniting the Spark of Change: How Did We Get Here? <i>A dynamic opening session exploring the journey towards digital transformation and equity.</i>
9:15a - 10:15a	NTIA'S PREMIERE TRACK
Montgomery 7	Unpacking the CMC Grants \$14 Million Investment into Alabama <i>Delving into the strategic use of NTIA's CMC grants in enhancing Alabama's digital infrastructure.</i>
9:15a - 10:15a	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Montgomery 1	Why Access to Both Matters: Telehealth vs. Telemedicine <i>An exploration of the distinctions and significance of telehealth and telemedicine in modern healthcare.</i>
Montgomery 3	Data-Driven Futures: Elevating MSIs through Analytics and Engagement <i>Focusing on the role of data analytics in advancing Minority Serving Institutions.</i>
Montgomery 4	Strategies for Success in an Artificial Intelligence Ecosystem <i>Insight into navigating the evolving landscape of AI in various sectors.</i>
10:30a - 11:30a	NTIA'S PREMIERE TRACK
Montgomery 7	Transforming Communities with Higher Education's Role to Lead in Minority Broadband Access <i>Examining higher education's role in enhancing broadband access and driving digital equity.</i>
10:30a - 11:30a	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Montgomery 1	Catalyzing Research Excellence: Building a Statewide Network for Enhanced Collaboration <i>Discussing the creation of a statewide network to boost collaborative research</i>
Montgomery 3	How Capacity Fuels Growth for Minority & Women-owned Business <i>Strategies for capacity building to empower minority and women-owned businesses.</i>
Montgomery 4	Best and Brightest: Minority Community - STEM Development Project <i>Showcasing a successful initiative for fostering STEM talent in minority communities.</i>
12:00p - 1:30p	GOVERNOR'S LUNCHEON PLENARY
Exhibit Hall B	Joint Cooperation Agreement "Envisioning a Connected, Empowered Future" <i>Highlighting a commitment to leveraging digital resources, with insights by Governor Kay Ivey</i> Fireside Chat "Nourishing Leadership and Vision" <i>with NTIA's Dr. Jon Gant & ADECA's Director Boswell</i>
1:45p - 2:30p	NTIA'S PREMIERE TRACK
Montgomery 7	"Developing Digital Equity Roadmaps: A Hands-On Guide for MSIs" <i>Guiding MSIs in creating effective digital equity strategies.</i>
1:45p - 2:30p	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Riverview 8	Embracing All-Things Digital: the Impact on Labor and Workforce using Digital Credentials Labs & Education + AI Tutors <i>Exploring the intersection of digital advancements and workforce development.</i>
Montgomery 1	Reconnecting Digital Partnerships for Rural Healthcare Research <i>Discussing the role of digital partnerships in enhancing rural healthcare and research.</i>
Montgomery 4	A Path to Improve Student Outcomes & Opportunities by infusing AI <i>Analyzing AI's transformative potential in educational settings.</i>
Exhibit Hall B	Case in Point: How the University of West Alabama's Rural Community Broadband Worked! <i>Highlighting UWA's successful rural broadband initiative.</i>
2:00p - 3:30p	PRESIDENT'S FORUM PLENARY
Montgomery 3	Charting the Course: Roundtable for MSI Presidents and Senior Leaders <i>An exclusive leadership forum exploring strategic approaches and future visions for MSIs. sponsored by AUBix & Nvidia</i>
2:45p - 3:30p	NTIA'S PREMIERE TRACK
Montgomery 7	"Collaborative Digital Expansion: Partnerships Between Higher Ed & Local Communities" <i>Focusing on digital access partnerships between education institutions and communities.</i>
2:45p - 3:30p	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Montgomery 4	Understanding the Need for Student Health & Wellness <i>Highlighting the importance of health and wellness in student success.</i>
Montgomery 3	Behind the Infrastructure: a Sneak Peek at the Next Generation of Jobs & Resources <i>Previewing future job trends and opportunities in evolving infrastructure technology.</i>
Riverview 8	Harnessing National Science Foundation Grants for Advanced Research and Cyberinfrastructure <i>Insights into leveraging NSF grants for research and infrastructure development.</i>
Montgomery 1	Synergizing Business and Community: A Pathway to Mutual Success <i>Discussing the symbiotic relationship between businesses and community development.</i>
3:45p - 4:30p	CLOSING PLENARY
Exhibit Hall B	Technology's Impact on a Modern Minority Community <i>A multidimensional discussion on how technology shapes modern minority communities presented by Microsoft</i>
	Consolidating Insights: Accountability & Next Steps

Guest Speakers



"Envisioning a Connected, Empowered Future"

And More!