

# CONFERENCE agenda

## 8:00 to 8:30 AM - Breakfast & Registration

Coffee with **Custom Collaborative Circle**

## 8:30 to 8:35 AM - Opening Remarks

**Gabon Williams** - President of Black Business Students Association & Conference Founder

## 8:40 to 9:25 AM - Opening Keynote

**Kneeland Youngblood** - Founding Partner, Chariman & CEO of *Pharos Capital Group*

## 9:30 to 10:10 AM - The Investment Nexus: Navigating Complex Capital Markets

**Kerry Ann James\*** - Managing Director, Head of Client Relations for Counterpoint Global, *Morgan Stanley*

**Melody Rollins\*** - Global Head of Core Institutional Clients, *Bridgewater Associates*

**Sam Épée-Bounya\*** - Partner and Sr. Managing Director, *Wellington Management*

## 10:15 to 10:50 AM - Scaling Success: The Art and Science of Business Transformation

**Julian Waits** - Senior Vice President, Enterprise and Public Sector Sales & Corporate Development, *Rapid7*

**Kevin A. Pemberton\*** - Managing Director, Senior Strategy Advisor, Banking & Capital Markets, *Microsoft*

## 10:55 to 11:40 AM - Reimagining Healthcare: Innovations, Operations, and Leadership for Equitable Well-Being

**Demond Martin** - Co-Founder and CEO, *WellWithAll*

**Cain A. Hayes** - Former President & CEO, *Point32 Health*

**Hise Gibson** - Professor, *Harvard Business School*

## 11:40 to 12:20 PM - LUNCH

## 12:25 to 1:00 PM - Building Winning Teams: Lessons in Strategy, Leadership, and Growth from the Boston Celtics

**Allison Feaster** - Vice President, Team Operations & Growth, *Boston Celtics*

**Ashley Battle** - Assistant GM, *Maine Celtics*, Sports Scout, *Boston Celtics*

**Kash Cannon** - Director of Community Engagement, *Boston Celtics*

## 1:05 to 1:40 PM - Leading the Charge: Operational and Financial Excellence Across Industries

**Andrew Miller III\*** - Senior Vice President, Corporate Finance, *Forward Air Corporation*

**Roderick Jones\*** - Portfolio Leader and Head of Americas, *Modaxo*

**Mario Lewis\*** - Managing Director, *Citi*

## 1:45 to 2:30 PM - Afternoon Keynote

**Freada Kapor Klein** - Founder of SMASH, Founding Partner of Kapor Capital, Co-Chair of the Kapor Center, and NAACP National Board of Directors

## 2:35 to 3:05 PM - From Vision to Venture: Building Brands, Communities, and Sustainable Solutions

**Kerry Bowie\*** - Co-Founder and General Partner, *Malaika Ventures*

**Marcus Wilson\*** - Co-Founder, *Nobull*

## 3:10 to 3:30 PM - Cosmic Contributions: The Black Women Who Powered NASA's Innovations

**Teresa Johnson** - former Space Act Agreement manager and GS-15, *NASA*, and current COO, *Grant Williams Family Foundation*

**Elizabeth Smith** - former manager of International Space Station and GS-15 engineer, *NASA*

## 3:35 to 4:00 PM - Next Gen Black Excellence: Founders, Innovators & Trailblazers

**Christopher Gray** - CEO, *Path*

**Jib Adegunloye** - Senior Software Engineer, *MongoDB*

**Nikki Stokes-Thomspon** - Chief of Staff, *Ariel Alternatives*

## 4:05 to 4:35 PM - Scaling Black Excellence: The Power of Business & Community Partnerships

**Laurie Brown-Goodwine** - Senior Director of Tech Partnerships, *TIAA*

**Nicole Obi\*** - President and CEO, *Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, Inc*

## 4:35 to 5:05PM - Sloanie Spotlight

**Tony Parham\*** - SVP, Head of Core Sales Optimization, *Fidelity Investments*

*\*MIT Sloan School of Management Alumni*