

NATIONAL NEWS

# Nashville to Host Summer Summit of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials

NASHVILLE, Tenn — The Summer Summit of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials will be held in Nashville on July 21-25, hosting hundreds of local elected officials from around the country. Metro Nashville Council Member Sharon Hurt is serving as the 2021-2022 President of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials.

“Nashville is honored to host local elected officials from around the country, and we look forward to sharing our diverse offerings and rich history,” Mayor John Cooper said. “We are proud of our four Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Nashville’s role as a hub for Black business and healthcare, and Music City’s roots in Black music and culture.”

This year is the first time that Nashville has played host to the group, which falls under the umbrella of the National League of Cities. The National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials represents the interests of African American municipal officials and provides a forum to share ideas, best practices and develop leadership experiences. The group will meet at the Grand Hyatt in Nashville Yards.

“As the newly elected president of the National League of Cities National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, it is my honor to bring national leaders from across the country to experience the soul of the south, with our rich heritage of music, entertainment, the fight for civil rights and equality,” Hurt said. “We as local elected officials, are strongly positioned to solve critical



Metro Council Member Sharon Hurt Serving as 2022 Caucus President

issues facing our communities such as equity, economic development, inclusion, access to healthcare and education as we build on the legacy of our predecessors.”

“The Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp looks forward to the arrival of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials to Music City in July,” said Marie Sueing, NCVC Chief Diversity Officer. “It is our desire and goal as a destination to be welcoming to all who visit our city. We are intentional about attracting multicultural meetings, conventions and leisure travelers to learn about and enjoy the rich cultural history, music and amazing institutions that call Nashville home. We believe Music City provides the perfect stage for these leaders to conduct the business of addressing issues relevant to Black and African American communities. We are proud to support the conference to ensure a successful and memorable experience in Nashville.”

# Clark Atlanta University Announces \$250M Capital Campaign

ATLANTA — The HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), Clark Atlanta University, is embarking on a \$250 million capital campaign. A few of the initiatives include innovative research to help cure prostate cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, create new pathways in cybersecurity, create new avenues of entrepreneurship and to find new ways to eradicate social and racial injustices.

CAU has served as the educational foundation for molding minds to pursue excellence and greatness. President French says the campaign will support:

- Scholarships & Student Success Teaching, Research and Service
- The CAU Endowment (e.g., Endowed Chairs, Professorships, and Scholarships)
- Infrastructure and Technology Programs, Centers and Special Initiatives

Clark Atlanta University (CAU) was the nation’s first institution to award graduate degrees to African Americans and was the nation’s first four-year liberal arts college to serve a primarily African American student population. Today, with over 4000 students, representing 9 countries, CAU is the largest of the four institutions (CAU, Morehouse College, Spelman College and Morehouse School of Medicine) that comprise the Atlanta University Center Consortium. Clark Atlanta University is also the largest of the 37-member United Negro College Fund (UNCF) institutions. Clark Atlanta University continues a 150-year legacy rooted in African American tradition while focusing on the future through global innovation, transformative educational experiences and high-value engagement. CAU Programs Include:

The only Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Devel-

opment of its kind. A Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Development. An Institute for Civic Engagement, Social Justice & Leadership Institute. The W.E.B. Du Bois Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy. A Center for Workforce Development. A program in Cyber Physical Systems. 39 undergraduate programs, 28 graduate programs, 9 doctoral programs.

“Throughout the history of our phenomenal institution, we have served as the educational foundation for molding minds to pursue excellence and greatness in their chosen fields. Clark Atlanta University is working on innovative research to help cure prostate cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, create new pathways in cybersecurity, create new avenues of entrepreneurship and to find new ways to eradicate social and racial injustices,” says President French. Under the leadership of President George T. French, Jr., Ph.D., Clark Atlanta University increased enrollment, even in the midst of a global pandemic and developed corporate and community partnerships to position the university for unprecedented growth.



President George T. French, Jr., Ph.D. Clark Atlanta University

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DeVan Curry is the founder and current director of ANCUR, Inc. He graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga earning dual Bachelor of Science degrees in both Biology and Psychology. De Van then advanced to Georgia State University earning his M.S. in Urban Policy Studies – Policy Analysis and Evaluation from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in Atlanta, GA. Some of his accomplishments include:



- Developing Disaster Preparedness training, policy, and exercises for U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- Through ANCUR INC, De Van gained nearly six figures in Payroll Protection Program loans for his clients from the SBA, with a 100% approval rate, during the COVID-19 Crisis in 2020
- He has assisted over 200 small businesses and startups throughout the Southeast to become successful and profitable, helping others to achieve their vision.

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