

COUNTY TO COUNTY



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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I am proud to report that NOBCO closed 2009 on a positive note. We increased program activity, sponsorship support, board of directors involvement and staff output. As we move into 2010, NOBCO intends to be more progressive on our issues and deliberate and successful.

As many of you know, in 2009 NOBCO was a leading voice for various issues impacting counties, including issues such as health (HIV, vulnerable children, and obesity), technology, and economic and community development.

Our scholarship awards increased significantly in 2009, as well. For the coming years, we are planning an improved scholarship program intended to maintain communications with our recipients and to provide new resources for the betterment of their education.

Gearing up for our 26th year of service to nearly 1,800 black county officials in over 311 counties, we also look forward to expanding our relationships with the administration, several federal agencies, foundations, as well as corporations and small businesses .

We also look forward to strengthening our working relationship with our governance partners and our BRT. We encourage you to engage us, to participate in our programs, events and activities and to support the work that is yet to be done. Our best wishes to everyone as we look forward to this very important year!

NOBCO MEMBERS VISIT WHITE HOUSE

At the invitation of President and Mrs. Obama, The NABCO Executive Committee and NOBCO Board of Directors came to Washington, DC December 12th and 13th for the Annual White House Holiday Receptions with the President and the First Lady.

Attending members included: Webster Guillory, Roderick Woullard, Arlanda Williams (pictured at the right with Gary Flowers of the Black Leadership Forum). Also attending were Roy Brooks, George Smith, Stephanie Lynch, David Harrington, Shelia Smoot, Andrea Harrison, Dorothy Brown, C. Vernon Gray and Ken Burkhalter.

All had a wonderful time, took great pictures and had the opportunity to hear President Obama's positive holiday message. Some were also fortunate to shake hands with the President and Mrs. Obama. Please check our websites for a selection of photos.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

In 2009, NOBCO completed work on four major grants. The Robert Wood Johnson/Leadership for Healthy Communities Childhood Obesity (H.E.L.P.P.) Grant involved elected and appointed officials addressing childhood obesity through education. NOBCO completed and submitted video of students and their messages addressing the issue of childhood obesity.

In partnership with W.K. Kellogg Foundation, NOBCO is finalizing a one-year grant, entitled NOBCO C.H.E.W. (Child Health, Education and Welfare); conducting a series of web conferences and discussions with officials and other key stakeholders on addressing issues of vulnerable children 0 – 8 years of age.

NOBCO outreach strategy was two-fold, through a series of webcasts and in-person meetings county officials, agency administrators, resource providers and caregivers discussed programs, issues and resolutions around vulnerable children, specifically relating to their health, education and welfare.

Webcasts were hosted by Commissioner Roderick Woullard of Forrest County, MS; Council Member Andrea Harrison of Prince George's County, MD; Commissioner Robert Steele of Cook County, IL and Commissioner Christopher Rodgers of Douglas County, Nebraska.

At the invitation of Commissioner Arlanda Williams (Houma, LA) and Commissioner Bob Harrison (Huntsville, AL), NOBCO conducted CHEW in-person sessions at the Louisiana and Alabama State Caucuses (respectively).

NOBCO also conducted a CHEW webcast at its Annual Economic and Development Conference in Miami, Florida. All the discussions were lively, informative and shed light on the need for critical resources for children.

This project will close with the presentation of a white paper to the White House administration at a NOBCO sponsored press conference, which will take place by the end of January.

Another completed project is the *ACT Against AIDS Leadership Initiative (AAALI)* funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). NOBCO was is of 14 national African American organizations selected to work on the AAALI project. AAALI is a five-year project addressing the HIV crisis in black communities.

Robert Bailey of the CDC spoke during the AAALI session at NOBCO's Economic Development Conference, in Miami, FL.

As part of our AAALI action plan NOBCO implemented a two-day 'Tell-A-Thon' whereby more than 550 calls were made to NABCO members, as well as to members of the DC City Council to encourage participation in an HIV-AIDS Testing Day program in their respective area and/or to host a Testing Day initiative. We also partnered with other national and local organizations and schools in the DC metropolitan area promoting the dissemination of HIV prevention messages throughout African American communities.

Finally, in partnership with Freddie Mac Corporation, NOBCO is hosting a series of dialogues with four counties:

Commissioner Alisha Bell— Wayne County, MI;

Commissioner Stephanie Lynch— Caddo, LA;

Supervisor George Smith— Hines, MS; and

Commissioner Thomas "TC" Coley, Jr— Tallapoosa, AL.

The Freddie Mac—NOBCO Neighborhood Stabilization Discussions will look at challenges; possible solutions; share ideas and best practices for foreclosure prevention and neighborhood stabilization which can be replicated in other communities.

NOBCO will produce a report which will be disseminated during the Legislative meetings in March.

26TH ANNUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

**"A NEW DECADE OF ECONOMIC PREPAREDNESS:
RECOVERY, REINVESTMENT, REDEVELOPMENT"
NEW ORLEANS, LA**

NOBCO's 26th Annual Economic Development Conference will be held May 13-16, 2010 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme for this year's conference is: "A New Decade of Economic Preparedness: Recovery, Reinvestment, Redevelopment".

Linda Haithcox, NOBCO's executive director, said, "This year's conference hosted by Commissioner Carl Pierson, President of the LA State Caucus, as well as a NOBCO Board of Director. Our conference will have relevant speakers with relevant resources for officials to plan and implement relevant projects that are intended to increase jobs, create business development and grow communities."

Speakers will include senior White House officials, ranking federal agency administrators and several industry leaders. For more information go to the NOBCO website: www.nobcoinc.org or call 202 350 6696.

FIRST WEBSTER J GUILLORY BRIGHT MIND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE STUDIES IN SPAIN



Lia Gibson, 20, a Mecklenburg County (Charlotte), NC native and winner of the first Webster J. Guillory Bright Mind Award (WJG-BMA 2007), has been accepted into a humanities program in Spain.

Lia is a junior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Beginning this spring, she will spend six months at the

University of Castilla-LaMancha. She is majoring in international studies and Spanish.

The daughter of Gloria Gibson, a healthcare professional, Lia speaks fluent Spanish, having taken Spanish since kindergarten.

She noted, "I am so excited. This is my first time traveling out of the country. I chose Spain because some of my most influential teachers were from Spain."

Lia's cousin Joseph Green (pictured with Lia) also a

student at the UNC, will be going to Spain to study in the same program. Joseph, a communications major is also fluent in Spanish.

While in Washington, DC securing their travel visas, Lia and Joseph visited staff.

WJG-BMA are encouraged to communicate their educational progress and career interest. Lia has done a wonderful job of keeping us informed.

Lia and Joseph will live off campus in Spain and expect to use their Spanish daily.

We need to educate our young people and encourage them to pursue careers in government. By cultivating their growth from the ground up, we [elected officials] can help make this possible.

My life as a public servant could best be summed up through a quote from former U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy:

There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things that never were and ask---why not?" -2005

Charlotte Williams (Genesee County, MI) – NABCO Founding Member

NOBCO 2009 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



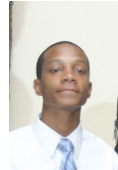
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NOBCO COMMUNITY SERVICE

In support of community service, NOBCO's executive team participated in three service projects in December.

The first project was a visit to St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Prince George's County, MD where we delivered some holiday cheer.

St. Ann's is a home for abused, neglected, and abandoned children. It also serves pregnant and parenting teens.

Winter scarves, hats and mittens were collected from our building associates who were very generous in their donations to the children.

St. Ann's also was given a stipend for participating in the NOBCO C.H.E.W. project, and toiletry packages were provided to the teen mothers.

Pictured (left to right) are Edith, Sister Mary, Director of St. Ann's; Linda and Liz.

NOBCO's third project was a donation of food and supplies to a local food bank.



**Much Appreciation
To Our Great
2009 Sponsors!**

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- Comcast**
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- The Davis Companies**
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- Hayes & Associates**
- Loop Capital**
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HAROLD HAYDEN FAMILY SALUTES NOBCO

This wonderful message was emailed to NOBCO:

*Hello,
My name is Cassandra Hayden. I am a resident of Flint, Michigan in the county of Genesee. My husband's name is Harold Hayden Jr. and we are the children of the late Genesee County Commissioner Harold Hayden Sr.*

We were not aware of this scholarship in honor of our father, but are so very grateful for this to be established in remembrance of him.

Harold Hayden Sr. has two granddaughters who have graduated with Masters Degrees in Health Sciences from Grand Valley State Uni-

versity. Both are currently licensed Physician Assistants specializing in Trauma Surgery at the Hurley Trauma Medical Center, and are members of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

We know that he would have been Godly proud to know that his grandchildren did take advantage of the opportunities and provisions that were made by the many pioneers and scholarship organizations such as this one.

His oldest grand-daughter Tiana Hayden was one of the first African American females to graduate from the Grand Valley State PA program in May of 2005.

Her sister TaNeisha Hayden followed her two years later in 2007 and was the only African American in her class as well. Their white-coat ceremonies displayed the lack of minorities who actually complete these type of college programs and go on to become positive role modes their communities.

The Harold Hayden Memorial Scholarship Fund (HHMSF) is a testament of the dedication of its Board members who recognize the importance of academic achievement and the furtherance of higher education for all young people.

The Hayden family salutes you! May God continue to Bless your efforts.

Cassandra Hayden

2009 17TH ANNUAL BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT RECEPTION AWARDEES

NOBCO presented awards to four outstanding professionals at the 17th Annual Business and Government Reception in Washington, DC September 23, 2009 .

Recipients included:

The Honorable Ron Sims – Assistant Secretary for HUD and former King (WA) County Executive;

The Honorable Al Green – Congressman, Houston, TX;

The Honorable Donna Christensen – Congresswoman, U.S. Virgin Islands; and

Mr. Earle Jones—Senior Director, Comcast Communications.

Recipients were selected for their commitment to governance, community and service. Each awardee received a unique framed art selected personally for them.

The reception, co-sponsored by Yum Brands and Comcast Communications, was attended by over 400 persons.



Guillory, Haitcox and Asst. Secretary Ron Sims



Guillory, Haitcox and Congressman Al Green



Guillory, Congresswoman Donna Christensen and Haitcox



Guillory, Haitcox and Senior Director Earle Jones

NABCO/NOBCO/BRT/NPA

2010 Calendar of Events

JAN 27-31, 2010

NBA Judicial Council
Annual Conference
Honolulu, HI

MAR 6-10, 2010

NACo Annual Legislative Conference

Washington, DC
(202) 293-6226

NOBCO

Board of Directors Meeting

NABCO

Business Meeting

NABCO BRT

Business Meeting

HHMSF

Scholarship Reception

202-350-6696

Apr 10-12, 2010

NCBSBM
Annual Conference
Chicago, IL

Apr. 2010

Joint Center
Annual Dinner
Washington, DC
202-789-3500

May 13-16, 2010

NOBCO 26th Annual

Economic Development Conference

New Orleans, LA

May/June, 2010

NCBM
Annual Convention
WCM Board Meeting
404-765-6444

Jun 17-18, 2010

National Policy Alliance
Leadership Retreat
Washington, DC

JUL 16-20, 2010

NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Reno, NV

202-393-6226

NOBCO

Board of Directors Meeting

NABCO

Annual Meeting

NABCO BRT

Business Meeting

AUG 9-13, 2010

NBA
Annual Conference
New Orleans, LA

Aug 16-20, 2010

Blacks In Government
Annual Conference
Kansas City, MO

Sep 15-18, 2010

40th Annual Legislative Weekend
Washington, DC
202-263-2800

Sep 15, 2010

National Policy Alliance
Annual Meeting
Washington, DC

Sep 15, 2010

NOBCO

Business & Government Reception

Washington, DC

202-350-6696

Sep 16-17, 2010

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Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Nov 30-Dec 3, 2010

NBCLEO
Annual Conference
Denver, CO
202-626-3169