

Alabama Leadership Initiative
SESSION III
Discovering Alabama's Black Belt
April 25-27, 2019
****as of 03/25/2019****



Thursday, April 25, 2019

- 12:15 p.m. **Meet in Demopolis at Comfort Inn Hotel** *(Please have lunch prior to your arrival.)*
943 US Highway 80 West, Demopolis, AL 36732
- 12:30 p.m. *Vans depart Demopolis and travel to Livingston*
- 1:15 p.m. **Welcome to University Charter School**
Lyon Hall, University of West Alabama
- Ken Tucker, President, University of West Alabama, Leadership Alabama Class X
 - J.J. Wedgworth, Head of School, University Charter School, ALI Class II
- 1:30 p.m. **Tour of University Charter School**
- 2:15 p.m. **What is a Charter School?**
- Tyler Barnett, Executive Director, New Schools for Alabama
 - Jeremiah Newell, Head of School, ACCEL
 - Emily Schultz, State Advocacy & Policy Director, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
 - JJ Wedgworth, Head of School, University Charter School, ALI Class II
- 3:30 p.m. *Walk across to Sumter County Courthouse*
- 3:45 p.m. **Break and Reception**
- 4:00 p.m. **Sumter County Courthouse History and Tour**
- Tammy Montgomery, District Court Judge, Sumter County, Leadership Alabama Class XXVIII
- 4:45 p.m. *Vans depart Livingston and return to Demopolis hotels*
- 6:15 p.m. *Vans depart hotel for dinner*
- 6:30 p.m. **ALI Class II Graduation Dinner – Low Country Style**
Foscue House, Demopolis
- Welcome from Kirk Brooker, Director, Marengo County Historical Association and Sarah Chandler Hallmark, Social Worker and Civic Volunteer, LA Class XXIII

Friday, April 26, 2019

Continental breakfast on your own at the hotel.

- 8:30 a.m. *Vans depart hotels and travel to Newbern*
- 9:15 a.m. **Auburn Rural Studio: Students and Projects in the Black Belt**
- Andrew Freear, Professor and Director, Auburn University Rural Studio
- 10:30 a.m. *Vans depart Newbern and travel to Project Horseshoe Farm*
- 10:45 a.m. **Project Horseshoe Farm: Mental Health, Housing, Education Initiatives**
- John Dorsey, Founder and Executive Director, Project Horseshoe Farm, LA Class XXI

- 11:45 a.m. *Vans depart PHF for downtown Greensboro*
- 12:15 p.m. **Welcome to the Greensboro Opera House**
 • Winnie Cobbs, Greensboro Community Leader
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch and Opera House Tour**
- 1:15 p.m. **Project Horseshoe Farm Fellows and Downtown Projects**
- 1:45 p.m. **Downtown Revitalization: Bringing Main Street back to Greensboro**
Welcome from Hale County Probate Judge Arthur Crawford
 • Panel with Greensboro business owners and community leaders
- 2:45 p.m. **Coffee and Pastry Break at The Stable**
 Stroll Main Street, visit shops and The Pie Lab on your own.
- 3:15 p.m. **Main Street Alabama: Revitalizing and Renewing Small Town Alabama**
 • Mary Helmer, Executive Director, Main Street Alabama, LA Class XXIX
- 4:15 p.m. *Vans depart Greensboro and return to Demopolis*
- 6:15 p.m. *Vans depart hotel for dinner*
- 6:30 p.m. **Casual and Fun Dinner in Faunsdale**

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Continental breakfast on your own at the hotel.

- 8:15 a.m. *Caravan departs hotel and travel towards Marion*
- 8:45 a.m. **Past and Present Agriculture in the Black Belt**
 Moore-Webb-Holmes Home in Folsom, Alabama
 • Cooper Holmes, ALI Class I
 • Wendy Yeager, ALI Class II
- 9:45 a.m. **Scott and King History... It all started in the Black Belt**
 Childhood home, church and family business of Coretta Scott King
- 10:15 a.m. **Reverie**
 Antebellum historic mansion tour
 • Chef Scott Peacock
- 11:15 a.m. **Main Street Marion**
 Guided tour around the historic courthouse square where Jimmy Lee Jackson was shot, which led to the Selma to Montgomery March.
- 11:45 p.m. **Appreciating the History; Moving Marion Forward**
 Lincoln Normal School
 • Panel with Marion Leaders
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
 Lincoln Normal School
- 1:30 p.m. *Session concludes. Depart Marion and return home*