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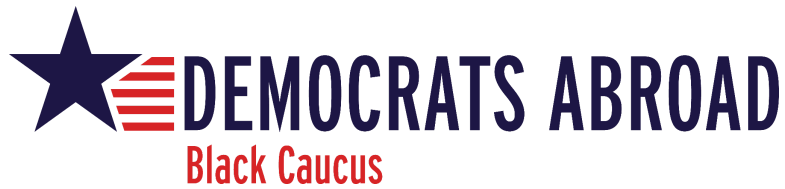
GBC Chair: Leedonal 'Jazz' Moore

- **Meetings:**

- Beverle -> Library
- Twanna -> fundraising event Portugal
- Ambassador Katz, Charno Levine and Miller
- Cedric Sumo
- Karen Frankenstein
- Candice Kerestan
- James Lockett
- Dana Rawls
- RVC Jen, Kristi & Andres Espineira

- **Recent activities:**

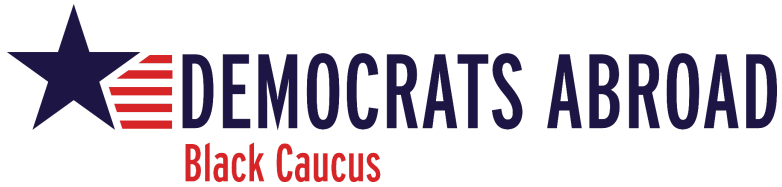
- Resignation GBC Vice Chair James Lockett
- Resignation Joy Notoma
- Attended Georgia Ballot Curing planning meeting
- Attended DA Ballot Curing planning meeting
- Participated in White House African American Community Economic Briefing
- Participated in EMEA Regional Call
- Trouble shot formating with Beverle - resources library
- Participated Caucus Leaders meeting
- Sent out GBC special messages to members who voted
- Sent out GBC newsletter
- Worked on press/ media requests together with Cedric



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- Sent out various social media posts
- Held Fundraising calls
- Held phonebanking calls
- Reached out to former phone bankers asking for help
- Racial Profiling event with DA Wiebaden Chapter is postponed - new date tbd
- Austin Texas fundraising event is postponed to 2023
  
- **Upcoming projects:**
  - Working on Unstoppable Blue Wave 2023/24 GBC campagne
  
- **Events held:**
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- **Events planned:**
  - Fundraiser event Nov. 12, 2022, Lisbon
  
- **Issues/Themes:**
  - Black Vote and Voice is still being dismissed within DA - ongoing
  
- **Asks from Global:**
  - Requested the GOTV team too include the caucuses in their efforts for the next cycle - ongoing



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GBC Vice-Chair: James Lockett

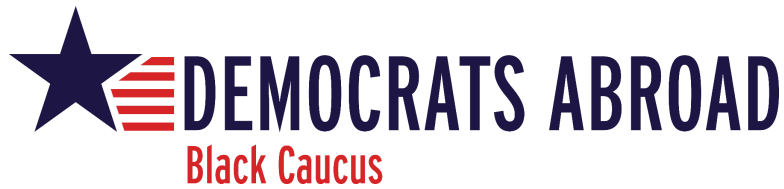
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GBC Secretary: Starla Goggins

- The October minutes were sent to Jazz based on the meeting recording. The email list of members was updated. The link for the November 5, 2022 meeting and a reminder was sent to membership

GBC Secretary: Deputy: Laura Allen:

- The Canada Black Caucus held its first post-launch event on Sunday September 25th. The event centered on Voter Suppression stories with an eye toward information that voters abroad need to be mindful of as we prepare to send in our ballots for midterm elections. We are planning a part two of this event for late October.
- I met with Karen Frankenstein in September to discuss becoming an IT Liaison. I completed the application for the IT team recently and will hopefully start training soon.

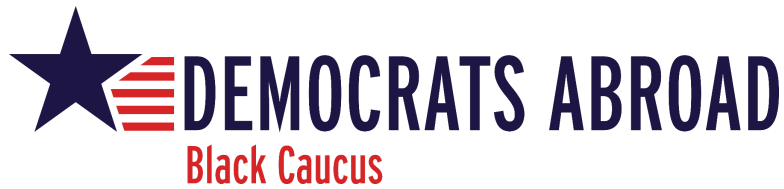


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GBC DNC - Black Caucus Representative: Adrienne George

- Attended DA DNC meetings..
- Continuously update DNC section on the DA Wiki.
- Participated in DA pre-DNC Summer Meeting Town Hall in September.
- Attended DNC 2022 Summer Meeting at National Harbour, MD in September:  
Attended DNC Black Caucus Meeting featuring a presentation sponsored by NAACP on GOTV in the Black Community;  
Attended DNC Women's Caucus Meeting featuring a presentation by Selinda Lake on GOTV particularly young women. Was instrumental in getting presentation booked for DA;  
As Secretary, attended DNC Midwestern Region Caucus meeting and most notably heard from MD Gubernatorial candidate Wes Moore, and 2nd Gentlemen as well as the DNC Chair and ASDC Chair;  
Participated in the DemsCare service project boxing up schools supplies for a local school, was delighted to meet the Principal who is a young African American woman, and wrote letters of encouragement to teachers;  
Attended the DNC Resolutions Committee Meeting;  
As a member, participated in the DNC Credentials Committee Meeting;  
Attended the DNC Executive Committee Meeting;  
Attended the DNC Veterans & Military Families Council meeting featuring keynote speaker Senator Jon Tester who invited veterans to contact his office. Relayed this information to the DNC VMF Caucus;



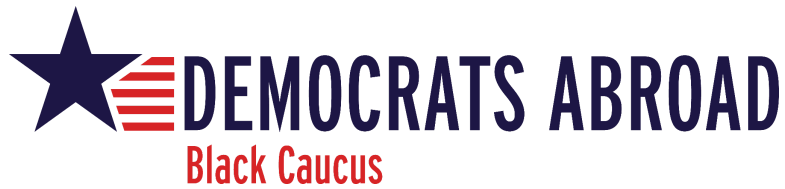
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Attended the DNC Labor Council meeting featuring keynote speaker Becky Pringle, an African American woman, who is the President of the largest union in the US, the National Education Association;

Attended a meeting of DNC members who want the party to be more transparent;

Attended the DNC Small Business Council meeting that included a White House summary given by Keisha Lance Bottoms.

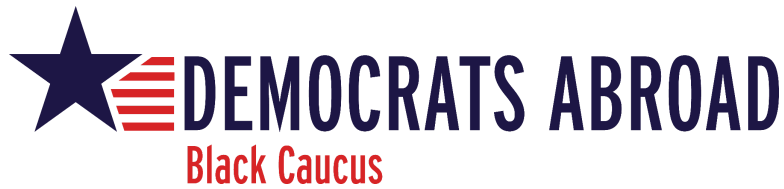
- Attended White House tour of the Obama portraits in September.
- Attended the Inflation Reduction Act event on the White House lawn in September.
- Attended DNC Restore Roe event featuring President Biden at the Howard Theater in Washington, DC in October.
- Helped organize the DA and Iowa State Party Meet the Candidates event in September.
- Hosted 3 overseas voter registration and education events for When We All Vote between September and October between September and October.
- Recipient of a DNC Community Engagement Grant for When We All Vote overseas voter registration and education events for When We All Vote between September and October. Grant used for Pinterest advertising.
- Got Chair of the DNC ECCC to make a GOTV video for DA and sent it to the DA Chair and DA Caucus Coordinator in October.



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GBC Advisory Liaison: Adrienne Johnson

- The theme of this year's Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference was "Advancing Our Purpose. Elevating Our Power". We need to align our work over the next 30 days and beyond to meet the challenge.
- Among this year's programs were : "Leveraging the Power of Black Women's Leadership In The Fight For Our Rights, Freedoms, Safety, Justice & Democracy." the session addressed how Black women drive Black political power and discussed findings from this year's BWR/ESSENCE [Power of the Sister Vote Poll](#), which measures Black women's perspectives on policies that affect us.
- The 2022 Town Hall focused on carrying on the legacy and journey of Black political progress, lessons learned, and strategic partnerships to advance Black liberation
- Research published this year under the auspices of the CBCF covers issues such as AI and how it affects you (unintended consequences), the history of reparations in the U.S. - Evanston, IL case study looking at how a current proposal there to enact restorative justice via housing assistance , the impact of the Dobbs decision on the Black maternal health crisis, and why student loan debt cancellation matters for our community (Black alumni endure the most negative impacts of student loan debt. While the average borrower owes almost \$40,000 in debt, Black borrowers owe an average of \$25,000 more than white borrowers.)
- Are there any other issues the GBC wants to highlight?



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### GBC Comms: Malaika Kusumi

- Spent the month supporting the phone banking campaign, but due to health issues all writing and computer activities came to a standstill.
- Attended Reparations meeting

### GBC Comms - Deputy: Evelyn Riera

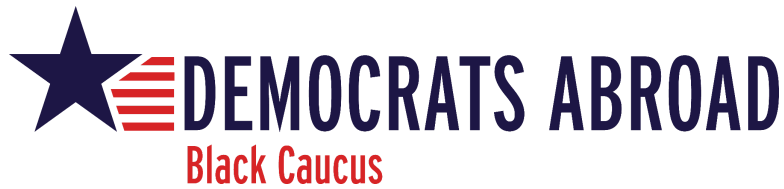
Same duties on DA GBC FB page. Trying to navigate new FB interface (takes longer to post things).

- DA GBC Facebook page administration including sharing from and to other pages/groups of interest e.g. RTF, VFA, state groups, DA or non-affiliated groups.  
Answering incoming mail if possible
- Admin: DAG Black Caucus (group)

### GBC Reparations: Antar Keith

#### **What the RTF has done:**

- Contacted Dr. William "Sandy" Darity and former Ohio State Senator Nina Turner for a Reparations event.
- Contacted the HR 40 Coalition leadership for a book club.

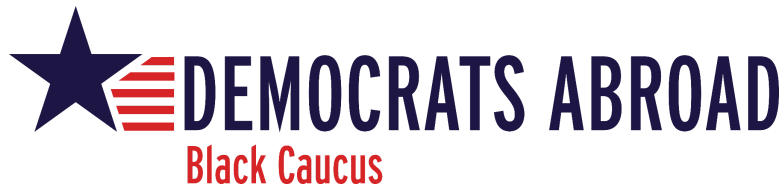


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- Designed resource for global campaign for HR 40.
- Drafted letter to VP Kamala Harris to issue support for federal reparations commission.
- Worked on resources for arguments / economic model, and resource library incl. “pros & cons” document
- Meeting with RTF members to discuss strategy
- Developed campaign to contact Pelosi, Clyburn, Hoyer as key to advancement of HR 40.
- Sent out mass email to DA Leadership to engage constituent members to participate in [mass pressure campaign](#).
- Obtained copy of Call Script from Nikkei Progressives.
- Contacted Pennsylvania Democratic U.S. Senate candidate John Fetterman to announce support for reparations. Waiting for an answer.
- Explored ways our RTF might directly support the Comfort Women initiative.
- Created an initial resource of information which will be added to Daniel Stein's Living Library. See attached document.
- Extended invitations for private Zoom chat with the religious contacts.
- Contacted Cory Booker and Mayor Ras Baraka to reaffirm their support.
- Cory Booker responded.
- Coordinated with ProDA

## Upcoming projects:

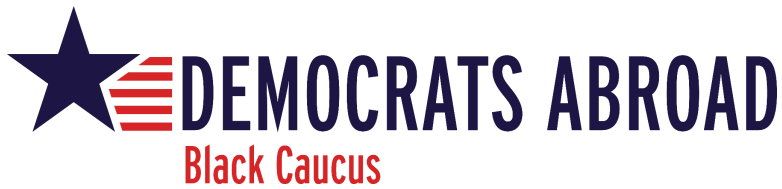




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- Debate with reparations scholars
- Mass call storm/email storm
- Drafting international letter for advocacy
- Arranging meetings with any and all US political leaders in support of executive order and/or House legislation.
- Consolidating bipartisan support for on GI Bill Restoration Act of 2021
- Consolidating support for African-American Burial Grounds Act
- Creating an economic model of harm areas.
- Devising arguments for reparations that clarify common misconceptions.
- Developing Living Library
- Events held:
  - Monthly meetings
  - Working with ProDA and NGOs to mainstream reparations advocacy
  - Participated in numerous extraorganizational reparative justice strategy meetings
- Events planned:
  - Will write to DA Chair Candice Kerestan to facilitate convo with VP Harris. We can leverage her access to VIP figures in the WH.
  - Will reach out to Reparations Finance Lab to help develop an economic model for education.
  - Will work to identify book club opportunities in collaboration with existing and potential book clubs within DA.
  - Work with ProDA and GBC to coordinate book club books which touch on parallels of progressive politics and reparative justice.
  - Will develop reparations-themed Progressive Monthly Mondays event.



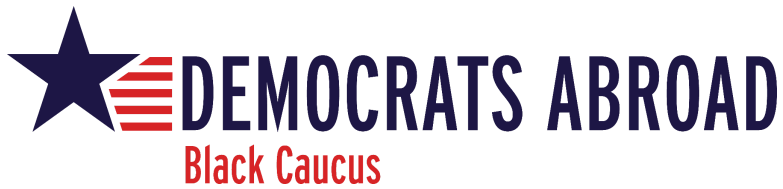
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- Malaika Kusumi to develop a 2-slide power point presentation of outreach strategy to convey the message of reparative justice and reparations advocacy to DA's Global Black membership.
- Create a survey to form a list of GBC members willing to engage in mass CallStorm/EmailStorm.
- Draft international letter.
- Reach out to faith organizations
- We need people willing to do work on behalf of the task force, we would love if you could help us find more people willing to work. (social media, apparel, call storm / email storms).
- Issues/Themes:
  - Direct lobbying of representatives to support a federal reparations commission
- Asks from Global:
  - A series of robust reparations-themed GOTV messaging.
  - We need a list of GBC members for call storms.
  - We need more Black support and people power. To do that, we've identified critical asks to boost Black voter participation in reparations advocacy.
    - Go ahead for automatic cross-posting . ✓
    - Greater assistance to Malaika Kusumi.

**GBC Reparations - Deputy: Natalie Bachiri**

- **You can read this most recent Reparations Task Force meeting we have listed above to see all that we are working on with Reparations. We look forward to doing more**



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with the Reparations Task Force as noted. I am also temporarily in the United States now and have been having many conversations with many people with regards to what DA does and the GBC Caucus and Reparations and can share some of that.

GBC Press / Media: Traci Möller

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GBC Press / Media - Deputy: Cedric Sumo

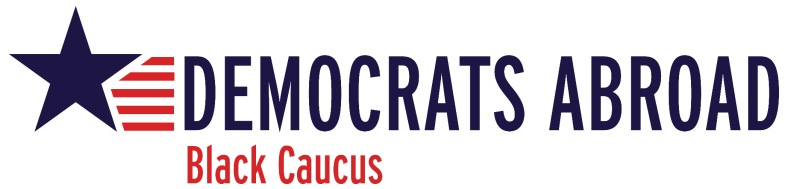
- Drafted letter for a media outreach campaign to begin soon/ the purpose is to get the word out about us and about the upcoming midterms.

GBC Legal Counsel: Michele O'Brien

- Statement re impact of recent Supreme Court decisions – ongoing collaboration with Andrew and Adrienne

GBC Legal Counsel - Deputy: Andrew Morgan

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GBC Network: Kenton Barnes

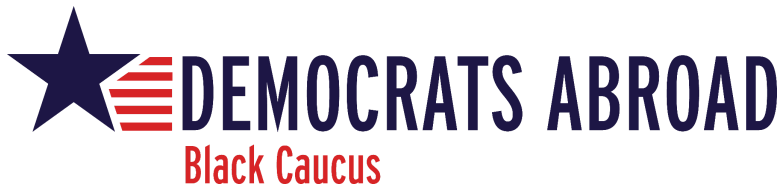
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GBC Network - Deputy: Renee Rousseau

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GBC Library: Beverle Lax

- Our last meeting was September 25, 2022. My task to fill in the spreadsheet designed by Jazz with the resources already identified and listed in a previous list was not met. However, Adrienne continued to collect resources and did attempt to fill in the spreadsheet. Since then I have attempted to fill in the spreadsheet with resources already identified, an exercise from which several questions concerning the process have arisen. In September's meeting we decided to continue with our tasks as we can, and we will have a meeting after the midterm elections.
- Meanwhile, I attended the EMEA Regional Meeting on 6th October at which a DA Kenya (DAKE) member and volunteer presented on our GOTV activities for the month of September. I prepared the visuals of our activities in a slide deck for the meeting.



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- I also attended DA's California Congressional District event. This event was informative and inspirational.

GBC Engagement: Evelyn Riera

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GBC Health Equity: Twanna A. Hines

- I represented Global Health Equity at Democrats Abroad's California Dreaming series, featuring: Jay Chen - CA 45; Kermit Jones - CA 03; Rep. Katie Porter - CA 47; and Will Rollins - CA 41. Adam Gray - CA 13 also joined the event. The purpose of the event was to give a platform to swing vote candidates.
- During the month of October, I reached out to local vendors to help build the Unstoppable Blue Wave event.