



BDPA's Washington, D.C. Chapter reaches its 40-year milestone, celebrating TECH with Harlem Fine Arts Show

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CBC TECH 2020 delegation visits Silicon Valley

WASHINGTON—Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Diversity Task Force Co-Chairs Representatives G. K. Butterfield (NC) and Barbara Lee (CA) welcomed Representative Maxine Waters (CA), Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee and Representative Gregory Meeks (NY), also a member of the committee, to the third CBC TECH 2020 delegation to Silicon Valley. On this trip, the members of Congress met with four technology CEOs — **Brian Chesky** (AirBnB), **Tim**

Cook (Apple), **Jack Dorsey** (Square & Twitter), and **Dan Schulman** (PayPal). Members proposed a Tech CEO summit, where leaders of major technology corporations must come together to determine specific actions needed to increase minority representation and inclusion across tech industries.

The members focused on the Black employee experience, why Black employees leave tech, access to capital and technology for Black startups

and small businesses, and the overall climate for Blacks living in Silicon Valley. The members also met with more than 15 organizations that are growing Black talent pipelines within the tech industry, 30 Black tech employees, 10 diversity directors from small and large companies, and several Black startup founders and investors.

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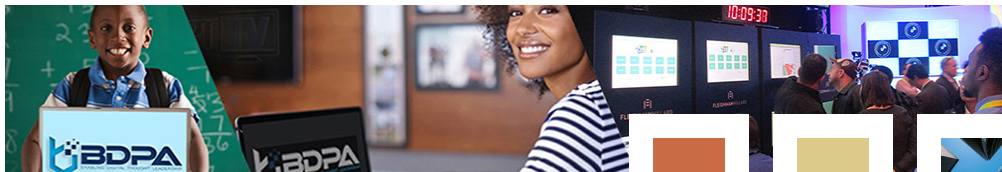


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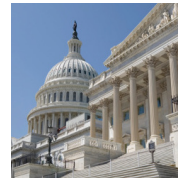
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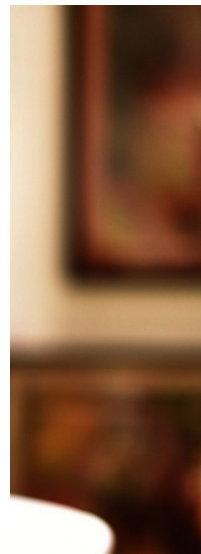
The first CBC TECH TALK was held in Silicon Valley. This town hall-style event focused on developing strategies for building Black wealth in tech. The event was moderated by Bloomberg reporter, Aki Ito, and was streamed live. The members also recorded a live podcast with educational institutions and nonprofits focused on workforce development and growing the talent pipeline.

The members released the CBC TECH 2020 S.M.A.R.T. Principles for growing Black wealth in tech. The five principles provide a guide for the tech industry to maintain its global competitiveness while ensuring the wealth created is shared by all. In the coming weeks, the CBC Diversity Task Force will convene a series of meetings with stakeholders and tech companies to advance these principles and make bold commitments to a more inclusive tech economy.

As the discussion around regulation of the tech industry intensifies, members want to ensure that efforts to increase the numbers of underrepresented minorities, public reporting of diversity data, and best practices for an inclusive work environment are part of the discussion.

The Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) was a frequent topic of discussion because the members met with several firms and the law may serve as a guide for Congress when developing regulation that ensures tech companies help address the needs of all communities in which they operate and serve. **bt**

In our next month's edition of *bdpatoday*, we will examine CBC's TECH 2020 initiative across government and Industry's progress.



HARLEM FINE ARTS SHOW **June 14-17**

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The Harlem Fine Arts Show (HFAS) is the largest traveling art show in the United States showcasing art and artists of the African Diaspora. Since its inception in 2009, HFAS has had over 60,000+ visitors, traveled to 10+ cities as well as showcased 100+ artists and galleries.

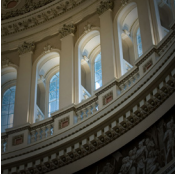
HFAS prides itself on its uncanny ability to bring people of all different backgrounds together to celebrate fine arts of the African Diaspora.

National BDPA's Host Chapter for this year's fine arts gala in Washington is BDPA of Greater Washington, D.C. — bdpadc.org

Inspired by the Harlem Renaissance, HFAS provides a platform for visionaries and visual artists to exhibit and sell their artwork. The Harlem Fine Arts Show also creates economic empowerment, educational opportunities, and professional recognition within multicultural communities.

As the Harlem Fine Arts Show honors its past and embraces the history of now, HFAS will continue to impact communities and shape the future of the fine arts world.

— photo courtesy HFAS



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS — Ron Hamm

WASHINGTON 05.21.18 — The Senate Appropriations Committee begins work on the FY2019 appropriations bills, starting with subcommittee mark-ups of the FY2019 Agriculture and Energy & Water Appropriations bills. The full House Appropriations Committee will mark up the FY2019 Interior Appropriations bill and the FY2019 Transportation/HUD Appropriations bill.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will meet to mark up the 2018 Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA), which reauthorizes programs and projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

According to water industry representatives, the bill is designed to move quickly through the House, with lawmakers omitting controversial provisions that could have held it up.

The President is scheduled to attend the swearing in of new CIA Director Gina Haspel. Later, he meets at the White House with South Korean President Moon Jae-In and during a separate evening event will deliver the keynote address at the anti-abortion Susan B. Anthony Campaign for Life Gala at the National Building Museum. Also on the docket he is hosting a roundtable discussion on immigration and will award the Medal of Honor to retired Navy SEAL, Master Chief Britt Slabinski.

The President travels to Annapolis, MD to deliver a graduation address to the U.S. Naval Academy's Class of 2018. **ht**

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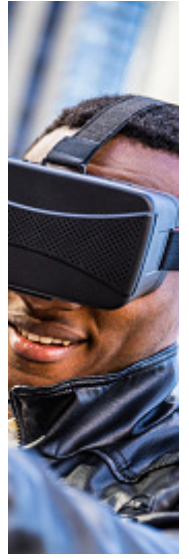


From Film to Festival: NAMIC Hosts Community Panel with Telecomm Industry

WASHINGTON — Last month, a conversation with some of the leading niche film festival organizers engaged in a deep dive on the state of serving niche audiences through diverse film content was held. Festival directors shared personal experiences and highlighted their needs from the local community at large to help their respective communities of filmmakers and other content creators be successful in getting distribution and sustaining a viable consumer base. The panel was hosted by the National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC). Founded in 1980, NAMIC is the premier organization that educates, advocates and empowers for multi-ethnic diversity in the communications industry.

NCTA sponsored last month’s community and industry outreach event in one of the most advanced theaters in the country. One of Washington, DC’s most technically advanced locations for premieres, screenings and other industry events, NCTA’s two-story, 105 seat, theater features a multi-format high-definition video, 2K and 4K 3D high-frame-rate Dolby Digital Cinema. The theater represents the best audience experiences available including ButtKicker® technology which fully replicates the “feeling” range of many natural and human sounds and a Dolby Surround 7.1 cinema audio system complete with THX certification.

NCTA, the Internet & Television Association (formerly the National Cable & Telecommunications Association) is the principal trade association for the U.S. broadband and pay television industries, representing more than 90% of the U.S. cable market and over 200 cable networks. BDPA Members attended with staff from **bdpatoday** and **PTTV**. **bt**



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WASHINGTON—Last month’s Supreme Court decision overturns the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA), a bill written nearly 25 years ago to insulate athletic organizations from “corrupting influences of sports gambling.”

By striking down PASPA, the Supreme Court effectively lays the groundwork for legalizing sports betting across all 50 states. As multi-billion dollar e-sports and gambling industries grow, so too does the likelihood gamers and players will be exposed to more bribes, exploitation, and other forms of corruption endemic to complacent environments where betting is poorly regulated.

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