

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.**

**LUNCH**

**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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