

**NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK
NATIONAL CONVENTION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH - SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH
NEW YORK CITY**

Wednesday, April 6th

- 10:00 a.m. **Politics 2011 – 2012. What are the Issues?**
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR – EMPIRE BALLROOM WEST
Moderated By:
Reverend Al Sharpton President & Founder, National Action Network
Panelists:
Charles M. Blow Columnist, New York Times
Harold E. Ford, Jr. Former Congressman and NYU Professor
Kirsten John Foy Director of Intergovernmental & Community Affairs,
Office of the New York City Public Advocate
George Gresham President, 1199 SEIU
Frederick D. Haynes, III Senior Pastor, Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
David Jefferson Sr. Senior Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, NJ
Roberto Ramirez Founding Partner, MirRam Group, LLC
Jacqueline Salit President, IndependentVoting.Org
Lee A. Saunders Secretary-Treasurer, American Federation of State, County,
and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
- 11:30 a.m. **Special Plenary Presentation I:**
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR – EMPIRE BALLROOM WEST
David Axelrod Former Senior White House Advisor to President Barack Obama
- 12:00 p.m. **Special Plenary Presentation II:**
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR – EMPIRE BALLROOM EAST
Hon. Eric H. Holder, Jr. Attorney General of the United States
Hon. Arne Duncan United States Secretary of Education
- 12:30 p.m. **(Gun Policy & Anti-Violence)**
**The Second Amendment and Urban America:
Balancing the Right Versus the Wrong. How Do We Stop the Violence?**
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR – EMPIRE BALLROOM EAST
Moderated By:
Reverend Al Sharpton President & Founder, National Action Network
Panelists:
Jackie Rowe Adams Founder, Harlem Mothers (SAVE)
Hon. Dwight C. Jones Mayor, Richmond, Virginia
Hon. Raymond W. Kelly Commissioner, NYC Police Department
Tamika D. Mallory National Executive Director, National Action Network
Hon. Keith L.T. Wright NYS Assemblyman District 70
- 2:00 p.m. **Special Plenary Presentation III:**
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR – EMPIRE BALLROOM WEST
Hon. Shaun Donovan United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- 6:00 p.m. **Keepers of the Dream VIP Reception (tickets required)**

6:30 p.m.

Keepers of the Dream Awards Dinner & Program (tickets required)

Special Guest: The 44th President of the United States of America, President Barack Obama

Hosts:

Tamaron Hall

MSNBC, Host, NewsNation

Ed Shultz

MSNBC, Host, The Ed Show

Keynote Address:

Dr. Bill Cosby

Honorees:

Jim Brown

NFL Hall of Famer, Amer-I-Can Foundation

Phil Griffin

President, MSNBC

Samuel & LaTanya Jackson

The Samuel & LaTanya R. Jackson Foundation

Earvin "Magic" Johnson

Magic Johnson Enterprises

Lamell McMorris

Founder Perennial Strategy Group, Perennial Sports and
Entertainment and Perennial Law Group

Sylvia Rhone

President, Universal Motown

Lee Saunders

Secretary-Treasurer, American Federation of State, County,
and Municipal Employees

Pastor Ralph D. West

The Church Without Walls, Houston, Texas

Thursday, April 7th

NAN Resource Center: Job Fair & Healthcare Screenings

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – LIBERTY SUITES

- 8:00 a.m. **NAN Chapter Development Workshop**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – RIVERSIDE SUITES
- 9:00 a.m. **National Action Network Board Meeting (closed)**
- 10:00 a.m. **Labor Summit: Is Collective Bargaining a Civil Right?**
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR – EMPIRE BALLROOM EAST
Moderated By:
Reverend Al Sharpton President & Founder, National Action Network
Panelists:
Stuart Appelbaum President, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU)
Mike Fishman President, 32BJ Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Gregory Floyd President, Teamsters Local 237
Lillian Roberts Executive Director, District Council 37
Lee A. Saunders Secretary-Treasurer, American Federation of State, County,
and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
Norman Seabrook President, Correction Officers' Benevolent Association, Inc. (COBA)
- 10:00 a.m. **Real Estate Foreclosures- Protecting Your Home/Knowing Your Rights**
LOCATION: TBD
Moderated By:
Richmond S. McCoy President & CEO, Urban America
Panelists:
Cenceria Edwards Esq. Real Estate Attorney/President, Brooklyn Chapter, National Action
Network
Gerard Hutchins Real Estate Expert
Karim Hutson Managing Member of Genesis Companies
Dr. Joe Leonard Assistant Secretary, Civil Rights, United States Department of
Agriculture
Jennifer Ward Real Estate Expert, Jacksonville, Florida
Gregory O. Watson Assistant Commissioner, Regional Affairs, NYS Homes and Community
Renewal
- 12:00 p.m. **Dr. William Augustus Jones Memorial Luncheon (Tickets Required)**
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR – METROPOLITAN BALLROOM EAST
Hosted By:
Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson Chairman of the Board, National Action Network
Keynote Speaker:
Bishop Dennis V. Proctor Presiding Prelate, Western Episcopal District of the
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Special Remarks:
Hon. Hilda L. Solis United States Secretary of Labor
Honorees:
George E. Curry President & CEO, George Curry Media, LLC
Reverend Dr. Al Sampson Pastor, Fernwood United Methodist Church
Dr. Barbara L. Shaw Chair, The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Charles Steele, Jr. President & CEO, Charles Steele & Associates

- 1:00 p.m. **Meeting Corporate Goals in a Challenged Economy**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM WEST
Moderated By:
Maurice Cox Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion Development, PepsiCo, Inc.
Panelists:
Payne Brown Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Comcast
Frank Cooper Chief Consumer Engagement Officer, PepsiCo Americas
Beverages
Marcus Jadotte Managing Director, Public Affairs, NASCAR
Debra Langford Vice President, Inclusion & Business Diversity,
NBCUniversal
Faith Morris CEO/Chief Strategist, OwensMorris Communications
- 2:30 p.m. **Being Reborn & Rehabilitated: Life's Second Chances**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – RIVERSIDE BALLROOM
Moderated By:
Michael A. Hardy, Esq. General Counsel & Executive Vice President, National Action Network
Dr. Niaz Kasravi Deputy Director, NAACP Criminal Justice Programs
Panelists:
Dr. Stephanie Bush President, Sojourn Institute LLC
Baskette, Esq., PhD.
Dr. Suzan Johnson-Cook Pastor, Wall Street Fellowship & Nominee, Ambassador at
Large for International Religious Freedom for the USA
Darren A. Ferguson M.Div., Pastor Mount Carmel Baptist Church
LaResse Harvey Policy Director, A Better Way Foundation & Executive
Director, Civic Trust Public Lobbying Company
Hon. Kevin S. Parker New York State Senator, 21st District
Victor Pate Co-Chair of National Action Network's Second Chance Committee
Divine Pryor, Ph.D. Deputy Executive Director of the Center for Nu Leadership on Urban
Solutions, Medgar Evers College
Vanda Seward N.Y. State Division of Parole, Statewide Director of Reentry Services
Ron William Walden, Ph.D. Executive Director, Fund for Community Leadership Initiatives at
New York Theological Seminary
- 3:30 p.m. **Do Our Children Matter: Educational Policy 21st Century**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM WEST
Moderated By:
Reverend Al Sharpton President & Founder, National Action Network
Special Remarks:
Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg Mayor, City of New York
Panelists:
Zakiyah Ansari Parent Leader, NYC Coalition for Educational Justice
Michael Mulgrew President, United Federation of Teachers (UFT)
Amy Ellen Schwartz Director, NYU's Institute for Education & Social Policy
Dennis Van Roekel President, National Education Association (NEA)
Dr. Dwight C. Watson Dean, College of Education, University of Northern Iowa
- 6:00 p.m. **Special Plenary Presentation I:**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM
The Great Debate 2011 Sharpton v. Hannity (tickets required)
Moderated By:
Michael A. Hardy, Esq. General Counsel & Executive Vice President, National Action Network
- 7:30 p.m. **Truth to Power Revival**
LOCATION: THIRD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM
Hosted By:
Reverend DeVes Toon National Field Director, National Action Network
Keynote Speaker:
Reverend Ralph West The Church Without Walls, Houston, Texas
- 8:00 p.m. **Executive Director's Reception (tickets required)**
(Off-site location)

Friday, April 8th

NAN Resource Center: Job Fair & Healthcare Screenings

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – LIBERTY SUITES

- 8:00 a.m. **NAN Chapter Development Workshop**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – RIVERSIDE SUITES
- 10:00 a.m. **Media and Race: Does Today's News Coverage Reflect Diversity and Fairness?**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM EAST
Moderated By:
Reverend Al Sharpton President & Founder, National Action Network
Rachel Noerdlinger Executive Vice President, Communications, National Action Network
Panelists:
Danny Bakewell President, National Newspaper Publishers Association
Jonathan Capehart Washington Post Editorial Board
Kevin Convey Editor-in-Chief, New York Daily News
George Curry Syndicated Columnist (The Curry Report)
Phil Griffin President, MSNBC
Karen Hunter Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author
Alfred Liggins Chairman, TV One, LLC; Chief Executive Officer & President, Radio One Inc.
Elinor Tatum Publisher, New York Amsterdam News
Dr. Boyce Watkins Syndicated Columnist
- 11:00 a.m. **Special Plenary Presentation I:**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM WEST
Hon. Kathleen Sebelius United States Secretary of Health & Human Service
- 11:00 a.m. **Women's Power Lunch (tickets required)**
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR – METROPOLITAN BALLROOM EAST
Honorees:
Valerie B. Jarrett Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama & Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement
Melanie L. Campbell CEO, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
Mary Pat Hector Founder & President, Youth In Action
Trudie Kibbe Reed, Ed.D President, Bethune-Cookman University
- 11:30 a.m. **Healthcare For All: It's Time to Take Action for a Healthier Tomorrow**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM WEST
Moderated By:
Lisa Fager Bediako Congressional Black Caucus Foundation
Panelists:
Robert Bailey MPH Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
Debra Fraser-Howze OraSure Technologies, Inc.
Dr. Maulana Karenga Us Organization/Creator of Kwanzaa
Tony Wafford National Action Network / I Choose Life Health and Wellness Center
Terrie Williams Terrie Williams Agency
- 1:00 p.m. **The Power of a Smile: Keys to Health and Hygiene**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM WEST
Panelists:
Aletha Maybank, MD Assistant Commissioner, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Dr. Catrise Austin Dentist, Author, Speaker, Owner, VIP Smiles
Dr. G.B. Singh Chair, Dept. of Periodontics, Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry
Dr. Cynthia E. Hodge, DMD, MPH, MPA President, National Dental Association Foundation, Inc.

- 2:30 p.m. **Social Engagement – Entrepreneurial Strategies that Lead to Success**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM EAST
Special Remarks By:
Michael Strautmanis Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor for
Strategic Engagement to the Senior Advisor
- Hosted By:
Donald A. Coleman Chairman & CEO GlobalHue
- Moderated By:
Sakita Holley President, House of Success PR
- Panelists:
Amanda Diva AOL Black Voices "The Spark", Music Choice "Speaking
Of...", DivaWorksofArt.com
Alfred Edmond Jr. Senior Vice President, Editor at Large, Black Enterprise
Ginger Johnson Co-Creator, Ginger & Liz
S. Liz Pickett Co-Creator, Ginger & Liz
Detavio Samuels EVP, Director of Client Services GlobalHue
- 3:30 p.m. **Sports & Entertainment Panel**
**Sports & Youth: A Discussion on the Positive Effects of Athletes on Youth
Development**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM WEST
Moderated By:
Jonathan Abrams Columnist, New York Times
- Panelists:
Rev. Michel J. Faulkner President and CEO, The Institute For Leadership & Founder
and Senior Pastor, New Horizon Church of NY
Lee Hawkins Writer, Wall Street Journal
Jacques McClendon 2010 Fourth-Round NFL Draft Pick, Indianapolis Colts
- 4:00 p.m. **The Tragedy of Violence: Finding Faith and Holding On**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM EAST
Moderated By:
Terrie Williams President, Terrie Williams Agency
- Panelists:
Nicole Paultre Bell When Its Real Its Forever Inc.
Valerie Bell Sean Bell Foundation
William Bell Sean Bell Foundation
Dr. Jeffrey Gardere CEO, Rainbow Psychological Services
Donna Hood The KLM Jr. Foundation
Carl Fuller Life Camp, Inc.
Stanley Ridley Christopher A. Ridley Foundation
- 5:30 p.m. **National Labor Reception (tickets required)**
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR – LENOX BALLROOM
Hosted by:
Lee Saunders Secretary-Treasurer, AFSCME
- Special Remarks:
Richard L. Trumka President, AFL-CIO
- 7:00 p.m. **NAN Membership Reception (tickets required)**
LOCATION: NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK'S HOUSE OF JUSTICE, 106 WEST 145TH STREET
- 7:30 p.m. **Truth to Power Revival**
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM WEST
Keynote Speaker:
Reverend Dr. Frederick D. Haynes Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Saturday, April 9th

- 11:00 a.m. **Measuring the Movement** (tickets required)
LOCATION: FIRST CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
1912 ADAM CLAYTON POWELL JR. BLVD. NEW YORK CITY
- Hosts:
Tom Joyner The Tom Joyner Morning Show
Roland Martin Washington Watch/Political Commentator
- Panelists:
Reverend Al Sharpton President & Founder, National Action Network
Marc Morial CEO, National Urban League
Ben Jealous President & CEO, NAACP
Melanie Campbell President, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
Tamika D. Mallory National Executive Director, National Action Network
Michael Blake Associate Director, White House Office of Public Engagement &
Deputy Associate Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Jeff Johnson BET Personality/Political Motivator
Che "Rhymfest" Smith Grammy-Award Winning Rapper
Mary Pat Hector Founder & President, Youth in Action
- 3:00 p.m. **Youth & Parents**
There's a Social Media Revolution: Join In!
LOCATION: TBD
Moderated By:
Dominique Sharpton Membership Director, National Action Network
Tren'ness Woods-Black President and Chief Strategist, Tren'ness Woods-Black LLC
- Panelists:
Faye Anderson Founder, Tracking Change
Brian Benjamin Founder, Young Professionals United for Change
Ms. Drama Media Personality, Journalist, Entrepreneur
Denitria N. Lewis The Dnyree Group
Christopher Brown IV Social Media Manager, OwensMorris Communications
Mary Pat Hector Founder and President of Youth in Action
- 7:00 p.m. **NAN Annual Fashion Show by Harlem Ink.** (tickets required)
LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR – NEW YORK BALLROOM