

AGENDA

***Times subject to change**

All General Sessions will take place in the Javits Center North Building

9 - 11 am

Opening Session

The Nation WE Make

Monique Rizer, Opportunity Nation's Executive Director, will provide opening remarks, along with *Jonathan Lavine*, Summit Co-Chair, Chair of the Opportunity Nation Campaign, and Co-Managing Partner, Bain Capital & Chief Investment Officer at Bain Capital Credit, and *Abigail Carlton*, Managing Director, The Rockefeller Foundation.

Senator Tim Scott will offer remarks on creating education and career opportunities as a policymaker.

Then, *Neera Tanden*, President and CEO, the Center for American Progress (CAP) will share insights learned over her career, speak to recent opportunity focused policy ideas from CAP, and offer suggestions where both parties can find agreement.

Our Coalition proposes six bold goals that the next President, policymakers, and community based organizers could take to expand access to opportunity for our nation's young people. *Alan Khazei*, Founder and CEO, Be The Change, Inc., will offer remarks, and then *John Bridgeland*, CEO of Civic Enterprises, will join Alan to introduce the new aligned policy agenda from Opportunity Nation and its Coalition, 'Our Opportunity Nation: A Plan to Fulfill America's Dream as an Opportunity Nation,' for the President, Congress, and policymakers, and will also introduce a panel for further discussion, moderated by *Tanzina Vega*, Digital Correspondent, CNNMoney. Panelists include *Ron Haskins*, Co-Director, Center on Children and Families of The Brookings Institution, *Robert Doar*, Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies at the American Enterprise Institute, *Elizabeth Grant*, Senior Vice President, Jobs for the Future, and *Jamiel Alexander*, Senior Fellow, Aspen Forum For Community Solutions. *Tanzina Vega* will also moderate a bipartisan conversation in the same session with Rep. Chris Gibson and another member of Congress.

Next, we'll hear from Former Governor of Massachusetts and Managing Director at Bain Capital, *Deval Patrick*, who will have a conversation with *Jacob Miller*, Grassroots and Coalition Coordinator at Opportunity Nation.

Immediately following, *Ed Skyler*, Executive Vice President of Global Public Affairs at Citi, *General (Retired) Stanley McChrystal*, Founder of McChrystal Group and Chairman of Service Year Alliance, *Wendy Spencer*, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and *Tracy Hoover*, CEO, Points of Light, will provide remarks before we witness the 2016 ServiceWorks AmeriCorps VISTA Cohort Swearing-In Ceremony.

Concurrent Sessions (all take place in Hall 1A)

11:30 am - 12:45 pm

Session 1: Opportunity ROI – From Social Good to Business Imperative

Built by: Urban Alliance and MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership
Room: 1A06

Session 2: What Would It Take to Change Our Incarceration Nation?

Built by: The Tow Foundation
Sponsored by: The Tow Foundation
Room: 1A10

Session 3: Diversifying the Talent Pool: National Service as a Strategic Workforce

Development Opportunity

Built by: NYC Service
Room: 1A07

Session 4: Today's Students

Built by: America Forward and Young Invincibles
Room: 1A24

Session 5: Opportunity Community Collaboratory

Built by: Opportunity Boston and Be The Change, Inc.
Room: 1A08

Session 6: Empowering Veterans to Strengthen Communities

Built by: Got Your 6
Room: 1A23

1 - 2:15 pm

Luncheon General Session: Pathways & Purpose

Currently, 5.5 million young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 are disconnected from school and work, and within this group of disconnected youth, unemployment is double the national average. These young adults deserve our urgent attention, especially when we all pay the price for disconnection. Young adults who are not in school or working cost taxpayers \$93 billion annually and \$1.6 trillion over their lifetimes in lost revenue and increased social services.

Ensuring that the next generation of leaders will have meaningful pathways will expand opportunity in education, the economy, and civic life. This session will include voices from the private sector, new research, and leaders who work with — and for — young adults, and will explore the latest in programs and partnerships to connect more youth and young adults to education and career pathways.

After opening remarks from *Rob Gordon*, President of Be The Change Inc., Opportunity Nation will release findings from their new report **Retail's Opportunity: Exploring the Industry's Impact on People and Places**, funded by the Walmart Foundation.

Following, Walmart's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, *Judith McKenna*, will share how Walmart is rethinking retail careers. The company is making big changes, creating opportunity for their associates by investing \$2.7 billion in training, education, and higher wages.

Then, *Bobbi Silten*, Executive Vice President, Global Talent & Sustainability, Gap Inc. and *Darius Case*, 2015 Alumnus of the This Way Ahead Program and an employee at the Banana Republic Factory Store in Harlem, will have a conversation about how Gap is creating opportunity for young adults across the country.

Next, *Rodney Robbins*, Manager, Community Engagement, VILLA will discuss VILLA's unique "Join the Movement" Community Engagement Initiative.

To close the lunch session, *Gerald Chertavian*, Founder and CEO of Year Up, will moderate a conversation with *Anne M. Kress, Ph.D.*, President of Monroe Community College, and *Abigail Carlton*, Managing Director, The Rockefeller Foundation, about innovative ways educators, community based organizations, and philanthropic leaders are collaborating to expand economic opportunity in local communities and across the nation.

2:15 - 2:45 pm

Networking Break

Please take some time to network while also supporting the efforts of tomorrow's National Day of Service. Take a few minutes to write notes to the recipients of the thousands of meals that will be packed for various New York City food pantries, shelters, and faith-based organizations in an effort led by 911day.org and Tomorrow Together.

Each card — designed by young people at **The Possible Project**, a member organization of Opportunity Nation's Coalition — will be placed in a packed meal at the Sunday service event, underwritten by Citi Foundation.

3 - 4:30 pm

Closing Session: What is YOUR Role?

After remarks from *Alan Khazei*, Founder and CEO of Be The Change, Inc., *Carla Javits*, of the Marian B. and Jacob K. Javits Foundation, will be joined by members of the Javits family to present the inaugural *Jacob K. Javits Prize for Bipartisan Leadership*. The Prize is meant to serve as a beacon to encourage other public servants to advance bipartisan solutions and work across partisan boundaries to craft solutions to the nation's most pressing problems. The Javits Prize for Bipartisanship: Lifetime Achievement will be awarded to *Senator Susan Collins* and the Javits Prize for Bipartisanship: Emerging Partnership will be awarded to *Senators Cory Booker* and *Tim Scott*.

Following The Prize, *Anne Mosle*, Vice President at the Aspen Institute and Executive Director of Ascend at the Aspen Institute, and *Major General Sharon K. G. Dunbar (USAF – Ret.)*, Vice President of Human Resources at General Dynamics Mission Systems, will have a conversation about why investing in girls and women is key to advancing opportunity for themselves, families, and communities.

Then, *David Fischer*, Executive Director of the NYC Office of Youth Employment, and *Timothy Jones*, Director of Healthy Connections of Martha's Table, will share how cities, community based organizations, and employers are collaborating to address the youth employment crisis, and to develop soft skills for life in a conversation moderated by *Elyse Rosenblum*, Principal, Grads of Life.

Next, *Kerry Sullivan*, President, Bank of America Charitable Foundation, will have a conversation with *Nathaniel Cole* and *Carlos Polanco*, alumni of the Urban Alliance and

Bank of America Student Leaders, to share their perspectives about how access to networks, mentorship, and employment can play a role in creating a pathway to success.

To close out the day, *Blair Taylor*, CEO of My Brother's Keeper Alliance, and *Monica Lozano*, Chairman, The Aspen Institute Latinos and Society Program, will provide a dynamic talk about engaging a new generation by joining with cities and towns, businesses, and foundations that are taking important steps to connect young people. An exclusive preview of the upcoming documentary "Raising Bertie" will be shown, introduced by *Margaret Byrne*, Director/Producer, Beti Films, and *Ian Robertson Kibbe*, Producer, Kartemquin Films, and then community activist *Vivian Saunders* will speak to how we all can identify a community problem and take action.