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Dear Sisters and Friends of #blackcomputeHER.org,

On behalf of the Planning Committee, welcome to the 3rd annual #blackcomputeHER Conference. Your support of the #blackcomputeHER Conference 2019 is a tremendous and generous gift in support of our mission: to support computer science and STEM education and workforce development for black girls and women. We aim to leverage our research expertise to create a clearinghouse for literature about black women and girls in computing and disseminate data and information that creates a spirit of urgency around the lack of sustainable diversity in computing.

This conference aims to provide a platform for supporting the community of black women and girls in computing and technology through education and professional development. We have had a range of partners and sponsors, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), HP Inc., AnitaB.org, and the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT). We are incredibly appreciative of their sustained support over the years.

We are also excited to ramp up the second cohort of the #blackcomputeHER Fellows Program at this years conference and celebrate the conclusion of the first cohort. This program is a cohort-based, leadership development program designed to cultivate black women leaders in computing and tech. Fellows will engage with senior tech executives to form dynamic, long-term connections within the professional tech community. We are also excited about what’s to come on the horizon, including the launch of the International Journal of Research for Black Girls and Women in Computing and Technology as well as the launch of the #blackcomputeHER podcast, "Owning Our Narrative".

Thank you again for your continued support of #blackcomputeHER.org. We welcome you, again, to this year’s conference, and we celebrate the unique experiences that we, as black women, bring to the field of Computing!

Dr. Quincy K. Brown  Dr. Jamika D. Burge  Dr. Jakita O. Thomas

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WELCOME RECEPTION & NETWORKING

Junior Ballroom

Join us for light hors d’oeuvres as we welcome each of you and celebrate the start of the #blackcomputeHER 2019 Conference.

8AM - 9AM

Breakfast

Junior Ballroom

8:30AM - 9:30AM

Plenary Session 1 - Celebrate the present, past, and future of Black women in computing & technology: A Conversation with Dr. Sandra K. Johnson & Dr. Tiffani L. Williams

Junior Ballroom

9:30AM - 9:45AM

Break

Junior Ballroom Lobby
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9:45AM - 12:00PM

Master Classes

THRIVING IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR
Dr. Rati Thanawala
Salon 1

BECOMING AN ENTREPRENEURIAL CEO
Aimee Griffin
Salon 2

A TASTE OF DATA SCIENCE (PYTHON)
Dr. Brandeis Marshall
Salon 3

NAVIGATING GRADUATE SCHOOL & ACADEMIA
Jamie Berger, Dr. Robin Brewer, Dr. Raquell Hill, Dr. Renetta Tull
Captial Hill (3rd Floor)

THE INS AND OUTS OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING
Nikki D. Lee, PMP, Deena Davis, Dr. Amelia Estwick, Angela Washington
Penn Quarter (3rd Floor)
12:45PM - 3:00PM
Plenary Session 2 & Lunch - A Conversation with Beverly Bond
Junior Ballroom

3:00PM - 3:30PM
Break & Networking
Junior Ballroom Lobby

3:30PM - 4:30PM
Breakout Sessions
The Power of Your Intellectual Property - Patents, Trademarks & Copyrights - Andrea Evans
Salon 1
Finding Us - Creating Community in a New City - Lori Mitchell
Salon 2
Showing Up Today to Secure Our Future - Keisha Garrison, Tammarrian Rogers,
Salon 3
Meet the BCH Fellows: A Podcast
Capital Hill (3rd Floor)
Beyond Black Girl Magic! - Dr. Siobahn C. Day, Pamela Gibbs
Penn Quarter (3rd Floor)
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**4:30PM - 4:45PM**

*Break*

Junior Ballroom Lobby

**4:45PM - 5:45PM**

*Breakout Sessions*

*Protecting Your Dream* - Victoria R. Clark, Esq.
Salon 2

*Data Science for Social Justice* - Dr. Sydeaka Watson
Salon 3

*HERstory: Untold Stories of Black Women Ph.D.s in Computer Science* - Dr. Cheryl Swanier, Dr. Cheryl Seals, Dr. Felicia Doswell, Dr. Gloria Washington
Capital Hill (3rd Floor)

*User Experience Research in Tech: Search & AI* - Titilayo Craig
Penn Quarter (3rd Floor)

**5:45PM**

*Dinner*

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**DAY 3**

**Saturday, April 6, 8am-8pm**

**8AM - 9AM**

*Breakfast*

Junior Ballroom

**8:30AM - 9:30AM**

*Plenary Session 3 - Mastering the Art & Science of Life-Work Integration in a Digital World - Meico Whitlock*

Junior Ballroom

**9:30AM - 9:45AM**

*Break*

Junior Ballroom Lobby

**9:45AM - 10:45AM**

*Breakout Sessions*

*Ethically-responsible Research Methods in Computing - Dr. Christina Harrington, Dr. Sheena Erete, Angela Smith, Dr. Tawanna Dillahunt, Dr. Yolanda Rankin*

Salon 1

*Bridging the Digital Divide: Black Women, Intersectionality, and Redefining the Traditional Space of the Cybersecurity Workforce - Sybil Dione Rosado*

Salon 2
9:45AM - 12:00PM
Parallel Morning Track

Inspiring and Supporting the Next Generation of Black Women in Computing and Tech - Fayokemi Ojo with Panel of Black Collegiate Women in Tech (Jana Burns, Aaleyah Lewis, Frances Watson)

Salon 3

Inspiring and Supporting the Next Generation of Black Women in Computing and Tech (Hands-on Interactive Lessons for K-12 Girls) - Dr. Leshell Hatley

Penn Quarter (3rd Floor)

#blackcomputeHER Fellows

Arizona State University - DC Campus (off-site)

11:00AM - 12:00PM
Breakout Sessions

Out of Adversity: Creating Social Transformation Leveraging Technology - Alisa Gilliam

Salon 1

Building Your Personal Board of Advisors - Afua Bruce

Salon 2

12:00PM - 1:30PM
Plenary Session 4 & Lunch - My Sister's Keeper: How Black Men and Black Women Support (and Don't Support) Black Women in Tech - Dr. Nicki Washington (Moderator), Dr. Joel Branch, Dr. Vincent Martin, Julius Maina, Jessica Sackey

Junior Ballroom
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**1:30PM - 2:00PM**
*Break & Networking*
Junior Ballroom Lobby

**2:00PM - 3:00PM**
*Plenary Session 5 - Executive Panel Session: Black Women’s Paths Forward in Computing + Tech Through the C-Suite* - Viola Thompson (Moderator), Brend Darden Wilkerson, Lesley Slaton Brown, Asmau Ahmed
Junior Ballroom

**3:00PM - 3:30PM**
*Community Town Hall*
Junior Ballroom

**3:30PM - 6:30PM**
*Downtime To Transition For Gala*
On Your Own

**6:30PM - 8:00PM**
*Awards Gala*
Salon A & B
*Keynote Speaker - Regina Gwynn, Co-Founder & CEO, TresseNoire; Co-Founder, Black Women Talk Tech*

#blackcomputeHER.org will honor Black women in computing who have made extraordinary impacts in the areas of service, sisterhood, entrepreneurship, mentorship, and lifetime achievement.
DAY 4

Sunday, April 7, 11am

11AM -
B-WISE Careers & Conversations Brunch (Optional)

Fire & Sage Restaurant
775 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Please register at: bwise-blackcomputeher.eventbrite.com
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2019 Awardees

**RISING STAR AWARD**
*Denae Ford Robinson*

**GRAND DAME AWARD**
*Dr. Elva Jones*

**BLACKCOMPUTEHER AWARD**
*Dr. Siobahn Day*

**SISTAH AWARD**
*Deborah Kariuki*

**LIFT AS YOU CLimb AWARD**
*Dr. Khalia Braswell*

**HIDDEN FIGURES AWARD**
*Angie Jones*
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MODERN FIGURES PODCAST

guest stars Black women in computing who share their stories and perspectives on technical, societal, and personal topics.

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