

10th Anniversary

Empowerment Network Conference & Awards Luncheon – May 12, 2017
Hilton Omaha Downtown – 1001 Cass Street

Closing the Wealth Gap in North Omaha & Beyond

National Leaders and Keynote Speakers



Sondra Samuels

Cradle to Career Education

CEO
Northside Achievement Zone

Samuels leads one of the largest Cradle to Career Initiatives in the United States



Dr. Robert Simmons

Strong & Healthy Families

Vice-President
Campaign for Black Male Achievement

Dr. Simmons and the CBMA are leading major family initiatives nation-wide



Dr. Pamela Jolly

Faith, Wealth & Home Ownership

CEO
Torch Enterprises Legacy Wealth Initiative

Dr. Jolly is the strategist for a 93 city campaign to increase home ownership



George Fraser

Economics & Media

CEO
FraserNet and PowerNetworking

George Fraser is recognized internationally for economic and media strategies



Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye

The Measurable Impact of Voting

International Artist and Voting Activist

Mzuri is leading a national tour in honor of the 100th Birthday of Fannie Lou Hamer



Dr. Randal Pinkett

Entrepreneurship & Revitalization

CEO
BCT Partners National Consulting Firm

Dr. Pinkett is one of America's top entrepreneurs and revitalization consultants



Herman LeVern Jones

The Business of Arts & Culture

CEO
TheaterSouth & Fund Development Specialist

Jones co-created the National Black Theater Festival generating \$700 million

Featured Panelists and Speakers



Willy Theisen



Ashley Kuhn



Todd Schmaderer



Julia Parker



Kenny McMorris



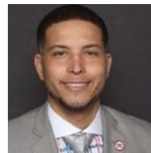
Teresa Hunter



Othello Meadows



Damita Byrd



Richard Webb



Katie Weitz



Moniki Gunn-Cannon



Wende Kotouc



Michael Maroney



Jeff Kutash

7 National Speakers. 30+ Local Specialists and Experts.

Come **CELEBRATE** with us & help **LAUNCH** the Omaha Legacy Wealth Building Initiative and the next phase of the Rebuilding the Village North Omaha 2025 Plan

Register Today!

Regular Rate: Conference and Luncheon: \$75
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Schedule Overview

2017 Empowerment Champions & Honorees:



Greg Johnson



Katie Weitz



Doris Lassiter



Todd Schmaderer

Jon Lucas &
Tiffany Maddox
Omaha Public Schools

Tim Kenny and
Ted Simpson
Nebraska Investment
Finance Authority

2017 Collaboration Honorees:

2006 Original
Planning Team

Network
Leadership Team

Transformation
2025 Partners

- 7:15 am** Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Hall and Networking
- 8:00 am** Conference Kick-off Session and North Omaha 2025 Update
- 8:15 am** **OFFICIAL LAUNCH: The Omaha Legacy Wealth Building Initiative**
National Keynote: Dr. Pamela Jolly – CEO – Torch Enterprises
Panelists: Dr. Randal Pinkett, Robert Simmons and Sondra Samuels
- 9:15** BREAK/Exhibit Hall
- 9:30 am** **National Best Practices: Place-based Solutions to Build Community Wealth**
- Faith, Finance and Economic Development – Dr. Pamela Jolly
 - Community-based, Collective Economic Strategies – George Fraser
 - Business Ownership and Targeted Revitalization – Dr. Randal Pinkett
 - Cradle to Career Education Models and Solutions – Sondra Samuels
 - The Business of Arts & Entertainment–Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye & Herman LeVern Jones
 - Creating Strong and Healthy Families – Dr. Robert Simmons
 - Diversity and Inclusion: Successful National Models for Supplier Diversity
- 10:30 am** **Collaboration: Local Best Practices, 10 Year Trends & 2025 Goals**
- Pastors and Faith Leaders Collaborative: Inside and Outside the Walls – Village 2.0
 - Cradle to Career Collaborative: 95% Graduating Prepared for Careers & College
 - Employment Collaborative: 5,000 Connected to Sustainable, Living Wage Jobs
 - Entrepreneurship Collaborative: 250 New and Expanded Businesses
 - Housing & Revitalization Collaborative: 2,500 New and Improved Housing Units
 - Violence Prevention and Justice Collaborative: 80% Reduction in Gun Violence
 - Health and Healthy Family Collaborative: 2,500 Families Out of Poverty
- 11:15 am** BREAK/Exhibit Hall
- 11:30 am** **10th Anniversary - Unite & Transform Awards Luncheon**
Premiere of Mini-Documentary – Rebuilding the Village – The First 10 Years
- The State of Urban America 2017: Omaha's Opportunity to Lead the Way**
EmPowerTalks: Dr. Randal Pinkett, Pamela Jolly, Sondra Samuels, George Fraser
- Awards Celebration: 10th Anniversary Empowerment Champions**
- 1:15 pm** BREAK/Exhibit Hall
- 1:30 pm** **Capacity-Building Breakout Sessions**
- Young Professionals Voice...Engagement, Research Results & Succession - Panel
 - Raising Funds and Building a Donor Base
 - North Omaha Data & Demographic Changes
 - Non-Profit Leadership & Financial Management
 - The Secret Sauce – Part II: Building and Expanding Your Business
 - Diversity & Inclusion: CEO Perspective - Building & Implementing Your Action Plan
 - Faith, Finance and Economic Development
- 2:30 pm** **Closing Session: North Omaha 2025 with National and Local Partners**

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 - Panel of Pastors and Faith Leaders focused on Economic Development
 - Cradle to Career Collaborative: 95% Graduating Prepared for Careers & College
 - Danita Webb – Project Manager –Wakonda Elementary Turnaround Project
 - Mark Evans – Superintendent – Omaha Public Schools
 - North Omaha Cradle to Career Partner Panel: Innovations in OPS
 - Employment Collaborative: 5,000 Connected to Sustainable, Living Wage Jobs
 - Jami Anders-Kemp – Step-Up Omaha! Director/Empowerment Network
 - Randy Schmailzl – President – Metropolitan Community College
 - Carmen Tapio – CEO – Northend Teleservices
 - Entrepreneurship Collaborative: 250 New and Expanded Businesses w/ employees
 - Julia Parker – Executive Director – Omaha Small Business Network
 - B.C. Clark – Loan Officer – Nebraska Enterprise Fund
 - Yolanda Barney – President – Revive! Business Network
 - Housing & Revitalization Collaborative: Village Plan Update & 2,500 Housing Units
 - Othello Meadows – Executive Director– 75 North Development Corporation
 - Michael Maroney – CEO – Omaha Economic Development Corporation
 - Ashley Kuhn – Executive Vice President – White Lotus Group
 - Violence Prevention and Justice Collaborative: Reducing Violence & Justice Reform
 - Chief Todd Schmaderer – Police Chief – City of Omaha
 - Vickie Young – President – OmahaNAACP
 - Don Kleine – Douglas County Attorney
 - Shawntal Mallory-Smith – Shawntal Smith Law, LLC
 - Health and Healthy Family Collaborative: 2,500 Families Lifted Out of Poverty
 - Teresa Hunter – CEO – Family Housing Advisory Services
 - Doris Lassiter – CEO – Nebraska Center for Healthy Families
 - Kenny McMorris – CEO – Charles Drew Health Center

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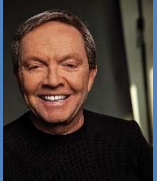
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 - Richard Webb – Sales Director – Caesars Entertainment
 - Moniki Gunn Cannon – Founder – Gunn Cannon Consulting
 - Ashley Ray-Turner – Content Marketing – Borsheim's Fine Jewelry & Gifts
- Raising Funds and Building & Sustaining a Strong Donor Base
 - Katie Weitz – Executive Director – Weitz Family Foundation
 - Jeff Kutash – Executive Director – Peter Kiewit Foundation
- North Omaha Data Trends & Using Information for Decision-Making
 - David Drozd – Research Coordinator – University of Nebraska Omaha
 - Kali Baker – VP of Community Relations– Omaha Community Foundation
- Building the Capacity of Your Organization: Leadership, Management & Governance
 - Deborah Bunting – Heritage Arts Manager – Nebraska Arts Council
 - » (Arts and Culture Organizations)
 - John Ewing – Douglas County Treasurer
 - » (Non-Profit Organizations and Governmental Agencies)
- The Secret Sauce – Part II: Building and Expanding Your Business
 - Willy Theisen – Entrepreneur/Founder of Godfather's Pizza, Pitch Pizzeria and Paragon Dundee
- Diversity & Inclusion: Establishing a Baseline and Building Your Action Plan
 - Damita Byrd – Diversity and Inclusion Manager – ConAgra Brands
 - Olivia Crimiel-Minor – Diversity Compliance – Boys Town
- Faith, Finance and Economic Development – Part II
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 - Wende Kotouc – Executive Co-Chairman – American National Bank

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