



RUN OF SHOW

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Internal Participant Run of Show Documents for the 2026 Summit. These replace all earlier versions — all timings are subject to change prior to the event, so always check this page for the latest version before your session.

Welcome Ceremony & Opening Keynote Session

Day 2 · Friday · Friday, September 25, 2026 · 10:00 AM – 12:42 PM EDT · NCCU Student Center | Second Floor | Event Hall · 500 Nelson Street, Durham, NC 27707 · Continuous front-loaded opening program: featured speakers, two video greetings, and student leader moments · All registered attendees · 162 minutes

Combined & Revised Official Run of Show — Print Ready

KEY DETAILS

Session purpose: Consolidates the university's Welcome Ceremony and Opening Keynote program into a 162-minute run of show within the scheduled 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. event block, leaving an 18-minute operating cushion for a delayed start, transitions, or speaker overages.

Pre-program: David Green, Esq., Professor of Law, NCCU School of Law, leads a mock law school class prior to the 10:00 a.m. start. Time TBD by the registration team — not included in the timed run of show.

PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Karrie G. Dixon — Special Guest Speaker — 13th Chancellor & CEO, North Carolina Central University

Joseph Karl Grant, Esq. — Dean, North Carolina Central University School of Law

Leonardo (Leo) Williams — Special Guest Speaker — Mayor, City of Durham

Barbara J. Howard, Esq. — Special Guest Speaker (Video) — President, American Bar Association

The Honorable Janet Cowell — Special Guest Speaker (Video) — Mayor, City of Raleigh

Kimberly A. Moore, Esq. — Special Guest Speaker — President, North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers

Alison Ashe-Card, Esq. — Keynote Speaker — Associate Dean for Inclusive Engagement and Culture, Duke University School of Law

Nathan G. Alexander III, J.D. — Keynote Speaker — 13th Mayor, City of Prairie View

Tracy L. Simmons, J.D., M.A. — Keynote Speaker — Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs, Howard University School of Law

Mawuli Davis, Esq. — Special Guest Speaker — Founding Partner & Civil Rights Attorney, Davis Bozeman Johnson Law (Atlanta, GA)

Titichia Mitchell Jackson, Esq. — Special Guest Speaker — Assistant Professor of Law & Director of Academic Success and Bar Passage, Penn State Dickinson Law

Caleb Martin — Student Welcome — Sophomore, NCCU; Assistant Manager, National HBCU Pre-Law Summit

Torren Barrett — Student Leader Remarks — Vice President, NCCU Student Government Association
 Bakari Jackson — Student Leader Remarks — SBA President, NCCU School of Law
 Ivan Williams — Student Leader Remarks — SBA Vice President, NCCU School of Law
 Keshia Guerrier — Student Leader Remarks — Southern Region Chair, NBLSA
 Jasmine Daniel & Hannah Ravenell — Student Leader Remarks — Co-Presidents, Duke University BLSA
 Awa Mbai — Student Leader Remarks — Co-President, Campbell University BLSA
 Akram Abbadi — Student Leader Remarks — Southwest Regional Chair, NBLSA
 Xavier Chatman — Student Leader Remarks — Third-Year Law Student, Southern University Law Center; Immediate Past National Director of Pre-Law Affairs, NBLSA; Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., Ed.M. — Closing Remarks — Founder, National HBCU Pre-Law Summit and Law Expo

PROGRAM RUN OF SHOW

10:00 – 10:02 2 min	Invocation Speaker TBD. Begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.
10:02 – 10:07 5 min	Welcome to North Carolina Central University Caleb Martin, Sophomore, NCCU; Assistant Manager, National HBCU Pre-Law Summit (Durham, NC).
10:07 – 10:12 5 min	Student Leader Remarks & Introduction Torren Barrett, Vice President, Student Government Association; Junior, Criminal Justice Major, NCCU — introduces Chancellor Dixon.
10:12 – 10:18 6 min	Welcome Remarks — SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Dr. Karrie G. Dixon, 13th Chancellor & CEO, North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC).
10:18 – 10:23 5 min	Student Leader Remarks & Introduction Bakari Jackson, SBA President, NCCU School of Law — introduces Dean Grant.
10:23 – 10:28 5 min	Welcome Remarks Joseph Karl Grant, Esq., Dean, North Carolina Central University School of Law (Durham, NC).
10:28 – 10:33 5 min	Student Leader Remarks Keshia Guerrier, Southern Region Chair, NBLSA (Montgomery, AL) — brief remarks ahead of the Durham welcome.
10:33 – 10:38 5 min	Student Leader Remarks & Introduction Ivan Williams, SBA Vice President, NCCU School of Law — introduces Mayor Leonardo (Leo) Williams.
10:38 – 10:44 6 min	Welcome Remarks — SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Leonardo (Leo) Williams, Mayor, City of Durham (Durham, NC).
10:44 – 10:46 2 min	Video Greeting — SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER (VIDEO) Barbara J. Howard, Esq., President, American Bar Association (Cincinnati, OH) — pre-recorded video message.
10:46 – 10:48 2 min	Video Greeting — SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER (VIDEO) The Honorable Janet Cowell, Mayor, City of Raleigh (Raleigh, NC) — pre-recorded video message.
10:48 – 10:53 5 min	Student Leader Remarks & Introduction Awa Mbai, Co-President, Campbell University BLSA (Raleigh, NC) — introduces Kimberly A. Moore.

10:53 – 11:03 10 min	Special Guest Remarks — SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Kimberly A. Moore, Esq., President, North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers (Raleigh, NC).
11:03 – 11:10 7 min	Law Student Leader Remarks & Joint Introduction Jasmine Daniel & Hannah Ravenell, Co-Presidents, Duke University BLSA (Durham, NC) — 3 minutes of remarks each, then jointly introduce Dean Alison Ashe-Card (1 minute).
11:10 – 11:30 20 min	Keynote Address — KEYNOTE SPEAKER Alison Ashe-Card, Esq., Associate Dean for Inclusive Engagement and Culture, Duke University School of Law (Durham, NC).
11:30 – 11:35 5 min	Law Student Leader Remarks & Keynote Introduction Akram Abbadi, Southwest Regional Chair, NBLSA (Austin, TX) — introduces Nathan G. Alexander III.
11:35 – 11:55 20 min	Keynote Address — KEYNOTE SPEAKER Nathan G. Alexander III, J.D., 13th Mayor, City of Prairie View (Prairie View, TX).
11:55 – 12:05 10 min	Special Guest Address — SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Mawuli Davis, Esq., Founding Partner & Civil Rights Attorney, Davis Bozeman Johnson Law (Atlanta, GA).
12:05 – 12:25 20 min	Keynote Address — KEYNOTE SPEAKER Tracy L. Simmons, J.D., M.A., Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs, Howard University School of Law (Washington, DC).
12:25 – 12:30 5 min	Student Leader Remarks & Introduction Xavier Chatman, Third-Year Law Student, Southern University Law Center; Immediate Past National Director of Pre-Law Affairs, NBLSA; Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Baton Rouge, LA) — introduces Titichia Mitchell Jackson.
12:30 – 12:40 10 min	Special Guest Address — SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Titichia Mitchell Jackson, Esq., Assistant Professor of Law & Director of Academic Success and Bar Passage, Penn State Dickinson Law.
12:40 – 12:42 2 min	Housekeeping, Closing Remarks & Transition Instructions Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., Ed.M., Founder, National HBCU Pre-Law Summit and Law Expo (Cambridge, MA Houston, TX).

PRODUCTION & SPEAKER NOTES

- Total run time: 162 minutes (10:00 a.m.–12:42 p.m.).
- Bios, approved themes, proposed questions, and pronunciation guidance for all speakers should be compiled and distributed to introducers in advance.
- Provide every speaker and introducer with 5-minute, 2-minute, 1-minute, and stop cards; the stage manager should cue the next speaker before each segment ends.
- AV contingency: if a pre-recorded video greeting fails to play, the stage manager signals the floor team and the program moves directly to the next segment — no troubleshooting from the stage. Backup copies of both videos are stored locally on the AV laptop and on a USB drive at the tech table, and the ABA President and Raleigh Mayor greetings can be acknowledged verbally if needed.
- If the program falls behind, trim student-leader introductions before shortening any Welcome Remarks, Keynote, or Special Guest address.