

2026 Spring Grassroots Leadership Academy Conference – Trenton, NC

March 19-20, 2026

DRAFT Agenda

DAY 1: March 19

8:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome/Opening Remarks/Purpose/Recognition of Special Remarks	
9:15 a.m.	Morning Plenary Session <i>Inspiring talk on grassroots leadership impact</i>	
10:15 a.m.	Break (15-minutes)	
10:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions:	
	Track # 1: Facilitating Community Leadership at the Local Level (6-hours)	Track #2: Special Topics in Grassroots Leadership (60- to 90-min session block to include such topics as the <i>ABCs of Partnerships, Personal & Collective Branding,</i> <i>Conflict Resolution, Defining Moments, and Finding Your</i> <i>Place at the Table</i>)
12 p.m.	Networking Lunch	
1 p.m.	Breakout Sessions:	
	Track #1 (continued)	Track #2 (continued)
2:30 p.m.	Break (15-minutes)	
2:45 p.m.	Afternoon Plenary Session Panel Discussion (to showcase leadership in action)	
3:45 p.m.	Wrap Up of Day 1	

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DAY 2: March 20

8:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee and Networking	
8:45 a.m.	Grassroots Lightening Session (<i>showcasing former GLA participants</i>)	
9:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions:	
	Track # 1: Facilitating Community Leadership at the Local Level (<i>continued</i>)	Track #2: Special Topics in Grassroots Leadership (<i>continued</i>)
10:30 a.m.	Break (10-minutes)	
10:40 a.m.	Breakout Sessions:	
	Track #1 (<i>continued</i>)	Track #2 (<i>continued</i>)
11:40 a.m.	Wrap Up/Closing Remarks/Evaluation	