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**Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated
On The Hill Legislative Summit set for September 22-25, 2023**

More than 600 African American teen advocates from across the nation will convene in Washington, D.C. for the organization's ninth biennial OTH event

WASHINGTON, September 19, 2023—On The Hill Summit (OTH), Jack and Jill of America, Inc.'s flagship legislative event, will be held September 22 through September 25 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C. The organization's ninth biennial OTH will bring more than 600 African American teen advocates from 33 states to the nation's capital to learn about the legislative process, advocate for significant issues related to youth and the Black community and meet with their state legislators.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is regarded as the largest and most prominent African American family organization representing over 70,000 family members including mother members, associates, fathers, teens, and children throughout 262 chapters nationwide. Founded in 1938, the organization has had a stellar 85th anniversary year throughout 2023, and the ninth biennial On The Hill Legislative Summit will be the final national event of this milestone year.



2023 On The Hill Legislative Summit priorities are the following:

- **Voting Education and Awareness**
 - John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021
- **CROWN ACT Support**
 - Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act of 2022
- **Gun Control and Stricter Gun Laws**
 - Raising the Age Act of 2023 and Keep Americans Safe Act
- **Policing Reform**
 - George Floyd Justice in Policing Act
- **Mental Health Awareness and Education**
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness' (NAMI) Stigma-Free Campaign

The OTH 2023 event schedule for Jack and Jill of America (JJOA) teen advocates is comprised of several engaging events. Highlights include a Black Business Vendors Summit, National President's welcome reception and awards night, "Power of Advocacy" speaker series, mental health pop-up, praise and worship service, JJOA legislative awards and programming luncheon, and a day on the Capitol for teens to engage with Congressional Representatives and Senators. Saturday's mental health pop-up, one of the main OTH events, will take place on the campus of the University of the District of the Columbia (UDC) and provide Jack and Jill attendees, UDC students, as well as invited youth from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, with mental health education and resources from national and local experts. The weekend will also



include a memorial tribute to Jack and Jill Teen Carole Robertson and the other young victims of the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama which occurred 60 years ago this month.

Jack and Jill of America's ninth biennial OTH Legislative Summit will feature special guest speakers and appearances from Mayor Muriel Bowser, seventh elected Mayor of Washington, D.C. and a Jack and Jill Mother Member; Maryland's First Lady Dawn Flythe Moore, wife of Gov. Wes Moore—the State of Maryland's first Black governor; Bakari Sellers, CNN political commentator, attorney, and former South Carolina state representative; Symone Sanders-Townsend, MSNBC Host, political strategist and commentator; Dianne Robertson Braddock, sister of Jack and Jill Teen Carole Robertson—one of the victims of the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama; Attorney Ben Crump, a nationally-recognized trial lawyer and social justice advocate; Esi Eggleston Bracey, President of Unilever USA, CEO of Personal Care North America, and a Jack and Jill Mother Member; and several others.

Sponsors for Jack and Jill of America, Inc.'s 2023 On The Hill Legislative Summit include Unilever, Ford, AARP, Baxter, Prudential, and Jack and Jill of America Foundation.

Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated National President Kornisha McGill Brown said, “We are looking forward to a powerful On The Hill Legislative Summit experience in support of our continued advocacy to champion initiatives that educate and empower our children as well as uplift our communities. This year's OTH has increased in-person attendance compared to previous years which is encouraging in our civic engagement efforts and mission to nurture future African American leaders.”

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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 262 chapters organized in seven regions across the United States, Jack and Jill is considered the largest African American family organization in the nation representing 70,000 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](#), [TikTok](#), or [LinkedIn: Jack and Jill of America, Inc.](#)

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