

## Media Advisory: 7th Annual STEAM Days Schedule



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# 7th Annual HBCU STEAM Days to Connect School Leaders and Federal Agencies April 17-18

*Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries and bipartisan group of lawmakers to help kick off two-day event*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Office of Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12), is providing the following schedule of events for this week's Historically Black College and University (HBCU) STEAM Days, beginning on Wednesday, April 17th. All events are open press. **The schedule is below.**

**WHO:** Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D., Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Congressman French Hill (AR-02), Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01), EPA Deputy Administrator Janet McCabe, U.S. Department of Education Deputy Secretary Cindy Marten, U.S. Department of Commerce officials, other HBCU business and non-profit leaders, and more.

**WHAT:** A two-day series of events, advocacy, seminars, and receptions by and for HBCUs and their advocates and allies. S.T.E.A.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, to represent the contributions of HBCUs and their students. The theme is "MORE for '24."

**WHERE:** Library of Congress, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 17th and Thursday, April 18th, 2024. **Schedule below.**

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, April 17**

**6:00 pm**

Welcome Reception  
2075 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20001

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**Thursday, April 18**

*(All events in the Library of Congress Member Room)*

**10:00 am – 11:00 am**

Morning Session with EPA Deputy Administrator Janet McCabe

*Congresswoman Adams will convene a discussion with Deputy Administrator McCabe about opportunities for the \$600 million allocated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency around Environmental Justice. Deputy Administrator McCabe will share input and expertise about NEW opportunities for HBCU students and their universities around environmental help with project implementation.*

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Fireside Chat with U.S. Department of Education Deputy Secretary Cindy Marten

*Moderated by recent Hampton University graduate, Jessica Simmons, Deputy Secretary Marten will discuss with Congresswoman Adams, the U.S. Department of Education's "You Belong in STEM" program." They will also discuss the department's efforts to assist HBCUs in exploring and upgrading their infrastructure while highlighting (2023 & 2024 – \$50 million) IGNITE appropriations.*

**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm**

HBCU & Partners Panel Luncheon

*Discussion with HBCU Universities, Colleges, and Challenge Partners about what organizations, schools and universities are doing in the STEM space and **the next level of NEW opportunities** for students and their universities. Tieisha Smith, of TIAA, Dr. Earl Turner III, of the Pathways Foundation, Valinda Kennedy, of IBM, and Dr. Shirley Hymon-Paker, of NCA&T, will all give presentations.*

**2:00 pm – 2:45 pm**

Conversation with Congress

*Members of Congress summarize the opportunities and challenges facing HBCUs.*

**3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

STEAM Days Wrap Up

*Congressional STEAM Caucus Chair Representative Suzanne Bonamici will share new opportunities for collaboration and how colleges and universities might better engage with STEAM Caucus members around their agendas.*

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*Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Cabarrus County) and serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education & the Workforce, where she serves as ranking member of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee. For more information contact the Office of Congresswoman Alma Adams: (202)225-1510.*

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