The 2024 Flinn Foundation **Centennial Lecture**

Dr. Bernice A. King

Building History: Continuing the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tempe Center for the Arts October 1, 2024 | 5-7:30 p.m. 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281

> Community Expo 5-6 p.m. Musical performance 5:15 p.m. Lecture 6:30 p.m.

Presented By:















The year 2024 marks the 60th anniversary of Dr. King's visit to Arizona where he championed the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The 2024 Centennial Lecture honors this anniversary through a conversation with his daughter, Dr. Bernice A. King. This year's lecture is preceded by a celebratory community expo, highlighting organizations continuing the work for equality.

Community Expo



Music by Sandra Bassett, CEO, Central Arts Alliance

Welcome by Dr. Kenja Hassan, Assistant Vice President, ASU Office of Government and Community Engagement



Opening Prayer by Terry E. Mackey, Senior Pastor, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

Message from Michelle Gayles, Chief Impact Officer, Arizona Community Foundation

Message from OD Harris,
Co-Chair, Black Philanthropy Initiative

Featured Organizations

Arizona Interfaith Movement Area Agency on Aging ASU Black Alumni Chapter

Black Collections at ASU Library

Black Mothers Forum

Jennie Dennison

Center for the Study of Race and Democracy Greater Phoenix Urban League Young Professionals Kevs to Change

NAACP East Valley Branch

NAACP Maricopa County Branch

Phoenix Rescue Mission

Project Humanities

Tanner Community Development Corp
Safe Schools Focus on Excellence

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Lecture | Welcome by Tempe City Councilmember, Berdetta Hodge

Introduction of the Lecture by Dean Tara Williams

Moderator Candi Castleberry, Vice President, Inclusive Experiences and Technology, Amazon



Candi Castleberry is Amazon's Vice President of Inclusive Experiences and Technology (IXT) and a member of the company's senior leadership team. In her role, Castleberry is focused on leveraging science and technology to drive systemic change in DEI. A visionary change-agent with two decades of experience helping organizations move from bolted-on to built-in diversity, Castleberry is leading the integration of DEI throughout the employee, customer, and community experience. Prior to joining the company, Castleberry was vice president of Intersectionality, Culture, and Diversity at X (formerly Twitter). As an experienced diversity and inclusion leader, she developed successful strategies and initiatives in technology, telecommunications, and healthcare at organizations including Xerox Corporation, Sun Microsystems, Motorola, and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). She received an MBA from Pepperdine University, a bachelor's degree in legal studies from UC Berkeley, and completed the Stanford University Executive Human Resources program.



Dr. Bernice A. King is a global thought leader, strategist, solutionist, orator, peace advocate, and CEO of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center For Nonviolent Social Change (The King Center), which was founded by her mother as the official living memorial to the life, work, and legacy of her father. In this position, King continues to advance her parents' legacy of nonviolent social change through policy, advocacy, research, education and training through the Kingian philosophy of nonviolence, which she re-branded Nonviolence365™ (NV365).

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