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Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Announces 45th National Convention July 26-31 in Orlando, Florida

The 2022 National Convention will honor notable alumni and philanthropist Susan L. Taylor. Featured entertainers and special guests include award-winning singer-songwriter Ne-Yo, the "Original Human Beatbox" Doug E. Fresh, DJ Vince Adams, musicians Gritz and Jelly Butter, gospel recording artist Dorinda Clark-Cole, Bishop Paul S. Morton, and actor Lance Gross

WASHINGTON, updated June 29, 2022—Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, The Premier African American Family Organization, will hold its 45th National Convention, July 26-31, in Orlando, Florida to celebrate the theme, "The Power of A Dream!"

The 2022 National Convention will exemplify the power of dreaming and significance of helping children to dream by featuring an interactive legacy gallery of notable Jack and Jill of America alumni in entertainment, business, government, education, media, technology, and social justice, among other industries. Some of these accomplished men and women will receive special recognition at the convention's closing gala.

Philanthropist Susan L. Taylor will receive induction as the organization's second honorary member following Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President Emerita of the Children's Defense Fund. Taylor is being recognized for her contributions to advance the African American community as former Editor-in-Chief at [Essence](#) and her commitment to enhance the lives of children as Founder and CEO of [National CARES Mentoring Movement](#)—a national leader in the recruitment, training, and engagement of Black mentors.

In honor of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Jack and Jill of America in collaboration with Disney on the Yard, will host "Homecoming Night." Disney on the Yard is dedicated to building a community for HBCU alumni across The Walt Disney Company and providing meaningful opportunities for students. At "Homecoming Night", JJ Families will wear college paraphernalia of their choice. Drum Major Mickey and local high school bands will also perform including Jones High, the first public school for African Americans in Orlando, established in 1895.

National Convention entertainers and special guests will include award-winning singer-songwriter Ne-Yo, the "Original Human Beatbox" Doug E. Fresh, Bishop Paul S. Morton, gospel recording artist Dorinda Clark-Cole, DJ Vince Adams, musicians Gritz and Jelly Butter, and actor Lance Gross. There will also be forums centered on health, wealth, and Black women in Fortune 500 executive leadership. Particularly, the health forum will address inequities in the healthcare system and improving health care support for people and communities of color.



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Jack and Jill of America's national conventions are biannual, occurring every other year. The organization's previous national convention in 2020 was entirely virtual to safely unite families and abide by federal and state guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. For the 2022 National Convention in Orlando, Florida, in-person registration sold out in approximately nine minutes; a record-time compared to previous events. As a result, the organization will still offer a virtual option for participation.

Kornisha McGill Brown, National President of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, said, "We are so very grateful for this opportunity to bring our Jack and Jill families back together again in-person after the impact and physical separation caused by the pandemic. We look forward to gathering once again to perform the business of Jack and Jill, to share our successes, and celebrate "The Power of A Dream!"

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ABOUT JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. was founded in 1938 to nurture future African American leaders by stimulating the growth and development of children through educational, cultural, civic, recreational, health and social programs inspired by mothers. Through its 252 chapters organized in seven regions across the United States, Jack and Jill is considered the largest African American family organization in the nation representing 40,000 family members which includes, mother members, fathers, and children ages two through 19. For more information about Jack and Jill of America, Inc. please visit: jackandjillinc.org or @jackandjillinc on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Tik Tok](#), or [LinkedIn: Jack and Jill of America, Inc.](#)

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