

Vice President Harris Visits Charlotte



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VP Harris Visits the 12th District; Announces Enormous \$20B Clean Energy Investment with Rep. Adams

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Dear Friends,

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of welcoming Vice President Harris back to the 12th Congressional district to announce an historic \$20 billion investment in clean energy and American jobs. I was also excited to welcome EPA Administrator Michael Regan, a North Carolina native and fellow A&T Aggie, back home.

This investment, made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act, will fund clean energy, new technologies, retrofitting and updating of homes and buildings for energy efficiency, and other projects to reduce emissions and build a new economy for North Carolinians and all Americans.

Thanks to these efforts and others by the Biden Administration, we are rebuilding roads, bridges, and tunnels, erecting new transit infrastructure, and we'll have more efficient offices, homes, and schools. This means that our children will grow up healthier, we will pay less to heat our homes, we will be safer from the lessening effects of climate change, and this country can at last have hope for the future again.

EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Rep. Adams Hosts 7th Annual HBCU STEAM Days of Action on Capitol Hill



Leaders of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and their private sector partners gained first-hand insight into federal funding opportunities to restore the schools' infrastructures at the 7th Annual STEAM Days of Action hosted by Congresswoman Alma S. Adams and Congressman French Hill (AR-02), co-chairs of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus. The annual, two-day program, held on April 17th and 18th, provided an important step in ensuring inclusivity and equity in higher education for American students as HBCUs, many of which are over a century old, have traditionally been underfunded compared to predominately white institutions.

[Read Full Press Release](#)

NEWS UPDATES

Deadline for Congressional Art Competition Submissions is May 1st



Each spring, the **Congressional Institute** sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

My office is now accepting submissions for the 2024 Congressional Art Competition from high school students who live or attend school in North Carolina's 12th Congressional District.

The deadline for submissions is May 1.

[Learn More Here](#)

Rep. Adams Invites 12th District Students to Participate in the Congressional App Challenge



My office is proud to announce our participation in this year's **Congressional App Challenge**. This spirited competition provides an opportunity for students to learn how to code. It also encourages students to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) while promoting innovation and engagement in computer science.

[Learn More Here](#)

USDA Partners with North Carolina to Award Over \$6.2 Million to Strengthen Food Supply Chain Infrastructure

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and North Carolina are working together to offer over \$6.2 million in competitive grant funding for projects designed to build resilience across the middle of America's food supply chain. Relevant organizations can apply for this infrastructure grant funding May 1, 2024 through June 15, 2024. This is made possible through a

cooperative agreement with North Carolina under the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI) which was announced by the USDA's Marketing Service.

[Learn How to Apply](#)

VA calls for applicants for Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology Grant

The Department of Veterans Affairs is calling for applicants for the **2024 Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology** grant.

Since 2016, assistive technology grants have been awarded each year to selected individuals, researchers, and organizations to develop new technology that enhances the ability of very seriously disabled Veterans and Service members to live more independently. SAHAT applications are evaluated by VA staff with professional experience in construction and housing adaptations for disabled Veterans.

This year, applicants have until 11:59pm EST on April 28 to submit their proposals.

[Apply Here](#)

Biden Administration Rolls Out New Income-Driven Student Loan Repayment Program



The Saving on A Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan, introduced in August by the U.S. Department of Education, is a new income-driven repayment plan designed to alleviate the financial strain of student loans by customizing payments based on income and family size.

[Learn More Here](#)

Scholarship Opportunities from Sallie Mae and Thurgood Marshall College Fund

The Sallie Mae Fund is again offering its **Bridging the Dream Scholarship for High School Students**, increasing the number of scholarships awarded from 25 to 40. High school seniors who are planning to pursue a two or four-year degree program, professional certificate, or vocational training program and excel both inside and outside the classroom – and demonstrate financial need – will be selected to receive up to \$10,000 to help pay for higher education.

[Apply Here](#)

Additionally, The Sallie Mae Fund is offering its **Bridging the Dream Scholarship for Graduate Students**, awarding up to \$10,000 to 10 graduate students committed to leveraging their graduate degree to advance social justice and support their local communities. To be eligible, applicants must be currently enrolled at least half-time in an accredited graduate level program.

[Apply Here](#)



Don't Hand Off Cash to "Agents"

Real Social Security agents will never ask you to give them cash or gift cards

The Social Security Administration (SSA) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is receiving alarming reports that criminals are impersonating SSA OIG agents and are requesting that their targets meet them in person to hand off cash. SSA OIG agents will never pick up money at your door or in any type of exchange. **This is a SCAM!**

NEVER exchange money or funds of any kind with any individual stating they are an SSA OIG agent. This new scam trend introduces an element of physical danger to scams that never existed before.

This recent method of handing cash directly to a phony agent is a dangerous twist on a known scam tactic that pressures individuals to pay in a specific way by using cash or gift cards. SSA OIG and official government agencies do NOT conduct business in this manner.

FINAL THOUGHTS

That's where I'll lay my hat this week, folks! Be sure to share Adams Alerts with a friend so they can receive updates first-hand.

God Bless!

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