

SYMPOSIUM '08
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PARENTAL CHOICE:
THE VOICE *of*
OUR FUTURE

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WELCOME TO SYMPOSIUM 2008:

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Black Alliance for Educational Options!

Dear Parental Choice Advocate:

Welcome to Symposium 2008: The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Black Alliance for Educational Options!

We are proud to report that Symposium 2007 was an enormous success and we owe it all to the 1,000 plus participants who continue to fight for change in their communities and encourage others to achieve remarkable results for our children.

Our theme this year, *Parental Choice: The Voice of Our Future*, builds upon the exceptional results from 2007 and years past. It demands that we raise the voices of our parents, students, educators, elected officials, emerging leaders, and clergy throughout this nation for quality and equity in education. Special program activities enable participants to help with rebuilding New Orleans.

Ultimately, Symposium 2008 will foster a greater commitment to BAEO's mission: *to actively support parental choice to empower families and increase quality educational options for Black children.*

Louisiana must continue to mobilize community leaders to secure and deliver the quality educational options that its students deserve. Therefore, we plan to employ our networks, expertise and righteous energy to bring change and hope to Louisiana families. Hosting Symposium in New Orleans charges BAEO with keeping those children and families who suffered as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the forefront of our minds and in the depths of our hearts.

Please join us at Symposium 2008 and use this opportunity to inform, inspire and empower our people to raise their voices for quality educational options for our children.

The struggle continues,



Howard Fuller
Chair, National
Board of Directors

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Deborah M. McGriff
Chair,
Program Committee

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Gerard Robinson
President

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SYMPOSIUM 2008 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

With the success of Symposium 2007 behind us, we are moving ahead to craft a dynamic, engaging Symposium 2008. Below is a summary of our efforts to introduce unique elements into the Symposium 2008 program.

A. Tri-Strand Program: The work of BAEO has been consolidated into the following content strands:

- **Understanding Mobilization & Grassroots Activism:** In several states BAEO is engaged in grassroots activism in concert with other parental choice allies. This year's Symposium will feature encore and new sessions about how to become involved in mobilization activities, avoid common pitfalls in advancing the movement, build a base of grassroots parental support, as well as abide by the "rules" of educating legislators versus lobbying legislators. Participants will walk away with a greater understanding and appreciation for becoming key players in the public policy process. Topics offered will include:
 - a. Fighting for What's Best for Your Child
 - b. Enacting, Expanding and Protecting Parental Choice
 - c. Grassroots Organizing



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HIGHLIGHTS *(Continued)*

- **Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute (BSLI):** This year BAEO launched the Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute National Fellowship Program (BSLI NFP). With the selection of four distinguished fellows, representing BAEO's key mobilization cities, BSLI NFP will create a pipeline of Black leaders who will give back to the parental choice movement in a real way. . These parental choice leaders understand how to manage power relationships and influence the larger political, social, economic, legal and cultural contexts that drive the actions of others. This year's Symposium will have sessions to establish measures of success to track progress toward mission, goals and expectations. Participants will be provided with concrete information of how to effectively lead and manage themselves and the people they empower. Topics offered will include:
 - a. Resource Development
 - b. Effective Team Building
 - c. Action & Strategic Planning
 - d. How to develop successful leadership skills
- **Title I Academic Achievement Seminar:** Symposium 2008 has developed relevant sessions focused on data-driven results to move students from academic failure to academic achievement. This strand will provide tangible strategies to teachers and parents on how to increase knowledge, skills and interests in the STEM subjects of – science, technology, engineering and math. Administrators and teachers from high quality schools will lead instruction-based seminars that will provide best practices on engaging, inspiring, and advancing the achievement of the most apprehensive students. The Title I Academic Achievement strand features the following topics:
 - a. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) instruction
 - b. How to use data to drive instruction in the classroom
 - c. Parent, teacher and student connection



SYMPOSIUM 2008 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS *(Continued)*

Each strand promises to enhance and inform your knowledge on how to continue the struggle for quality educational options for Black children.

- B. Louisiana Town Hall Meeting:** Symposium 2008 will feature a Town Hall Meeting on Friday, February 29th. Participants are invited to dialogue with a panel of key stakeholders from Louisiana. The Town Hall Meeting promises to provide participants with tangible ideas on the next steps needed to inform, inspire and empower parents to choose quality educational options.
- C. BAEO Helps to Rebuild New Orleans:** As a Symposium inaugural event, BAEO is partnering with a local organization to provide volunteer assistance in helping to rebuild and restore New Orleans. This historic event will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the city and in the hearts of its people.
- D. Eddie Edwards Sunrise Prayer Service:** Rise and shine and give God the glory, as participants once again share in feeding their spirit while advocating for parental choice.
- E. BAEO Hip-Hop Project:** We heard you loud and clear and because we listened, we're proud to offer an encore session on the BAEO Hip-Hop Project! Participants will learn how the Hip-Hop Project taps into the passion of bringing students together with professionals in the music industry that help them write, produce, market and distribute their own collective hip-hop album. Come learn about the work of the Hip-Hop Project, and the ways it on is linking youth culture to education.
- F. Quality Educational Options School Tours:** A Symposium tradition continues as we tour some of the most intriguing quality schools in New Orleans. Be inspired as you meet educators, students and parents that defeat the odds. Be informed as you learn through innovative teaching just how the achievement gap is being closed. Our hope is that you will take home ideas, solutions and recommendations to your community that will enhance the lives of Black children.

PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

Thursday, February 28	
7:00 am - 8:00 pm	Registration
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Yoga & Pilates
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Quality Educational Options (QEO) School Tour Registration – Limited to the first 100 registrants.
9:00 am - 8:00 pm	Join BAEO Now! Special Features Exhibit Hall Cyber Café PowerBreaks: Complimentary Massage
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Encore Sessions*
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Exhibit Hall & Networking
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Welcome Luncheon
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Exhibit Hall & Networking
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	QEO School Tour Debrief
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Encore Sessions*
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Exhibit Hall & Networking
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	First-Timer's Orientation
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Opening Ceremony/Reception

Friday, February 29	
6:45 am - 7:45 am	Pilates and Yoga
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Rev. Eddie Edwards Sunrise Prayer Service
7:45 am - 8:45 am	Networking Breakfast
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration
9:00 am - 8:00 pm	Special Features Join BAEO Now! PowerBreaks: Complimentary Massage Exhibit Hall Opens
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Morning Concurrent Sessions*
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Exhibit Hall & Networking
10:45 am - 12 noon	Louisiana Town Hall Meeting
12 noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch On Your Own
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	BAEO Rebuilds New Orleans (Volunteer/Community Service Project) – Limited to the first 100 registrants
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Afternoon Concurrent Sessions*
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Exhibit Hall & Networking
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Annual Meeting of the General Membership
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall & Networking
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Conversation with the Board Chair & President
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Board Chair Dinner/Closing Ceremony
9:30 pm - 1:00 am	Host Region 2009 Social Event
<i>*Sessions to be determined.</i>	

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Tell us about yourself!

First Name	MI	Last Name	
Organization			
Address			<input type="checkbox"/> Please update my address.
City		State	Zip
Day Phone		Evening Phone	
Mobile Phone		Fax	
E-mail Address			
Preferred Name on Badge			
<i>How many times have you attended Symposium:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Never Attended <input type="checkbox"/> Once <input type="checkbox"/> Twice <input type="checkbox"/> Three Times <input type="checkbox"/> Four Times <input type="checkbox"/> Five Times <input type="checkbox"/> Six Times <input type="checkbox"/> Seven Times			
<i>If you are a member of a chapter, please tell us which chapter:</i>			
Signature Required for All Participants <i>(Registrants under 18 years of age must have the signature of a parent/guardian before registration can be processed.)</i>			

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Special Needs – Please check all that apply:

- Vegetarian Vegan No Pork No Fish No Beef Wheelchair Access Other:

Role Category – Please check all that apply:

- Clergy Educational Administrator Educator Educational Entrepreneur
 Elected Official Emerging Leader High School Student Parent
 College Student Other (Please Specify)

Income Level:

This information is strictly confidential and is tracked for statistical purposes only.

- Under \$33,000 \$33,000 - \$43,000 \$43,000 - \$52,000 \$52,000 - \$65,000
 Over \$65,000

Please select the general session(s) you plan to attend:

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Please note these activities happen simultaneously.

- Quality Educational Option School Tours*
*Registration is limited to the first 100 registrants.
 Welcome Luncheon
 First Timers' Orientation
(First time Symposium participants only.)
 Opening Ceremony & Reception

Friday, February 29, 2008

- Networking Breakfast
 BAEO Rebuilds New Orleans Community Service Project*
*Registration is limited to the first 100 registrants.
 Annual Meeting of the General Membership
– FOR MEMBERS ONLY
 Board Chair Dinner/Closing Ceremony
 Host Region 2009 Social Event

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees for Entire Symposium ~ Please select one fee type.

	By Dec. 3, 2007	By Jan. 7, 2008	Feb. 1, 2008	On-site***
BAEO Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> \$230	<input type="checkbox"/> \$255
Non-BAEO Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210	<input type="checkbox"/> \$230	<input type="checkbox"/> \$255	<input type="checkbox"/> \$280
BAEO Team Discount*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$170	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	-
Non-BAEO Team Discount**	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210	<input type="checkbox"/> \$230	-
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135

* Once team has reached 20 non-student registrants by a specific deadline, that rate will be available for all subsequent team, non-student registrants until the final advance registration deadline. Each person must complete his/her own registration form.

** Must provide evidence of current full-time enrollment in high school or college.

*** Note: On-site registration is not guaranteed. On-site registration may not receive Symposium materials or have access to all meals.

Registration Fees for One Day of Symposium ~ Please select one fee type.

	By Feb. 1, 2008	On-site***
BAEO Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210
Non-BAEO Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$230	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245
BAEO Team Discount*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$170	-
Non-BAEO Team Discount**	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210	-
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135

ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES & FEES

Membership Types & Fees

Life Membership Options

- Diamond \$2,500 (minimum of \$250/year for 10 years)
 Gold \$1,500 (minimum of \$150/year for 10 years)
 Silver \$900 (minimum of \$150/year for 6 years)
 Bronze \$500 (minimum of \$100/year for 5 years)

Single-year Membership Options

- Family \$100 \$50 \$35
 Individual \$100 \$50 \$25
 Retired \$100 \$50 \$25
 Student* \$20 \$10

*Must be at least 16 years of age to join BAEO.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

TOTAL		
Registration Fees Paid		\$
TOTAL		
Membership Fees Paid		\$
METHOD OF PAYMENT - Please check form of payment.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed <i>Make check payable to: BAEO Symposium 2007</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard		
Card Number	Exp Date	CSC Code (3-digit code found on the back of the card)
Card Holder Name		
Card Holder Signature		
Billing Address		
City	State	Zip
Date of Payment		

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact Information

*Fax registration form & payment information to: 202.403.3283
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P.O. Box 378
Furlong, PA 18925
202.429.0038
Between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday (EST)
202.429.0038
via e-mail baeosymposium@baeo.org

For registration questions, please call:

For program details, please call:

**Make check payable to: BAEO Symposium 2008.*

Substitution Policy

All fees are nonrefundable, however, they are transferable. If you wish to transfer your registration, please send a written substitution notice to include the name of your replacement postmarked by February 1, 2008. If notice is not postmarked by February 1, 2008, you will remain responsible for payment of any outstanding fees.

Travel

Northwest Airlines

Access Northwest Airlines via

Web site: www.nwa.com
Telephone: 800.328.1111
World File #: NYVDV

Online, go to the tab labeled Products & Promotions, then go to Event Travel. Click on Meeting Travel and enter the World File number. You can select your flight options accordingly. Northwest flies to and from Philadelphia from cities across the country such as Detroit, Memphis and Minneapolis. For additional details, please contact the airline.

Continental Airlines

MeetingWorks booking program via

Web site: <http://www.continental.com/web/enUS/apps/booking/specials/meetingworks/Default.aspx>
Telephone: 800.468.7022
Discount Code: ZCJ3CHN47E

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Be sure to go through the MeetingWorks website address or call the telephone number to receive the discount. Enter the code above, as written, to begin the MeetingWorks booking program online. Accessing the MeetingWorks program online saves you an additional 3% off of published rates and waives the ticketing fee of \$10 per ticket. Call the airline at the number above for additional assistance/details.

Location & Lodging

Symposium 2008 will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans. Listed below is the contact information.

Address: 500 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
Telephone Number: 504.525.2500
Fax Number: 504.595.5552
Web site Address: <http://www.sheraton.com/neworleans>

To secure lodging at the Sheraton New Orleans, please call 504.525.2500.

Check-in Time: 3:00 p.m.
Check-out Time: 12:00 p.m.

Please notify the agents that you are attending BAEO's Symposium 2008 to receive the group rate of \$159 for single or double occupancy plus 13% service charge of \$20.67, and a \$3.00 occupancy charge, for a total of \$182.67 per night. You must reserve your room by February 1, 2008 to receive the discounted rate. Any room cancelled after 6pm on the date of arrival will be charged one night's room and tax. Room rate and availability are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Photographs & Taping

By registering for Symposium 2008, please be aware that BAEO intends to photograph, audio record, and/or audiovisually record some of our sessions and other activities. BAEO may make use of such photographs and recording including creating, distributing, and transmitting copies of them, and/or promotional or advertising uses, without restriction of media. If you do not wish to be photographed, audio recorded, and/or audiovisually recorded, please feel free to excuse yourself from any potential photographs and recordings during the Symposium.

All registrants under 18 years of age must get a parent or guardian to sign the registration form on his/her behalf before the registration form can be processed.

Also, by registering for Symposium 2008, you release BAEO, sponsors, and service providers from any and all liabilities incurred before, during, and after your participation at the Symposium.



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