



***The Peralta Community College Student Delegation  
2012 Congressional Black Congressional  
Annual Legislative Conference  
Report To The  
Peralta Community College District and  
Its Contributors and Supporters  
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**Congressional Black  
Caucus  Foundation**

# Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

In 1976, The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation was established by members of the CBC. , The CBCF began as a non-partisan research institute. Today, the Foundation is organized as a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy, research and educational institute with a Board of Directors and two Advisory Councils. Later, in 1976 The CBC Fellows Program began. This program provides fellowships to black graduate students to equip them with the necessary training to pursue a career in public policy. The Summer Internship Program helps black college students gain job experience on Capitol Hill.

Until September of this year, A. Shuanise Washington served as the Chairperson of the CBCF and Elsie L. Scott, Ph.D serves as its president and chief executive officer. The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) conducts research on issues affecting African Americans, publishes a yearly report on key legislation, and sponsors issue forums, leadership seminars and scholarships. Although linked with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation is a separate nonprofit group that runs programs in education, healthcare and economic development.

Fundraising events and corporate partners support CBCF programs. The CBCF funds many of its activities by hosting the Annual Legislative Conference each September. The Foundation often works with the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses, a group of wives and husbands of the African American members of the United States Congress.

The CBCF's official website states that its mission is to "advance the global black community by developing leaders, informing policy and educating the public." In order to achieve this mission, the CBCF works to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information addressing critical issues affecting black communities, develop research and historical resources for the public, provide leadership development and scholarship opportunities, and develop programs and research to address social, economic and health disparities. The CBCF sponsors programs under the leadership of some CBC members and other supporters. These initiatives focus on education, economic development, public health and African globalization programs.



# Brief History of Peralta Students and the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference



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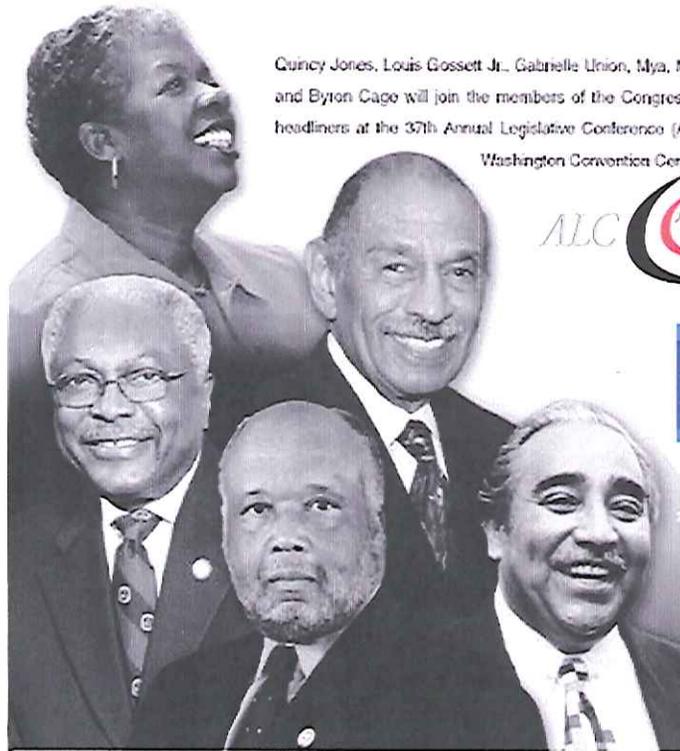
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## *2007 Annual Legislative Conference*

By Herbert Lowe

Quincy Jones, Louis Gossett Jr., Gabrielle Union, Mya, Master P, Victoria Rowell and Byron Cage will join the members of the Congressional Black Caucus as headliners at the 37th Annual Legislative Conference (ALC), Sept. 26-29 at the Washington Convention Center.



Trustee Linda Handy introduced the idea of taking students from The Peralta Community College District during her first term on the seat on the of the Peralta Board of Trustees. Subsequently students have experienced this life changing event since 2005, representing the diverse community that we represent. It is our intent to expose our students to positive leadership opportunities such as the Congressional Black Caucus and other conferences and opportunities as they arise.

### Highlights

- 2007 – Fourteen students from all 4 campuses attend the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference**
- 2009- Eighteen students converge on Washington, D.C., visiting the Department of Labor, the Merritt MAP Program being nationally noted and sitting on the panel with Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Rep. Danny K. Davis. Students got to interview and take pictures with Ben Bernanke chairman of the Federal Reserve.**
- 2010 – Peralta Student Delegation meets with California Latino Caucus interns for breakfast.**
- 2012 – The Peralta Community College District is recognized as the first Community College Student Delegation to the CBC ALC in California. Celebrating five years and over 45 five students experiencing a life changing leadership experience.**