



# CONSORTIA

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## FROM OUR DIRECTOR, DR. PHYLLIS QUALLS

Hello COD Sisters,

I hope February, the month we celebrate love and heritage, finds you wrapped in warmth and peace. Our world is full of topsy-turvy activities that take us through many emotions throughout our lives. It is good for us to stop and exhale the warmth of a still spirit. Therefore, during the cold days of February, let your heart lead you in warmth, joy, and graciousness.

The 2020 Conference Planning Committee has been working extremely hard to prepare for an exquisite event this July. This year gives us a national focus on who we are as women and what we must do as African-American women. Though challenging to us, these times are no different than what Dr. Abigail Jordan, our founder, had to endure when she established this organization, while fighting to locate the Black Family statue in the coveted riverfront area in downtown Savannah. We must keep moving forward.

The Conference theme for 2020 is, *"Be Counted: Census, Women's Suffrage & Civil Rights."*

With that, I am happy to announce Dr. Tenielle Buchannan of Nashville as the new editor of our newsletter, *Consortia*, and other documents. Please extend your congratulations to her. Also, get ready for a wonderful and unforgettable experience. We will be focusing on the 2020 Census along with voting and voting rights. This is crucial to our lives in every possible way.

It is, also, important to recognize the work that was done by our 2019 co-chairs, who did an outstanding job with the conference and planning everything around Dr. Jordan. Because of their great effort, we all have memories that will last forever.

And we thank Dr. Jordan's son, Ken, for being so cooperative with us because COD meant so much to his mother.

This organization has a lot of value and has garnered many accomplishments from its outstanding members. Let us keep that momentum moving forward.

Warmest regards,

*Phyllis*  
COD Director



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## Editor's Note



I am thrilled to serve as the editor of Consortia, and looking forward to seeing each of you this summer in Nashville! As we embark upon our 2020 conference, I wanted to share some of my takeaways from last year's conference in Savannah, Georgia.

The 2019 conference was unlike any I've ever attended in that it called me to fully employ the principle of learn, earn and return.

There are several concepts that I took from the conference and have used in my daily interactions with both students and colleagues. I'd like to share one with you!

Persistence was the overarching theme, and this was quite evident from the efforts of our founder, Dr. Abigail Jordan. Being able to witness history unfold—as city officials presented a new plaque with wording that better reflected the tireless efforts of Dr. Jordan—was simply amazing! She was both relentless and persistent about a cause she believed in! My takeaway: how can I be more persistent in being student obsessed? What can I do be more persistent/consistent in my efforts to help motivate students toward course completion?

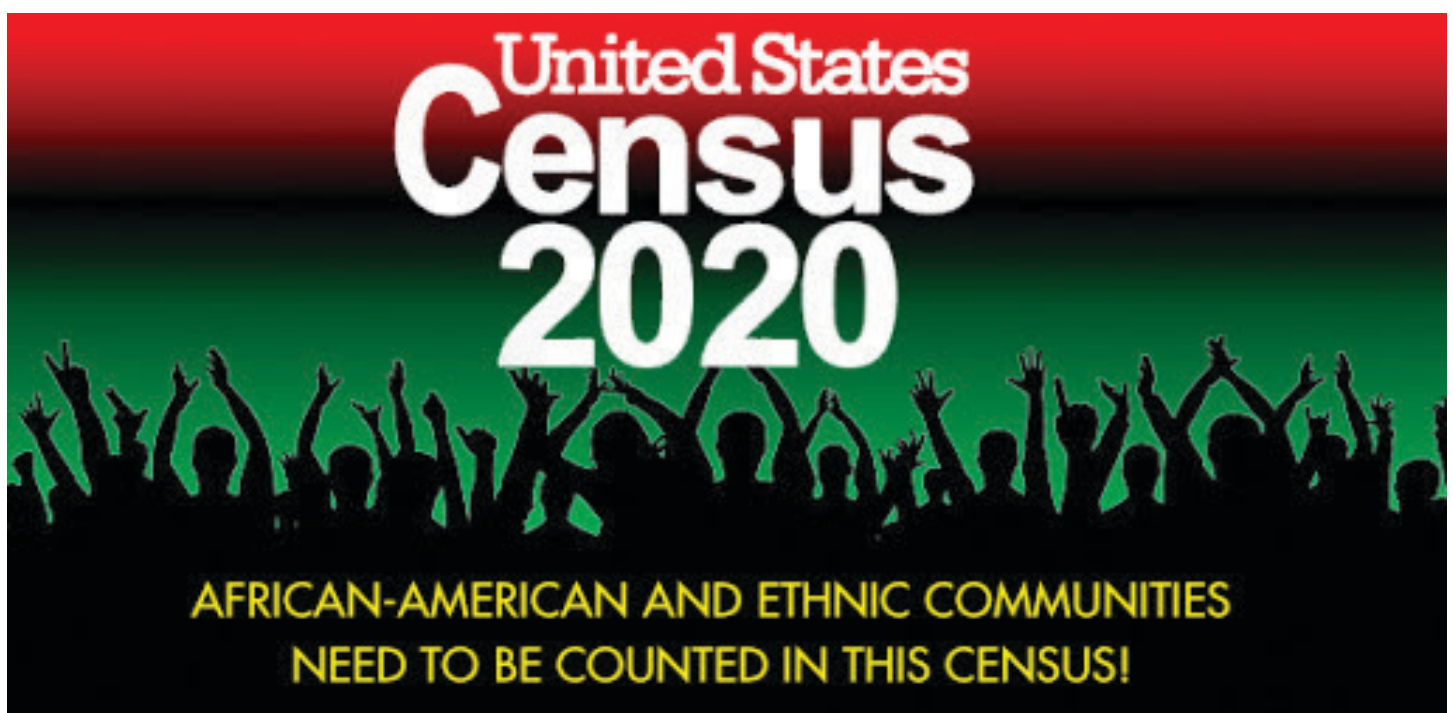
Since the conference, I have challenged myself to reflect on my current interactions with students and how I can hone my efforts to be more persistent. In my current role, I have the opportunity to help students as they work to complete my course. My challenge is to have more meaningful conversations with students who have not passed the assessment to complete my course. In these conversations, I have been reminding students to persevere to see the greater goal (graduation), as opposed to being task-oriented and solely discussing next steps to preparing for the assessment. My conversations are different now, and so are their results!

Last year's event was my first COD conference, and it was absolutely enriching. I learned so much that I have used in my daily practices, connected with other leaders in higher education, and most importantly, I had the opportunity to give back and impart knowledge into our youth!

What insights do you hope to gain at the 2020 conference that will give you better vision?

See you soon,

*Tenielle*





# 2019 COD Conference Pictorial Highlights



**Above:** Attendees pose in front of the Black Family Monument. **Inset:** New Black Family Monument plaque.  
**Below:** 2019 COD inductees—(from left) Dr. Jessie Wade-Ivory, Dr. Crystal Harris, Dr. Princilla Evans Morris, Dr. Tenielle Buchanan, and Dr. Regina Henry. **Not pictured:** Dr. Kenya Newby





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# 2020 Consortium of Doctors Conference Information & Itinerary

## Free Parking at Our Conference Host Hotel

This year's conference, July 23-26 in Nashville, will be held at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, situated in the Nashville Metrocenter area. The hotel offers free parking in a spacious parking lot, located near the Tennessee Titans practice facility and other amenities.

We have an outstanding schedule to keep you busy, with some time allotted for recreation.

The committee, headed by tri-chairs, Dr. Carolyn Baldwyn Tucker, Dr. Deborah Cole, and Dr. Regina Henry, along with subcommittee chairs, are finalizing plans to offer an unforgettable, productive experience.

Just as our hearts were warmed at the 2019 conference in honoring Dr. Jordan, co-chaired by Attorney Carolyn Thomas and Dr. Margarite Birt, this year you will be enlightened, enriched, and inspired by our focus on the theme "Be Counted." We cannot be ignored, omitted, or invisible; we must be heard, seen, and counted.

The General Schedule is below:

**Conference Dates: July 23-26, 2020**  
**Host Hotel: Millennium Maxwell House**

### Thursday, July 23

- Welcome Reception

### Friday, July 24

#### **Maxwell House Hotel**

- Business Meeting
- Induction of New Members
- Depart for American Baptist College
- Lunch
- Think Tank
- COD Business Meeting with New Inductees
- Friday Evening on your Own

### Saturday, July 25

#### **Maxwell House Hotel**

- Youth Session
- Fish Bowl
- Hidiya Pendleton Youth Essay Luncheon
- Afternoon on Your Own
- Book Signing
- 6 p.m.—Bouquet of Doctors Reception & Banquet
  - Photo Session
  - Reception
  - Banquet

### Sunday, July 26

#### **Worship Service**

- Location to be announced.





*See You in Nashville!*

**29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**July 23-26, 2020**