Afghan-American Conference

2017 AGENDA

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 — SUNDAY, APRIL 30

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

02:00 PM  REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION

  ❖  02:00 PM  “Icewarmers”

03:00 PM  OPENING PLENARY SESSION

  ❖  03:00 PM  Opening Remarks & Cohort Introduction
  ❖  03:15 PM  Cohort Activity

04:50 PM  BREAKOUT BLOCK I: PROFESSIONAL PANELS & NETWORKING

Sessions will run parallel to each other

  ❖  04:50 PM  Professional Panels
    ❖  Law
    ❖  Arts & Media
  ❖  Government & Policy
  ❖  Medicine: Physicians
❖ Medicine: Healthcare Providers
❖ Entrepreneurship
❖ S.T.E.M.

❖ Finance & Consulting
❖ Government & Policy
❖ Education
❖ Information Technology (IT)

❖ 6:05 PM Industry-Specific Professional Mixer

06:45 PM EVENING MIXER
❖ 06:45 PM Dinner

08:00 PM OPTIONAL PRAYER BREAK
❖ 08:10 PM Conference Introduction & Norms
❖ 08:40 PM TED-style Talks
❖ 09:15 PM Keynote Address
❖ 09:40 PM Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

08:00 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

08:30 AM MORNING PLENARY SESSION
❖ 08:30 AM Cohort Meetings
❖ 10:10 AM Introduction & Norms
❖ 10:30 AM TED-style Talks
❖ 10:45 AM TED-style Talk: Guest Speaker
11:05 AM  Keynote Address
11:35 AM  AACP Photo

12:05 PM  BREAKOUT BLOCK II: SKILL-BUILDING & CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

Sessions will run parallel to each other

SKILL-BUILDING WORKSHOPS

❖ Building Your Brand
❖ Leadership Development
❖ Community Organizing: Our Organizations (Post-Trump Era)

CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

❖ Attan: Learning Our National Dance
❖ History of Afghanistan: From Buddhism to Jihadism
❖ Creating a Healthy Lifestyle: Afghan Edition
❖ Poetry: Afghanistan’s Rich Tradition

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

❖ Finding Meaning: Spirituality

01:25 PM  LUNCH

02:15 PM  BREAKOUT BLOCK III: CULTURAL, SPIRITUAL, IDENTITY, COMMUNITY, WELLNESS

Sessions will run parallel to each other

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

❖ Gender Dynamics: Misogyny and Double Standards*
❖ Mental Health: Depression and Suicide
❖ Post-Trump: I’m Ready to Organize*
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<th>The Hyphen in Between: Growing up Afghan-American*</th>
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<td>Responsibility to our Homeland &amp; Motherland: Afghanistan &amp; America</td>
<td>Modern Afghan-American Relationships: Courtship to Marriage</td>
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04:00 PM  **BREAKOUT BLOCK IV: CULTURAL, SPIRITUAL, IDENTITY, COMMUNITY, WELLNESS**

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05:35 PM  **COHORT DEBRIEF**

06:45 PM  **BREAK**

07:30 PM  **BANQUET & GIFT SHOP**

| 07:30 PM  Mingling |
| 08:00 PM  Dinner |
| 09:00 PM  Performances |
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SUNDAY, APRIL 30

08:30 AM  COHORT BREAKFAST

10:30 AM BREAKOUT BLOCK V: BRAVE SPACES

*Sessions will run parallel to each other*

**BRAVE SPACES**

- The Persecution of Minorities in Our Community
- Multiethnic Afghans
- Physical, Mental, and Invisible Disabilities
- Addressing Homophobia
- Domestic Violence: The Hidden Epidemic
- Battling Addiction: Drug, Alcohol, and Gambling Abuse

*These spaces will house difficult conversations about the areas in which our community truly struggles. The conversations will allow those who are not necessarily affected by any of these issues to listen, be uncomfortable, and challenge themselves.*

12:00 PM  LUNCH

12:30 PM  BREAKOUT BLOCK VI: ACTION PLANNING SESSIONS

*An opportunity to crowdsourced community-building ideas into action*

*Room 1: Action TBD  Room 2: Action TBD*
02:30 PM   OPTIONAL PRAYER BREAK

02:45 PM   BREAKOUT BLOCK VII: GENDER CAUCUSES

Sessions will run parallel to each other

❖ Female Gender Caucus
❖ Male Gender Caucus

Each caucus will be a designated "safe space" for each respective group. For example, only those who identify as Female will be permitted to participate in the Female Gender Caucus. Everything that is discussed in each caucus is to remain confidential, allowing open and honest conversation without fear of judgment.

04:45 PM   CHAI BREAK

05:00 PM   CLOSING TOWN HALL

05:20 PM   FINAL COHORT DEBRIEF

*Session will repeat