



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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39TH ANNUAL OHIO STATE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 25 – 27, 2026

“THE DOUBLE STANDARD DILEMMA:
CAN WE LEAD GLOBALLY WITHOUT JUSTICE AT HOME?”



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OPENING SESSION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

KWAME KILPATRICK





Son. Brother. Husband. Father. Politician. Prisoner. Preacher. These are some of the many terms that have been used to describe Kwame Malik Kilpatrick. Yet, used alone, none truly embody the full essence of the man he is today.

It is no coincidence that his middle name, Malik, means king, and that he discovered his faith, focus, and fortitude while incarcerated and emerged humbled, hopeful, and primed to serve God's Kingdom as only he is able. An ordained minister, motivational speaker, consultant, and certified character coach, Kwame is the Chief Executive Officer of Movemental Ministries, a non-profit ministry and global movement for individuals who are not seeking perfection but progression by creating a vertical connection with Christ. And he is also Pastor of the CITY OF FREEDOM DETROIT. A new assembly of blood-washed, born-again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, who have the audacity to believe that Christ has set them free. City of Freedom Detroit was launched in February of this year.

A trained attorney, former leader of the Michigan State House of Representatives, and youngest person to be elected Mayor of Detroit — a powerful orator who uses his warmth, wit, and wisdom to share authentic, timeless messages about hope and healing; resilience, redemption, and reinvention; and self-discovery, self-love, and self-worth in order to help individuals and organizations realize their true potential.

Kilpatrick has managed and overseen a more than \$3 Billion budget, as well as more than 40 city departments; housing, planning and development, police, fire, human services, transportation, and the like.

Kwame is married to LaTicia Kilpatrick, and is the father of 5 sons, and a vociferously acknowledged "favorite" a 2-year-old baby girl.

PLENARY SESSION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

CHEF JEFF HENDERSON





Chef Jeff Henderson is an award-winning chef, New York Times bestselling author, philanthropist, television personality, and highly sought-after speaker. Known for his dynamic teachings and powerful story of personal transformation, Jeff illuminates audiences with proven, high-impact strategies that empower change, inspire fulfillment, and motivate others to live their best life.

A California native, Jeff started his culinary career in the unlikelyst place: federal prison, where he discovered his untapped gift of cooking. After his release, he was hired as a dishwasher at a fine-dining restaurant in Beverly Hills and was quickly promoted to cook, working under the tutelage of his mentor, Chef Robert Gadsby. After leaving Chef Gadsby, Jeff went on to work at Coronado Island Marriott, Ritz-Carlton, Hotel Bel-Air, and L'Ermitage. In 2000, Jeff moved to Las Vegas and became the first African American Chef at Caesars Palace, The Hard Rock Hotel, and the Bellagio.

In 2007, Harper Collins published Jeff's bestselling memoir *Cooked*, which led to an interview with Oprah Winfrey. Shortly after the interview aired, he made the New York Times Best Sellers list and Sony Pictures secured the rights to his story. Jeff left his post at Bellagio to promote his new book and star in a new docu-reality series on the Food Network, *The Chef Jeff Project*.

In 2009, Jeff published his first cookbook, *Chef Jeff Cooks* with Simon & Schuster, followed by the *America I AM Pass It Down Cookbook* (Hay House/Smiley Books). In 2013, he published his first self-help book, *If You Can See It, You Can Be It* (Hay House/Smiley Books). In 2012, Jeff's first cooking show, *Beat The Chefs*, premiered on the Game Show Network, followed by *Family Style with Chef Jeff* and *Flip My Food*.

From incarcerated to world-renowned chef, Jeff's inspiring story of life transformation was featured on Oprah's Life Class, Good Morning America, Today Show, ABC World News Tonight, CNN, Fox News, and in major publications such as The New York Times, Newsweek, USA Today, People Magazine, the Washington Post, and many others.

In 2020, Jeff founded The Chef Jeff Project, a nonprofit organization located in the heart of Las Vegas whose mission is to change lives through the power of food. The program offers culinary and leadership training for formerly incarcerated and disadvantaged youth and adults to help prepare them for careers in the culinary and hospitality industry. Jeff resides with his wife, Stacy, and their five children in Las Vegas.

— SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON —

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LASHEYL STROUD





Judge Lasheyl Stroud is a licensed attorney of over two decades and serves as the Lead Juvenile Judge in Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations & Juvenile Branch. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from her beloved HBCU, Kentucky State University. In 2003, she earned a Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Before her election, she was a litigator, Adjunct Professor, and Magistrate. In 2013, she became the first woman and first African American to serve as Lead Juvenile Magistrate. Judge Stroud's voice extends across the nation as she speaks to empower, inspire, and educate others.

Judge Stroud has overcome tremendous obstacles without wavering in her faith or commitment to public service. She serves as a mentor and volunteer in her community. Judge Stroud is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and New Covenant Believers' Church. She is a Breast Cancer Survivor and a champion of change. Judge Stroud credits her accomplishments to God's grace, her parents' sacrifices, and familial support.



PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

8:00 PM

DETAILS COMING SOON



COLUMBUS AFFILIATE NIGHT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

8:00 PM

DETAILS COMING SOON



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2026

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Vendor Set-Up & Visitation
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3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration
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6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Board Meeting
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8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT	Presidential Reception
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2026

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Conference Registration
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7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Vendor Visitation
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8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Session
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10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break
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10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Plenary Session
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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch (on your own)
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1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Workshop Session A
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3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Workshop Session B
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8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT	Columbus Affiliate Night
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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2026

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Workshop Session C

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Workshop Session D

12:00 PM

Dr. Bennett J. Cooper Scholarship Luncheon



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NABCJ Registration Form

October 25th – 27th, 2026

Embassy Suites Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place
Dublin, Ohio 43017

Phone: 1.800.220.9219

Reservation Rate \$132.00 per night plus tax includes complimentary breakfast

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☐ Member Registration \$200.00

☐ Non-Member: \$225.00

☐ One Day Session: \$100.00

☐ Banquet Only: \$50.00

☐ Retiree: \$75.00

☐ Student: \$75.00

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☐ PAYPAL ☐ CHECK/MONEY ORDER ☐ PURCHASE ORDER #

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☐ Yes, I would like to become a member enclosed is my \$ 40.00 membership fee

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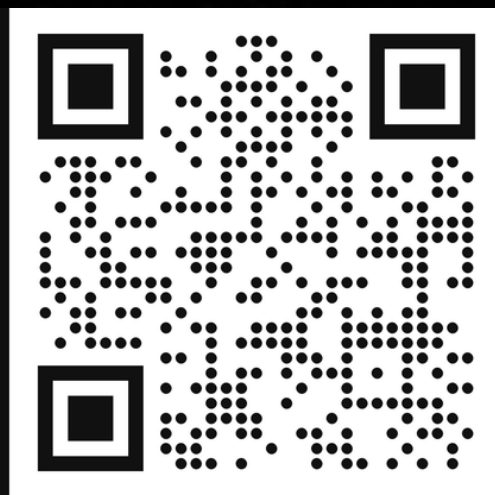
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