

43RD ANNUAL
CONFERENCE ON THE
**BLACK
FAMILY**

From Chaos to Community
Elevating Black Families – Actualizing the Vision
of the Beloved Community
March 19–21, 2025

— WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 —

6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Ogden Hall

Opening Session

Honored Family: Mr. Raashaun (DJ
Envy) Casey and Mrs. Gia Casey

Mr. Derek Lewis

*Entrepreneur, Leader, and Author
Former President, Pepsico
Founder, Levelz Up, LLC
Hampton U '88*

**Survive and Advance:
Overcoming Family Crises and
Pathways to Success in Family
and Corporate Life**

7:30 p.m.–9 p.m.

Clark Hall

Opening Reception

Featuring Hampton University -
SLAE Student and
Faculty Artists/Creatives
(Invited Guests Only)

— THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 —

8 a.m.–8:50 a.m.

Student Center Lounge

Wellness Session 1

8 a.m.–8:50 a.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**Engaging Black Men as Allies
against Violence Towards Black
Women: Lessons Learned from
Field Innovation**

9 a.m.–9:50 a.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**The Relevance of the Church to
You: Purpose, Power and
His Presence**

9 a.m.–9:50 a.m.

Student Center Theater

Wellness Session 2

10 a.m.–10:50 a.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**Breaking Chains, Building
Futures: Incarceration, Family,
and Healing**

10 a.m.–10:50 a.m.

Student Center Theater

**The Secret Ingredients to
Strengthening Black Love &
Black Families**

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**Black Fatherhood & Family
Strength: Insights from
Dr. Brad Wilcox**

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**Black Men, Family, & Psycho-
Spiritual Identity**

12 p.m.–1 p.m.

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1 p.m.–2 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**The Existential Crisis of the Black
Family: A Path to Restoration**

2 p.m.–2:50 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**The Black Family Blueprint:
Rules for Restoring Marriage and
Rebuilding the Home**

2 p.m.–2:50 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom

Family Session

3 p.m.–3:50 p.m.

Student Center Theater

**Building Wealth, Giving Back:
Young Black Entrepreneurs on
Success and Community Impact**

3 p.m.–3:50 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**Finding My Future with My Faith:
Relationships that Matter**

5 p.m.–7 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**Taking Root in the Beloved
Community – A Glimpse
of Real Black Love**

— FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025 —

8 a.m.–8:50 a.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**Texts of Terror Domestic Violence:
The Church's Call to Respond**

8 a.m.–8:50 a.m.

Student Center Theater

**Ascension: The Black Family,
Resilience, and the Pursuit
of Excellence**

9 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Student Center Theater

**From Community to Chaos and
Back to Community**

9 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Ogden Hall

Common Ground

**Healing Together: Navigating
Substance Abuse and Family
Mental Health**

10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

Ogden Hall

**Is Common Ground Possible on
Family Policy?**

12 p.m.–2 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom

**Closing Luncheon
Healing, Hope, and
Empowerment: Dr. DeForest
Soaries on Restoring the
Black Community**

**Rev. Dr. DeForest Blake "Buster"
Soaries, Jr.**

Baptist Minister

*Former Secretary of State, NJ
Former Chairman, Federal Election
Assistance Commission*



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