






BUFFALO BLACK CAUCUS EVENT PROGRAM

Event Program

 Canisius University (please park in school lots)
 Saturday, May 9, 2026

 **9:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

Check-In & Arrival

 Montante Cultural Center Lobby

Grab your materials, connect with others, and get ready for a powerful day of community, learning, and action.

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Hood Tales Panel

 Montante Cultural Center

Real stories from real people in Buffalo. This powerful opening sets the tone for the day through lived experiences of resilience, struggle, and transformation.

 **Transition to Student Center**

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Workshop Block 1

Black Media & Podcasting for Nonprofits

 Regis Room

Learn how nonprofits are using podcasting and digital media to control their narratives, amplify community voices, and influence real change.

Gun Violence Prevention & Safer Communities

 Grupp Fireside Lounge

Explore solutions to gun violence through community-based strategies, mentorship, and collaborative approaches to building safer neighborhoods.

Business & Food Entrepreneurs (Interactive Experience)

 Dining Hall

Connect with local entrepreneurs and hear real stories about building businesses, overcoming challenges, and creating economic opportunities in Buffalo.

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

Lunch + Community Connection

 Dining Hall

Enjoy lunch, explore local vendors, and engage with creative art experiences while connecting with others in the community.

Lunch generously provided by Wegmans.

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM | Workshop Block 2

Housing & Homeownership Panel

 Regis Room


Gain insight into homeownership, real estate, and building generational wealth through property and community development.

Black Maternal Health

 Grupp Fireside Lounge

A critical conversation on improving outcomes for Black mothers through advocacy, care, and community support systems.

Faith & Justice

 Club Room

Explore the intersection of faith, justice, and community leadership in addressing today's most pressing social issues.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM | Workshop Block 3

Investment & Wealth Building

 Regis Room

Learn practical strategies for building wealth, investing, and creating long-term financial stability.

Environmental Justice

 Dining Hall

Understand how environmental issues impact our communities and what can be done to promote healthier, more equitable neighborhoods.

Ask A Lawyer

 Club Room

An open Q&A session with legal professionals—get answers to your questions and learn your rights.

5/14 Memorial Public Meeting and Community Listening Session

 Grupp Fireside Lounge

An informative listening session and community conversation designed to gather input and help shape the 5/14 Living Memorial & Healing Center.

ALL DAY EXPERIENCES

Youth Track (Grades 4–12)

 Lower Level

A full day of interactive learning, creativity, and leadership development designed just for young people.

Session 1 (11am-12:15pm)- Real Talk With Ash

Session 2 (1:15:pm- 2:15)- 7xve TheGenius


Session 3 (2:30pm-3:30pm)- Art Installation with Eat off Art (in cafeteria)

Creative Art Space

 Dining Hall

Express yourself through hands-on art activities and contribute to a shared creative experience.

Community Resource Fair

 Dining Hall

Connect with local organizations offering programs, services, and opportunities for continued support and growth.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Closing Experience: A Requiem for Our Suffering

 Montante Cultural Center

Featuring Drea d’Nur, this powerful closing honors lives lost while uplifting the strength, resilience, and joy of our community.

We build together. We heal together. We rise together.