

THE 2025 AG GASTON CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

8-9 AM REGISTRATION

9 AM WELCOME | Bob Dickerson

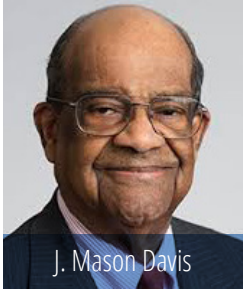
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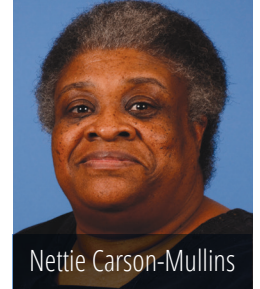
Dr. Tracey Morant Adams, Renasant Bank

A.G. GASTON: THE MAN

Featuring J. Mason Davis – Attorney



J. Mason Davis



Nettie Carson-Mullins

9:30 AM SPONSOR REMARKS

Wesley Mindingall, PNC Bank; Alex Morton, First Horizon

A.G. GASTON: THE ENTREPRENEUR AND PHILANTHROPIST

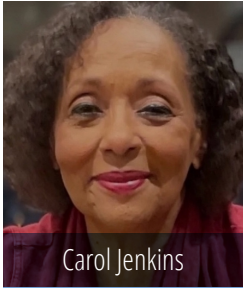
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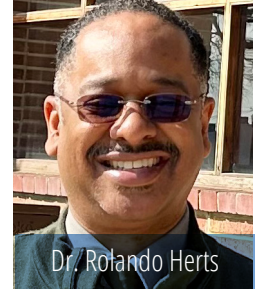
Carol Jenkins – Co-author, *Black Titan: A.G. Gaston and The Making of A Black American Millionaire*

Brian Hamilton – President, A.G. Gaston Construction

Andre McFadden – CEO, A.G. Gaston Boys & Girls Club



Carol Jenkins



Dr. Rolando Herts

10:15 AM SPONSOR REMARKS

John Canty, Wells Fargo; Ledon Jones, SouthState Bank

A.G. GASTON: HIS CONNECTION TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Moderator Gaynelle Adams Jackson

Featuring

Dr. Rolando Herts

Superintendent, Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument

Nettie Carson-Mullins

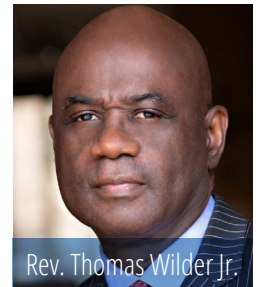
Former Education Specialist, Alabama Department of Education

Rev. Thomas Wilder Jr.

Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Collegeville



Brian Hamilton



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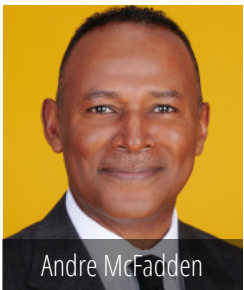
Featuring

Dr. Rochelle Gaston Malone

Founder, Women Empowered

Barry Williams

Asst. Gen. Mgr.-Finance & Management, Birmingham Water Works



Andre McFadden



Rochelle Gaston Malone

11:30 AM LUNCH



Barry Williams

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**1 PM SPONSOR REMARKS | Norman Ross, Coca Cola United
FIRESIDE CHAT**

Featuring Victor Blackwell – Award-winning journalist, anchor, host, CNN
Art Franklin – Award-winning journalist

**2 PM SPONSOR REMARKS | Sam Martin, The Birmingham Times
SPOTLIGHT: BIRMINGHAM BLACK JOURNALISTS**

Steve Crocker **Shelia Smoot**
Art Franklin **Sherrel Stewart**
Harold Jackson **Sarah Verser**
Sherri Jackson **Roy Williams**
Roy S. Johnson **Barnett Wright**
Linda Mays **Ingrid Kindred** (Posthumously)
Jeh Jeh Pruitt
Guy Rawlings

2:15 PM GREEN POWER: MONEY IN ACTION | Session 1

Moderator Bob Dickerson
Featuring Dr. Ken Harris – President & CEO, National Business League
Dr. Velma Trayham – President & CEO, Black Chamber of Arizona

**3:15 PM SPONSOR REMARKS | Thais R. Sullivan, Valley Bank
GREEN POWER: MONEY IN ACTION | Session 2**

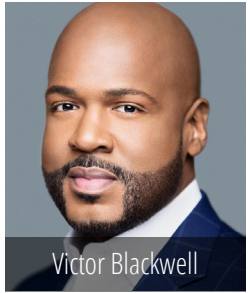
Moderator Gaynelle Adams Jackson
Featuring Charlotte Shaw – CEO, Birmingham Jefferson Co. Transit Authority
Dontrelle Young Foster – CEO, Housing Authority of the Birmingham District
Glenda Thomas – President & CEO, Electra Grid Solutions

4:15 PM BLACK BUSINESS OWNERS' SPOTLIGHT

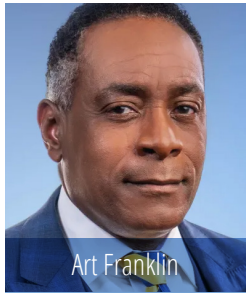
Featuring Courtney French – Owner, WATV AM-FM
Mike Kemp – President, KMS
Carol Kirby – President & Managing Agent, Kirby Insurance Agency
Rashada LeRoy – CEO, LRY
Sam Martin – Publisher, *The Birmingham Times*
Gary Richardson – Owner, WJLD AM-FM
Selena Rodgers-Dickerson – President, SARCOR LLC

4:45 PM | CLOSING REMARKS | Bob Dickerson

5 PM | POST-CONFERENCE RECEPTION & AWARD PRESENTATIONS



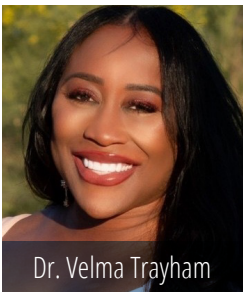
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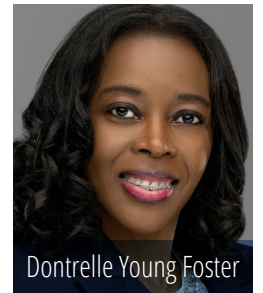
Dr. Ken Harris



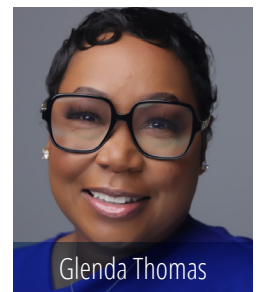
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