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Washington, D.C. – Yesterday and Tuesday, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** and the Bipartisan Congressional Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus hosted the third annual HBCU STEAM Day of Action. Highlights of the Day of Action included meetings between HBCU and Congressional leaders, as well as the announcement that six new companies were taking the “HBCU Partnership Challenge,” which is a commitment from employers to invest in building stronger and more sustainable partnerships with HBCUs.

During HBCU STEAM Day, HBCUs, and business leaders met with Republican and Democratic Members of Congress in the House and Senate. Congresswoman Adams was joined by **Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Ranking Member of Senate HELP Committee Sen. Patty Murray, Ranking Member of Senate Appropriations Agriculture Subcommittee Sen. Jeff Merkley, Sen. Kamala Harris, Sen. Thom Tillis, Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus Rep. Karen Bass, Chairman of the House Appropriations Agriculture Subcommittee, Rep. Sanford Bishop, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, Rep. Ted Budd, Rep. Rosa DeLauro, Rep. Sylvia Garcia, Rep. French Hill, Rep. Barbara Lee, Rep. Nita Lowey, Rep. James McGovern, Rep. Ralph Norman, Rep. Collin Peterson, Rep. David Price, Rep. Bobby Scott, Rep. Adam Smith, and Rep. Mark Walker.**

“I am honored that so many of my colleagues participated in the most successful HBCU STEAM Day yet, and I am excited that **Autodesk, Citi, Farm Credit, Honda of America, NC Electric Cooperatives, and Prudential** have joined the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus’ HBCU Partnership Challenge,” **said Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12), founder and Co-Chair of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus.** “These companies recognize that diversity creates a stronger workforce, and that HBCUs play a critical role in creating the business leaders of the future. I am proud these companies are making a greater investment in their outreach to and partnership with HBCUs.” **[A full list of statements from new challenge partners is available here.](#)**

Additionally, industry partners, Members of Congress, and HBCUs participated in a “tweetstorm” to raise awareness about the contributions of HBCUs. Highlights included **[this tweet from Rep. Marcia Fudge:](#)** “HBCUs account for 27% of all Black STEM degree-earners.

As a member of the @HBCUCaucus, I’m proud to recognize the important role

these institutions play in diversifying STEM fields & unlocking opportunities for millions of minority Americans. #HBCUStrong”

View all of the tweets using the following hashtags: **#HBCUSTEAM**, **#HBCUStrong**, and **#PowerOfPartnerships**.

Over 50 HBCUs, organizations, technology companies, and industry leaders are sent representatives to participate in these days of advocacy.

Companies and partners that participated include: **Allstate Insurance, Amazon, Amazon Web Services, AnitaB.org, Autodesk, Citibank, CoBank/Farm Credit, Farm Credit Council, AgFirst Farm Credit, Cape Fear Farm Credit, Carolina Farm Credit, Farm Credit Bank of Texas, Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, GSK, Honda North America, Inc., Intel, Live Oak Bank, Lyft, McDonald's, Microsoft, NC Electric Cooperatives, Nielsen, SAP, SAS, Spotify, TIAA, Truist Bank, Twitter, Wells Fargo, and Zillow.**

HBCUs that participated or sent representatives include: **Allen University, Benedict College, Bennett College, Bethune Cookman College, Bowie State University, Central State University, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Dillard University, Fisk University, Florida Memorial University, Huston-Tillotson University, Interdenominational Theological Center, Jarvis Christian College, Johnson C. Smith University, Kentucky State University, Lane College, LeMoyne–Owen College, Lincoln University, Lincoln University (MO), Livingstone College, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, Morris College, North Carolina A&T State University, Oakwood College, Paine College, Philander Smith College, Prairie View A&M University, Rust College, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Shorter College, Spelman College, Stillman College, Talladega College, Tennessee State University, Tougaloo College, Tuskegee University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, Voorhees College, West Virginia State University, Wilberforce University, Wiley College, and Xavier University of Louisiana.**

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