Booker T. Washington Economic Development Summit

September 15, 2020 Focus: Access to Capital

Opening Remarks/Welcome: Dr. Lily McNair, President of Tuskegee University

Keynote: Jeremie Greer, Founder and CEO of Liberation in a Generation (formally with Prosperity Now)

Panel Presentation: The Importance of Access to Capital to Small Business Success

Moderator: Grover Brown, Community Enterprise Investments, Inc.

Panelists:

- Corey Green, Regions Bank
- Reginald Smith, Sabre Financial
- D'Undrey Peterson, LiftFund

Presentation: Access to Capital Through Regional Councils

Terri Pringle, Director of Employment and Economic Development, South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

September 16, 2020 Focus: Digital Marketing

Opening Remarks: Dr. Raymon Shange, Associate Extension Administrator and Director, Carver Innovative Sustainability Center, Tuskegee University

Keynote: Ramon Ray, Smart Hustle Media

Panel Presentation: The Need to Expand Digitally

Moderator: Anthony C. Hood, Director of Civic Innovation, UAB

Panelists:

- Erica Jordan-Thomas, EJT Consulting, LLC
- Jermaine "Funnymaine" Johnson
- Teddy "Stat" Phillips

Panel Presentation: Broadband Access: The Need for Speed

Moderator: Boyd Stephens, Netelysis

Panelists:

- Ed Hudson, IT Consultant, Advanced Technology Group, LLC
- Chris Murphy, Program Manager, ADECA

September 17, 2020 Focus: COVID-19 and Its Impact of Small Businesses

Opening Remarks: Lawrence Haygood, Mayor of Tuskegee

Panel Presentation: COVID-19 and Its Impact on Small Businesses

Moderator: Grover Brown, Community Enterprise Investments, Inc.

Panelists:

- Janelle Williams, Senior Adviser, Community and Economic Development Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- Curtis E. Stewart, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, Alabama Department of Revenue

Panel Presentation: Diversifying Your Business in the New COVID-19 Normal

Moderator: Donald Mills, Director, Small Business Development Center, University of West Alabama

Panelists:

- Nathaniel Patterson, Chief Engagement Officer, A Culture of Excellence
- Andrea Mosley, Director, Small Business Development Center, Alabama State University

Report: State of Microbusiness in Alabama

Dr. Nyesha Black, Director of Socioeconomic Analysis & Demographics, Culverhouse College of Business, University of Alabama