



First Annual Haitian Unity Convention
Education: the Road to Empowerment
Convention Program

GENERAL PROGRAM
Friday January 27, 2006

11:00A – 1:00P Registration

Afternoon Sessions

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Location
1:00 - 1:30	General Session - Keynote Presentation Welcome: "Why have a Haitian Unity Convention"?	Angelo Gousse, MD	Ashe Auditorium
1:30 - 2:00	Visit Exhibit Booths		
2:00 - 5:00	Breakout Sessions Education Empowerment		Lecture Hall

Welcome Reception

8:00 - Midnight	Welcome Reception with Live Entertainment by "Sweet Micky" Art Exhibit		Regency Ballroom
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GENERAL PROGRAM
Saturday January 28, 2006

Morning Sessions

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Location
9:00 - 9:30	General Session - Keynote Presentation	Judge Fred Seraphin	Ashe Auditorium
9:30 - 10:00	Visit Exhibit Booths		
10:00 - 12:00	Breakout Sessions Education Empowerment Health Empowerment Continuing Medical Education Legal Empowerment Financial Empowerment Political Empowerment Engineering/Technology Religion		Lecture Hall Johnson Room Flamingo Room Ibis Room Pearson Rooms Foster Room Granada Room Tequesta Room
12:00P - 1:00P	Lunch Break		

Afternoon Sessions

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Location
1:00 - 1:45	General Session Motivational Presentation (Itineraire)	Alain Innocent, MD Frantz Devilme	Ashe Auditorium
2:00 - 5:00	Breakout Sessions Education Empowerment Health Empowerment Continuing Medical Education Legal Empowerment Financial Empowerment Political Empowerment Engineering/Technology Religion		Lecture Hall Johnson Room Flamingo Room Ibis Room Pearson Rooms Foster Room Granada Room Tequesta Room
5:15 - 6:15	Movie Documentary: Once There Was A Country: Revisiting Haiti Narrated by Maya Angelou and Guy Johnson <i>Moderators: Kathy Greene, Barth Green, MD (Project Medishare)</i>		Ashe Auditorium



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9:00 - 9:30	General Session - Keynote Presentation Topic (TBA)	Gepsie Metellus	Ashe Auditorium
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Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Location
12:00 - 1:00	General Session - Debate Format Haiti and the Diaspora	TBA	Ashe Auditorium
1:00 - 1:30	Closing Remarks	Angelo Gousse, MD	Ashe Auditorium
1:30 - 2:30	Movie Documentary: Haiti, Mon Reve, Mon Amour Producer/Director: Claude St-Rome <i>Moderator: Eric Boucicaut (A.C.T.I.O.N. Foundation Inc.)</i>		Ashe Auditorium



**EDUCATION
(Lecture Hall)**

**Friday January 27, 2006
Afternoon Sessions**

Theme: Career in Health Care
Moderator: Patrick Ervilus, RN

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 - 2:30	How to get into Medical School?	Jenny Duret, Hermena Cerphy
2:30 - 3:00	How to get into Nursing School?	Gracelle Toussaint, ARNP
3:00 - 3:30	How to become a Physician Assistant?	Pascale Ghery-Andre, PA-C
3:30 - 4:00	How to get into Pharmacy School?	Marie May Gousse, Fatima Calixte
4:00 - 4:30	How to get into Dental School?	Roger Phanord, DMD
4:30 - 5:00	How to get into D.O. School?	Smith Joseph, DO; Kissinger Goldman, DO

**Saturday January 28, 2006
Morning Sessions**

Theme: College Education
Moderators: Martyne Patrick, Gary Saint-Louis

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	How to choose a College?	TBA
10:30 - 11:00	Tips to maintain a high GPA in College?	TBA
11:00 - 11:30	Education for Tomorrow	Tybule Saint-Louis
11:30 - 12:00	Management of Peer Pressure	Jacqueline Schreibmaier, Martyne Patrick

**Saturday January 28, 2006
Afternoon Sessions**

Theme: Career in Health Care
Moderators: Tybule Saint-Louis, Gary Saint-Louis

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 - 2:30	How to get into Medical School?	Jenny Duret, Hermena Cerphy
2:30 - 3:00	How to get into Nursing School?	Gracelle Toussaint, ARNP
3:00 - 3:30	How to become a Physician Assistant?	Pascale Ghery-Andre, PA-C
3:30 - 4:00	How to get into Pharmacy School?	Marie May Gousse, Fatima Calixte
4:00 - 4:30	How to get into Dental School?	Lucie Casthely, DMD, MPH, MS
4:30 - 5:00	How to get into D.O. School?	Smith Joseph, DO



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EDUCATION
(Lecture Hall)

Sunday January 29, 2006
Morning Sessions

Theme: Graduate Education

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	How to get into Law School?	Karen Andre, Esq.
10:30 - 11:00	How to get into Business School?	Regine B. Cambronne
11:00 - 11:30	TBA	TBA
11:30 - 12:00	Management of Peer Pressure	Jacqueline Schreibmaier, Martyne Patrick



**HEALTH EDUCATION
(Johnson Room)**

Saturday January 28, 2006

Morning Sessions

Theme: Women's Health

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	Bladder Control Problems in Women	Angelo Gousse, MD
10:30 - 11:00	Preventive Health Care for Women	Gardy Marcelin, MD
11:00 - 11:30	Infertility	Georges Edouard, MD
11:30 - 12:00	Prevention of Breast Cancer	Odaine Medacier, ARNP Guerna Blot, RN, MSN

Saturday January 28, 2006

Afternoon Sessions

Theme: Cardiovascular Diseases

Moderator: Anssie Blot, RN, Pierre-Paul Cadet, MD

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 - 2:30	High Blood Pressure	Myrtha Gheusneaud, ARNP
2:30 - 3:00	Heart Diseases	Eric Pierre-Jerome, RN, BSN
3:00 - 3:30	High Cholesterol	Smith Joseph, DO
3:30 - 4:00	Stroke	Yolaine Nozile, RN, BSN
4:00 - 4:30	Obesity	Marie Etienne, ARNP
4:30 - 5:00	Diabetes	Elizabeth Philippe, MD

Sunday January 29, 2006

Morning Sessions

Theme: Men's Health

Moderators: Alande Brezault, MD, Pierre-Richard Edouard, MD

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	Prostate Problems	Paul Blanc, MD
10:30 - 11:00	Sexual Problems in Men	Angelo Gousse, MD, Paul Blanc, MD

Theme: Taboo Topics in the Haitian-American Community

Moderators: Richard Douyon, MD, Larry Pierre, MD, MPH

11:00 - 11:30	HIV	Serge Alexandre, MD
11:30 - 12:00	Schizophrenia	Smith Dorval, MD



CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION
(Flamingo Room)

Saturday January 28, 2006
Morning Sessions

Moderator: Reginald Pereira, MD

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 11:00	Diabetes Mellitus, An Update	Alix Gay, MD
11:00 - 12:00	Treatment in Hypertension in African-Americans	Herold Merisier, MD

Saturday January 28, 2006
Afternoon Sessions

Moderator: Gislaine M. Marcelin, MD

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 - 3:00	Modern Contraceptive Options	Jerry Gilles, MD
3:00 - 4:00	Options in the Treatment of Overactive Bladder	Angelo Gousse, MD
4:00 - 5:00	Diagnosis and Management of Urinary Incontinence	Angelo Gousse, MD



LEGAL EMPOWERMENT
(Ibis Room)

Saturday January 28, 2006
Morning Sessions

Theme: Family Law

Moderators: Beatrice Cazeau, Esq., Marie Jo Toussaint, Esq.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 11:00	Domestic Violence: Its effects on the Family and the Community.	S. Salomon, Esq., L. Labrousse, Esq., B. Cazeau, Esq.
11:00 - 12:00	Family Law Issues and Dependency	G. Thomas, Esq., M. Estime-Thompson, Esq. Rudolph Baboun (GAL)

Saturday January 28, 2006
Afternoon Sessions

Theme: Immigration and Labor Law

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 - 3:00	Immigration: An Overview on the New Federal Regulations.	A. Eugene, Esq., N. Francillon, Esq. S. Salomon, Esq.
3:00 - 4:00	Real Estate: Legal Aspect	Gabriel Alexis, Esq.; Phillip Brutus, Esq.
4:00 - 5:00	Criminal Defense	Kathy Achilles, Esq.

Sunday January 29, 2006
Morning Sessions

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	Pre-Paid Legal Services	Philippe Gousse
10:30 - 11:00	Bankruptcy: Advantages and Consequences of Filing	Anthony Box, Esq., Alix Montes, Esq., Sabrina Chassagne, Esq.
11:00 - 11:30	Wills & Trusts	Anthony Box, Esq., Alix Montes, Esq.
11:30 - 12:00	Overview of the Criminal Justice System	Kercth Conze, Esq., B. Cazeau, Esq. Marie Jo Toussaint, Esq.



FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT
(Pearson Room)

Saturday January 28, 2006
Morning Sessions

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	Starting a Business	Jerry Kolo
10:30 - 11:00	Economic Development	Jerry Kolo
11:00 - 12:00	Doing Business with Government	Fritz Armand

Saturday January 28, 2006
Afternoon Sessions

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 - 2:30	Real Estate Investment (Home)	Cameus Jacob
2:30 - 3:00	Real Estate Investment (Land)	Cameus Jacob
3:00 - 3:30	Guidance for First Time Home Buyers	Rodrigue Eustache, Rosa Sabatier
3:30 - 4:00	The Taxi Business	Gerlin Cadet
4:00 - 5:00	The Importance of a Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce in Our Community	Munir Mourra, Ph.D



HEALTH AND GOVERNEMENT
(Pearson Room)

Sunday January 29, 2006
Morning Sessions

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	Medical Education and Health Care Services: Cooperating with a Public Institution in Haiti	Andre Vulcain, MD
10:30 - 11:00	Difficulties in Accessing Health Care in FL	Gilbert St- Jean, MD, MPH, Ph.D
11:00 - 12:00	Contribution of Non-Profit Organizations to the Health Care System in Haiti	Michel Dodard, MD



**GUIDANCE FOR FOREIGN HEALTH CARE GRADUATES
(Flamingo Room)**

**Sunday January 29, 2006
Morning Sessions**

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 11:00	"Survival Guide" for Haitian Graduates from Non-US Medical Schools	A. Mogin, MD; E. Toussaint, MD
11:00 - 12:00	"Survival Guide" for Haitian Graduates from Non-US Nursing Schools	TBA (HANA)



**POLITICAL/CIVIC EMPOWERMENT
(Foster Room)**

**Saturday January 28, 2006
Morning Sessions**

Moderator: G. Philippeaux

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 11:00	The Power of the Haitian Vote: The importance of the Naturalization Process	M-F Bell, P. Barthole, J. Despinosse
11:00 - 12:00	Women in Politics	Yolly Roberson, M. Saint-Vil, M. E. Steril,

**Saturday January 28, 2006
Afternoon Sessions**

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 - 2:30	The Impact of the Haitian Revolution on the Independence and Expansion of the United States	Gerard A. Ferere, PhD
2:30 - 3:00	The Haitian American Historical Society The Savannah Monument Project	Claude Charles
3:00 - 4:00	Challenges of Electoral Campaign in South Florida	J. Monestine, L. Tondreau
4:00 - 5:00	Media and Politics	TBA

**Sunday January 29, 2006
Morning Sessions**

Moderator: G. Philippeaux

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 11:00	Participation in Local Politics	Jacques Lafontant
11:00 - 11:30	The Importance of a Haitian Census in the US	Louis Hernst Marcelin, Ph.D
11:30 - 12:00	The Importance of a House Representative for the Haitian Community	Yolly Roberson, Philippe Brutus, Esq



**ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY FORUM
(Granada Room)**

**Saturday January 28, 2006
Morning Sessions**

Moderator: Bernard Eugene

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	How can I become a planner?	Jaap Vos
10:30 - 11:00	How does planning affect my community?	Bernard Eugene
11:00 - 11:30	Safety Violations	P. Sylvestre
11:30 - 12:00	What is going on in our communities? (Population Changes, Transportation, Housing, etc,)	Jaap Vos

**Saturday January 28, 2006
Afternoon Sessions**

Moderator: Thedy Brezault

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 - 2:30	How to search the Internet?	T. Brezault Jr.
2:30 - 3:00	How to obtain a free e-mail address?	Yolette Mezadiou
3:00 - 3:30	How to keep your computer safe?	Jay Jean-Louis
3:30 - 4:00	How to look for a job online?	Harry Jean-Louis
4:00 - 4:30	How to file for your taxes online for free?	T. Brezault Jr.
4:30 - 5:00		

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Morning Sessions**

Moderators: Thedy Brezault, Charles Blot

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	How to register a domain a name And create a simple website?	Jay Jean-Louis
10:30 - 11:00	How to obtain your credit scores online And dispute negative credit reporting?	Yolette Mezadiou
11:00 - 11:30	Electrical Safety	Marc Leveille
11:30 - 12:00	The Professional Engineer	Max Massac



RELIGION
(Tequesta Room)

Saturday January 28, 2006
Morning Sessions

Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00 - 10:30	Catholic Faith	Father R. Jean-Mary, Father Jocelyn
10:30 - 11:00	Protestant Faith	Pastor George Fabre, PhD
11:00 - 11:30	Anglican Faith	Father Bazin
11:30 - 12:00	Haitian Traditional Faith	Jerry Gilles, MD

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Moderators: TBA

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 - 3:00	Religion and Your Country	Pastor George Fabre, PhD
3:00 - 3:30	Religious Faith and Health Care	Father Bazin
3:30 - 4:00	Masons in Haiti	GM Jean Gousse
4:00 - 5:00	Debate Religious Faiths	Religious Panel

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10:00 - 11:00	Catholic Mass	TBA
11:00 - 12:00	Protestant Service	Pastor George Fabre, PhD