

Memoriam

In Memory of the late Dr. David E. Rivers

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I ~ Innovator
V~ Visionary
E~ Educator
R~ Resilient Man
S~ Servant Leader



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Building and Sustaining Healthy Communities

Allen University

Virtual Community Leaders Institute

March 25-26, 2022

Virtual (Online)

Register online to receive the link.



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Friday, March 25, 2022

Agenda

6:00 pm Introduction

Allen University, *Virtual*

Dr. Ernest McNealey, President, Allen University, Columbia, SC
Dr. Laticia Abraham-Hilaire, Associate Professor, Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO), Academic Affairs Faculty; Principal Investigator, DOE and Environmental Justice Institute; Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Charleston, SC
Dr. Melinda Downing, Environmental Justice Program Manager, Legacy Management, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Washington, DC
Dr. Oluwale Ariyo, Associate Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology; Principal Investigator, Environmental Justice Institute; Allen University, Columbia, SC

Session I. Role of Federal, State and Local Governments

6:15 pm This session focuses on the intergovernmental relationship between federal, state and local governments.

Moderator: The Honorable Allison Terracio, Richland County Councilwoman, District 5, City of Columbia, Columbia, SC

Ms. Daphne Wilson, Environmental Engineer, Office of Special Programs/Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Region 4, Atlanta, GA

Ms. Keisha Long, Environmental Justice Coordinator, Office of Environmental Affairs, SC DHEC, Columbia, SC

Mr. Leonardo Brown, Richland County Administrator, Columbia, SC

7:15 pm **Q&A Session**

7:30 pm Program Overview/Remarks

(I = Invited)

Allen University, *Virtual*

Moderator: Dr. Laticia Abraham-Hilaire, MUSC, Charleston, SC

Dr. Ernest McNealey, Allen University, Columbia, SC

Mr. Al Jenkins, Regional Director, Office of U.S. Senator Tim Scott, South Carolina

The Honorable Leon Howard, SC State Representative, District 76, Columbia, SC

Dr. Melinda Downing, U.S. DOE, Washington, DC

The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor, City of Columbia, Columbia, SC

Dr. Sabra C. Slaughter, Special Advisor to the President, Office of the President; Associate Professor, Family Medicine, MUSC, Charleston, SC

Dr. Oluwale Ariyo, Allen University, Columbia, SC

Dr. Cindy Cotton, Executive Director, Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center, West Columbia, SC

Saturday, March 26, 2022

10:00 am Opening and Welcoming Remarks

Allen University, *Virtual*

Dr. Ernest McNealey, President, Allen University, Columbia, SC

Dr. Laticia Abraham-Hilaire, MUSC, Charleston, SC

Dr. Melinda Downing, U.S. DOE, Washington, DC

Dr. Oluwale Ariyo, Allen University, Columbia, SC

10:20 am Introduction of Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor, City of Columbia, SC

10:30 am Morning Keynote Addresses

The Honorable James E. Clyburn, Majority Whip, United States House of Representatives, District 6, SC

11:15 am **BREAK**

Session II. Youth Issues and Challenges

11:30 am This session focuses on the challenges experienced by youth in the community and the development of resources needed to meet these challenges.

Moderator: Ms. Janice W. Marshall, Executive Director, James E. Clyburn Research and Scholarship Foundation, Columbia, SC

Mr. Kerry L. Abel, Certified Coordinator of Dropout Prevention, Richland County School District One, Columbia, SC

Ms. Zeldia Quiller Waymer, Executive Director, SC Afterschool Alliance, Columbia, SC

Ms. Sade Shofidiya, Graduate Student, Major: Public Administration/ Museum Administration, Savannah State University, Savannah, GA

12:30 pm **Q&A Session**

12:45 pm **BREAK**

Session III. Economic Development, Transportation, Housing and Community Development

1:00 pm This session focuses on creating a plan to stimulate the retention, expansion and attraction of businesses/economic development to the community.

Moderator: Dr. Laticia Abraham-Hilaire, Associate Professor, PICO, Academic Affairs Faculty, PI of DOE and Environmental Justice Institute, MUSC, Charleston, SC

Mr. Gregory Sprouse, AICP, Director, Research Planning and Development, Central Midlands Council of Governments, Columbia, SC

Commissioner Michael Bailey, Commissioner, Washington State Commission on African American Affairs, Seattle, WA

Ms. Jackie Bowers, Customer Experience & Contract Compliance Manager, The Central Midlands Transit (COMET), Columbia, SC

2:00 pm **Q&A Session**

Session IV. Health Disparities/Health Issues

2:10 pm This session focuses on health disparities, especially the combined effects of diabetes, hypertension and obesity known as the metabolic syndrome.

Moderator: Dr. Sabra C. Slaughter, Special Advisor to the President; Associate Professor, Family Medicine, MUSC, Charleston, SC

Dr. Kenneth Rogers, MD, State Director of Mental Health, SC Department of Mental Health, Columbia, SC

Ms. C. Suzette McClellan, Community Systems Director, SC DHEC, PeeDee Region, Sumter, SC

Rev. Jeannette F. Jordan, Registered Dietitian; Certified Diabetes Educator; former Spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association; Owner, J&J Health Consultants, Goose Creek, SC

3:10 pm **Q&A Session**

Session V. Wrap-Up and Evaluation

3:30 pm **Dr. Laticia M. Abraham-Hilaire**, MUSC, Charleston, SC

Session VI. Information Fair

Representatives of federal, state and local agencies will be invited to bring resources and information and set up an information "booth."

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Benedict College
Brookland Baptist Church
Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Hands on Health, SC - MUSC

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

There is no cost for this Allen University Institute. Participants are expected to take this information to their communities.

Please click the following link to register online:

<http://pico.library.musc.edu/CLIAllen.php>

The online registration deadline is March 22, 2022.

Progress requires informed and active leaders. The purpose of this Institute is to reinforce this principle and to emphasize the unique relationship between environmental protection, human health, environmental justice and economic development as an essential part of community development.

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