

GULF COAST HBCU VOTING SUMMIT



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September 20 - 21, 2024

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The Gulf Coast HBCU Voting Summit and Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project aim to identify and address barriers to student voting on HBCU campuses, building young Black political power through civic engagement.

Gulf Coast Democracy Summit

Hosted by [Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project](#) and Dillard University

Friday, September 20, 2024: Laissez les bons temps rouler!

3:00pm

Attendees Arrive in New Orleans

Canopy by Hilton New Orleans Downtown
1100 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112
Check-in Time: 3:00 pm

6:15pm

Depart for Campus

Meet in the lobby and depart for campus.
If you're driving yourself, use the address 2601 Gentilly Blvd. NOLA 70122

7:00pm

Opening Reception

Professional Schools Building Lucien Pavilion
Come out to meet other conference attendees and learn what the weekend has in store!

Welcome to NOLA

Official welcome and door prize giveaway from Dillard University Democracy Fellows and the Fair Election Center's Campus Vote Project team

9:00pm

Party with a Purpose

Tennis Courts
Head over with your voter registration card to the tennis court for a night of fun!

Saturday, September 21, 2024: Activism in Action

9:00am

Breakfast

Professional Schools Building Lucien Pavilion

9:45am

University Greetings

Welcome to Dillard University from Dillard University campus leaders.

Fair Elections Center Greetings

Welcome from Fair Election Center's Vice President, Rebekah Caruthers

Icebreakers

Break **the** ice and meet a new friend!



10:00am

Project 2025: What's At Stake for College Voters

Professional Schools Building Georges Auditorium

This interactive discussion will bring together experts to discuss how Project 2025 could be detrimental to college students and the ways in which it will increase voter suppression during the next election cycle.

Panelists:

- Heather Malveaux, African American Policy Forum (moderator)
- William Snowden, The Juror Project
- Eugene Ridgley, Young Fierce Citizens
- J. Christopher Johnson, Mobilizing Millennials Organization
- Ramona Graham, Young Fierce Citizens
- Ja'Derri Lewis, Step Up Louisiana

11:30am

Concurrent Sessions

- **Civic Celebrations: How to Make Democracy Fun and Celebratory ([Students Learn Students Vote Coalition](#))**
PSB 131
When campuses integrate fun, culturally relevant, and celebratory events into their democratic engagement efforts, they can reach and empower more students to be active participants in our democracy. Whether it's around Civic Holidays such as National Voter Registration Day, National Voter Education Week, and Vote Early Day, or just randomly throughout the year, campuses have many opportunities to make the democratic process something fun that brings the whole community together. In this session, we'll discuss events that engage students in fun, creative, and memorable ways, and participants will brainstorm their own plans for 2024.
- **Voting Rights for Justice-Impacted Individuals ([Operation Restoration](#))**
PSB 135
This session will provide historical context to felony disenfranchisement and detail the advancements taking place across the state and country to restore voting rights to justice-impacted individuals. The session will also encourage attendees to stay engaged in the democratic process and not let barriers silence their vote.
- **Combatting Voter Apathy in the Digital Age ([Andrew Goodman Foundation](#))**
PSB 136
This session focuses on the strategies and initiatives developed to engage young voters and reduce electoral disengagement. Through a combination of educational campaigns, community outreach, and digital advocacy, the ambassadors highlight how to keep marginalized groups and first-time voters engaged in democratic processes. This presentation will explore the challenges of voter apathy and the innovative methods to be employed to foster civic responsibility and increase voter turnout.



12:15pm

Lunch

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Community Partner Fair

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Want to get involved in the community? Visit our community partner fair to learn how!

1:30pm

Keynote Address from Tevon Blair, [Xceleader](#) and [Vote HBCU](#)

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*Tevon Blair is a strategic communicator and social equity advocate in the nonprofit and political sector. His work has contributed to communication strategies to engage young people in politics and education for statewide and national campaigns including Stacey Abrams' gubernatorial race in Georgia and efforts to promote HBCUs. Tevon is a graduate of the illustrious **Dillard University** as well as George Washington University.*

2:45pm

Tunnel of Transition: Voting through the Ages

Moot Court Room

This simulation will provide a comprehensive understanding from the Reconstructive Era of voting through present day.

4:00pm

NPHC Cookout & Networking Event

Take a break and enjoy

5:00pm

Working Dinner

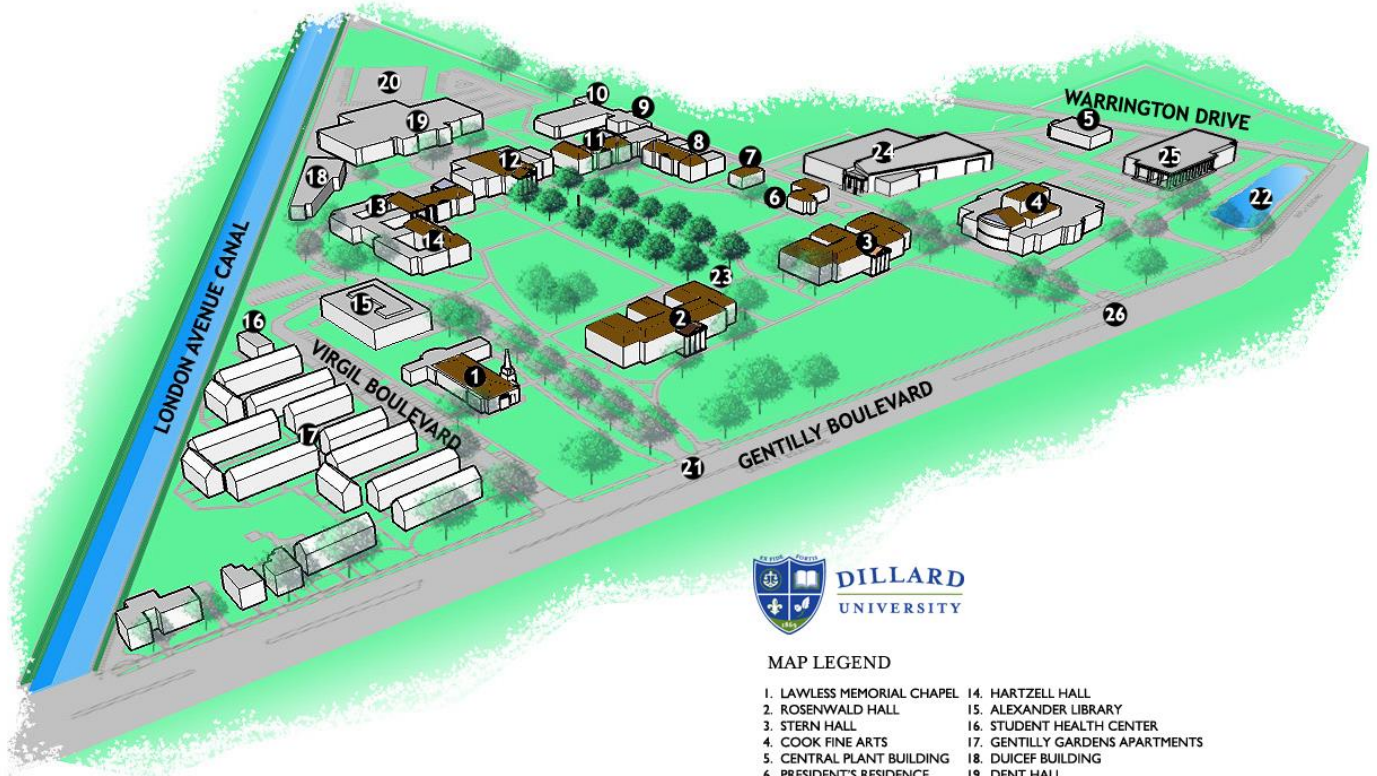
Lucien Pavilion

Continue the discussion through action planning and working in small groups to plan for future campus-based initiatives.

Notes:



Campus Map



MAP LEGEND

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| 1. LAWLESS MEMORIAL CHAPEL | 14. HARTZELL HALL |
| 2. ROSENWALD HALL | 15. ALEXANDER LIBRARY |
| 3. STERN HALL | 16. STUDENT HEALTH CENTER |
| 4. COOK FINE ARTS | 17. GENTILLY GARDENS APARTMENTS |
| 5. CENTRAL PLANT BUILDING | 18. DUICEF BUILDING |
| 6. PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE | 19. DENT HALL |
| 7. HOWARD HOUSE | 20. TENNIS CENTER |
| 8. STRAIGHT HALL | 21. LAWLESS GATES |
| 9. OLD POWERHOUSE | 22. DUCK POND |
| 10. HENSON HALL | 23. KELLER AVENUE OF THE OAKS |
| 11. WILLIAMS HALL | 24. PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AND SCIENCE |
| 12. KEARNEY HALL | 25. STUDENT UNION RECREATION, HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER |
| 13. CAMPHOR HALL | 26. COOK GATE |

Parking

- Enter campus at the gate located at the intersection of Gentilly Blvd. and St. Anthony St.
- Drive forward until you reach the second building on your right (white building with glass doors)
- Make a right turn
- Turn right into the parking area which will be located at your right
- The summit will take place in the building adjacent to the parking lot – Professional Schools Building (Building 24 on campus map)



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