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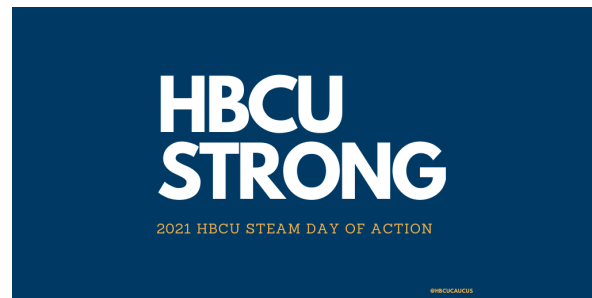
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The **Fourth Annual HBCU STEAM Day of Action** continues on Thursday, March 11th with a panel discussion featuring Congressional heavyweights. **Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, and Majority Whip Jim Clyburn** are expected to speak at the "*Pandemics and Partnerships: How Public and Private Sector Engagement can Propel a COVID Recovery*" panel discussion at 12:00 Noon ET on March 11. They will be joined by Bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus Co-Chairs **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12) and Representative French Hill (AR-02)**, as well as many members of the House of Representatives.

Members of the media and the public can register for the panel here. The event is hosted by the HBCU Caucus and the STEAM Caucus.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and their students disproportionately, with more classes being held online but fewer African-American households having access to high-speed internet, compared to the national average," **said Majority Leader Hoyer**. "That's why Congressional support for HBCUs continues to be so critical, and I am proud to join with Reps. Adams, Sewell, and Hill and all the Members of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus to ensure that the House is prioritizing the needs of these institutions of higher learning. On this HBCU STEAM Day of Action, let us reaffirm our bipartisan support for HBCUs and for their work – made even more challenging in light of this pandemic - to prepare our nation's students for future success in science, technology, engineering, arts and design, and mathematics careers."

"I am honored that our Congressional leaders are joining us for HBCU STEAM Day of Action," **said Congresswoman Adams, Founder and Co-Chair of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus.** "For the past week, HBCU Presidents have come come to virtual STEAM Day sessions to advocate for more equitable federal resources. They have been joined by corporate leaders who made a commitment to creating strategic and sustainable partnerships with HBCUs. As we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic and contemplate future challenges, it has never been more important to make sure every talented student has access to a world class science, technology, engineering, arts, and math education. HBCUs should be a part of our COVID-19 recovery efforts, and I am thankful that so many Congressional leaders recognize that fact.
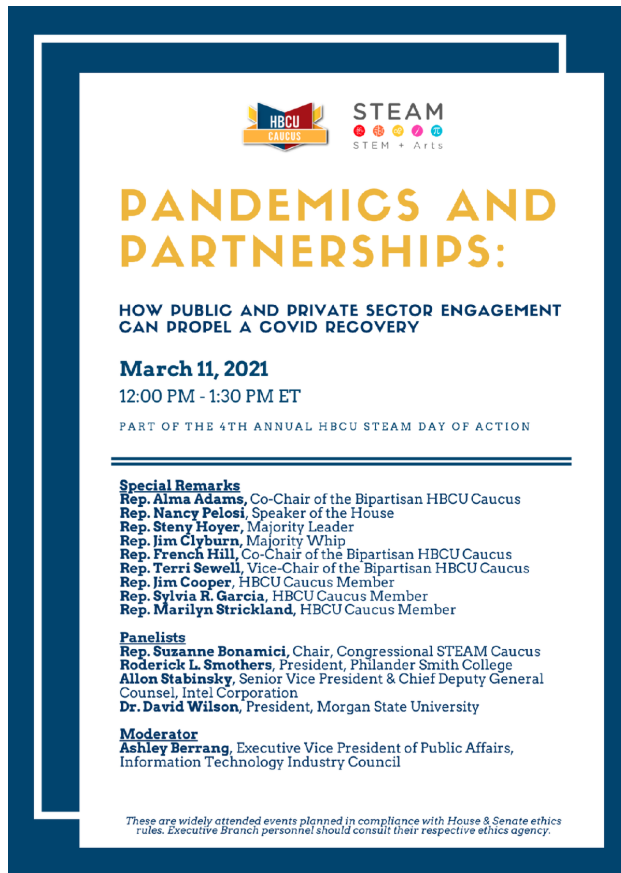
Since Monday, HBCU and business leaders have met with Republican and Democratic Members of Congress in the House and Senate as part of **HBCU STEAM Day of Action**. Over 70 HBCUs, organizations, technology companies, and industry leaders are sending representatives to participate in these days of advocacy.

As co-chair of the HBCU Caucus, Rep. Adams also leads the HBCU Partnership Challenge, which will be highlighted during HBCU STEAM Day. **For more information on the partnership challenge click here.**

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Sam Spencer (**Sam.Spencer@mail.house.gov**).

Congresswoman Alma Adams represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County). In 2015, she founded the first bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus in Congress. She is a double graduate of North Carolina A&T, the largest HBCU by enrollment in the United States.

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