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Adams Hosts Successful Diversity in Tech Summit

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Rep. Alma Adams Hosts Successful Diversity in Tech Summit

Washington, D.C. – Last week, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** hosted the third annual, and first virtual, Diversity in Tech Summit. The Summit brings together private sector, government, and education leaders to address and ultimately improve the representation of Black Americans and people of color, including women of color, in the tech sector.

“Last week, 47 private partners, HBCU leaders and Members of Congress convened to discuss the importance of HBCUs using technology to create a more just and equitable society,” **said Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12), founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus.** “We convened in the midst of a national emergency where communities of color are most impacted, and HBCU students, faculty, staff and their communities have been particularly hard hit. I applaud all of our private partners for working with us create 21st century opportunity for the institutions and students who need our help the most.”

The presenting partner for the event was Truist.

“We’ve accomplished so much since Truist announced the partnership with the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus; yet, we know there is still more work to do. At Truist, we stand for better, and I’m so proud of the steps we’ve taken to demonstrate our commitment to HBCUs. We look forward to furthering this partnership to help close the education gap and champion diversity, equity and inclusion within the technology sector,” **said Thomas Ransom, Head of Sales & Client Experience Strategy for Truist.**

[Videos from the Summit are available here.](#)

Social media from the summit, as well as screenshots, can be found on the hashtag #DiversityInTech:

### [Congresswoman Adams and Panelists](#)

### [Thomas Ransom \(Truist\) Presents at the Summit](#)

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The summit also included conversations about how industry and HBCUs can partner to keep diverse pipelines of talent strong during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the summit, the Bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus announced that [Capital One and Better.com](#) joined the [HBCU Partnership Challenge](#). The Partnership Challenge encourages the over 45 participating organizations to make greater investments in HBCUs. For more information, please contact Sam Spencer ([Sam.Spencer@mail.house.gov](mailto:Sam.Spencer@mail.house.gov)).

**Congresswoman Alma Adams** represents North Carolina's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee. In 2015, she founded the first bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus in Congress.

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