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2026 JUNETEENTH INNOVATION EXPO

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African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

We look forward to seeing you at the AACCNJ's Juneteenth Innovation Expo on June 10, 2026, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Cherry Hill, NJ.

The following information may be helpful as you plan to attend this exciting event.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH BLACK BUSINESS EXPO

The fourth Annual Juneteenth Innovation Expo, themed "Leading the Way Forward", celebrates bold ideas shaping the future across health, the arts, technology, and business. We're highlighting creators and leaders driving real change and pushing boundaries in every field. If you've built something new, reimagined what's possible, or created an invention that deserves to be seen, this is your moment – show the world what the future looks like through your work, product, or services.

MAP & DIRECTIONS

Direction to DoubleTree by Hilton, Cherry Hill from any location

DoubleTree by Hilton, Cherry Hill
349 Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill Township, NJ 08002
Phone: 856-665-6666

EVENT PARKING

Free parking is available. Park and enter through the Grand Ballroom entrance.

BADGE PICKUP INFORMATION

Contactless name badge kiosk located in the Grand Ballroom Foyer.
Walk-ins will be accepted, and name badges will be generated onsite at the Registration Booth

EXPO ATTIRE

Business professional and comfortable footwear recommended.

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JUNE 10, 2026
8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON - CHERRY HILL, PHILADELPHIA
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002



EXHIBITORS

1 AACCNJ TDI & Mobile Academy
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3 LeaderLift
4 New Jersey Department of Labor
5 Reworld
6 Le Kool Champange
7 Citizens Bank
8 Atlantic City Electric
9 Hackensack Meridian Health
10 Cyber Security Consulting Ops
Lydia Barron Consulting
11 MDVIP
12 OceanFirst Bank
14 South Jersey Industires
14 Elizabethtown Gas
15 TD Bank
16 Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ
17 Internal Revenue Service
18 Green Glass Films
20 Virtua
22 PSE&G
23 NJ Economic Development Authority
24 New Jersey's Clean Energy Program
25 New Jersey Department of Transportation
26 New Jersey Transit
27 NJ Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency
28 NJ Business Action Center
29 AACCNJ Annual Events/Membership
31/32 New Jersey Department of Labor
33 NJ Dept of the Treasury
34 General Counsel Support Services
35 JLD Tax Resolution Group
36 Lambco Erecting, Inc.
37 Author Sharon Benjamin
38 Nettie, Nana & Friends
39 Jamilla Press-Dixon
40 Passage Theatre Company
41 Two River Theater
42 Razor Sharp Global
43 Rediscover Africa Organization
44/46/48 Arts World
45 OnDemand Charging LLC
63 Daniel Production
64 Reign Financial Services
65 Tillman Law Group
66 Clean Energy Jobs Program
67 Brick City Bricks 4 Kidz

MEDIA WALL EXHIBITORS
New Jersey Chamber of Commerce
Business Promotion Solutions
Skyline Industry LLC

EXHIBIT HALL MAP

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AGENDA

8:30 AM	**Registration Opens, Continental Breakfast –** Grand Ballroom
8:30 AM	**Exhibit Hall Opens -** Grand Ballroom
9:00 AM	**Ribbon Cutting**
10:00 AM-11:00 AM	**Return of Battle of The Pitches Contest -** Grand Ballroom
11:00 AM	**AI Panel Discussion –** Grand Ballroom
11:00 AM	**Matchmaking Session #1 –** Riverside Ballroom
12:00 PM-2:00 PM	**Luncheon** Riverside Ballroom **Fireside Chat with Elvin Ross, CEO of e. Ross Studios Jazzland and Nox Point AI Solutions**
2:15 PM-3:15 PM	**Fireside Chat with Majora Carter, Real estate developer, urban revitalization strategy consultant, Peabody Award-winning broadcaster -** Grand Ballroom
2:00 PM-3:30 PM	**Matchmaking Session #2 – Riverside Ballroom**
4:00 PM	**Exhibit Hall Closes** **Cocktail Reception Begins**
6:00 PM	**Cocktail Reception Ends**

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

RETURN OF THE BATTLE OF THE PITCHES AACCNJ INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT: BUILDING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. **GRAND BALLROOM - CENTER STAGE**

MODERATOR

Bydeia Harmon
Community Development Officer
AACCNJ Capital Fund

PITCH CONTEST JUDGES:

Dr. Oscar Holmes IV
Professor of Mgt. & RUSE Director
Rutgers University

Mercedes White
Technology & Economic Dev. Strategist
NJEDA

Lydia Barron
CEO
Lydia Barron Consulting Group

1ST PLACE PITCH

30-minute mentoring session with entrepreneur, innovator, speaker, author, and media personality

Dr. Randal D. Pinkett
Co-founder, Chairman and CEO, BCT Partners

UNLOCKING GROWTH THROUGH RESPONSIBLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

11:00 A.M. - NOON **GRAND BALLROOM - MAIN STAGE**

MODERATOR

Veda Shamsid - Deen, Esq.
CEO and Founder
T3 Creators Collective (T3CC)
and ARConnex

Gary Mann
Chairman, AACCNJ
CEO, Jasfel Analytics

Tanya L. Freeman, Esq.
Chief Strategy Officer, AACCNJ
Founder, Tanya Freeman Law

Join us for a dynamic, multi-sector conversation on leveraging Artificial Intelligence within practical and regulatory frameworks to accelerate growth, strengthen trust, and streamline operations across business, government, education, transportation, real estate, healthcare, and community institutions at various levels of business.

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GUEST SPEAKER — ELVIN ROSS

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM **RIVERSIDE BALLROOM**

Elvin Ross: An Emmy Award-winning composer and multiple American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) Screen Music Award recipient, Elvin fuses artistic vision with technological innovation to drive economic revitalization in New Orleans East and establish the city as a national leader in creative tech and AI infrastructure.

GUEST SPEAKER — MAJORA CARTER

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM **GRAND BALLROOM**

Majora is responsible for the creation of numerous economic developments, technology inclusion projects, green-infrastructure developments & policies, and job training & placement systems. Majora is quoted on the walls of the Smithsonian Museum of African-American History and Culture in DC: "Nobody should have to move out of their neighborhood to live in a better one" - which is also the subtitle of her 2022 book, Reclaiming Your Community.

BLACK HEART EXHIBIT – BLACK LUMINARIES

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **CRYSTAL BALLROOM**

Step Inside the Room Where It Happened. Every great idea has a birthplace. A workshop. A kitchen. A lab. A studio. An office humming with possibility. Black Heart invites you to enter those spaces. Dive into immersive, clue-filled environments where Black innovators changed the course of industries and economies. Piece together the objects, artifacts, and evidence left behind, and discover the genius, grit, and vision of the brilliant minds who worked there. Come curious. Leave inspired. Maybe - just maybe - the next big innovator will be in the same room!

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MORE INFORMATION

SHARE YOUR EXPO EXPERIENCE!

We invite you to share your onsite experience, new connections, and insights you acquire. Remember to tag us (@AACCNJ) and include the official conference hashtags when posting on social media.

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HAVE QUESTIONS?

We are here to help! Please contact us at:
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Or visit the expo website for information.
https://www.aaccnj.com/juneteenth-innovation-expo

We Look Forward to Seeing You!
Safe travels and see you soon.