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2018 SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



MORNING SPEAKER & HONOREE: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY • CATHERINE PUGH

Catherine Elizabeth Pugh was sworn in as the 50th Mayor of the City of Baltimore on December 6, 2016. Mayor Pugh has been a public servant for more than 15 years. She was elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1999 to represent the 4th District. In 2005 she was appointed to the House of Delegates of the Maryland General Assembly to represent the 40th District. She served for one year before running for her Senate seat in 2006. Her abilities to negotiate and her bipartisan approach catapulted her into various leadership positions in the Maryland Senate including serving as the Majority Leader. Mayor Pugh is the visionary founder of the Baltimore Design School, a public school for sixth through twelfth graders. She is the founder of the Baltimore Marathon, which is in its seventeenth

year and has over a \$30 million impact on the city. Mayor Pugh has served on several boards, including the University of Maryland Medical Systems, the Council of State Governments and is a former president of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. Mayor Pugh is a successful businesswoman, serving as President of CEPugh and Company, a marketing and public relations firm. She has worked as a banker, business developer, Dean and Director of Strayer Business College, Special Editor for the Baltimore Sun, and as a television and radio news reporter and talk show host. She is the author of a series of children's books and an inspirational book of poetry. Mayor Pugh holds an MBA from Morgan State University and has received qualification from the University of California as an Economic Development Specialist. She has been recognized for her leadership by numerous local and national organizations.

KEYNOTE: 12:30 PM TO 2:00 PM



ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR MARYLAND • BRIAN E. FROSH

Attorney General Brian E. Frosh was sworn in as Maryland's 46th Attorney General on Jan. 6, 2015, pledging to bring fairness, equality and justice to all Marylanders. Attorney General Frosh is focused on cracking down on unfair, deceptive and predatory business practices, on protecting our natural resources from damage, and on bringing transparency and openness to government. He is also working to keep our neighborhoods safe and prevent crime before it happens on our streets and on the Internet. Prior to his current position, Mr. Frosh served for 28 years in the Maryland General Assembly - 8 years in the House of Delegates and 20 years in the State Senate, where he was chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee for 12 years. As a legislator, Attorney General Frosh put in place stronger protections for victims of domestic violence and led efforts to expand the state's DNA database to help law enforcement catch criminals, and to enact some of the toughest common-sense gun laws in the country. He is known as a strong champion of the environment, and has received the Leadership in Law Award from the Daily Record, among numerous other honors. He was raised in Montgomery County, where he still lives. He earned his B.A. from Wesleyan University and received his law degree from the Columbia University School of Law.

GUEST SPEAKERS: 12:30 PM TO 2:00 PM

BLAIR FRANKLIN & CIERA DUNLAP OF YOUTH EMPOWERED SOCIETY (YES)



Blair is the Executive Director of the Youth Empowered Society, a drop-in center for youth experiencing homelessness. In this role, he supports a team that develops and supports youth leadership, provides case management, workforce development, and rapid rehousing services to youth experiencing homelessness, and engages in systems-level reform across the city and state. Previously, Blair was the HIV Prevention Program Manager at the STAR TRACK Adolescent Health Program at the University of Maryland, where he oversaw sexual health outreach and testing, community mobilization, public health provider training, and advocacy and coalition work for youth and young adults up to 26 years old. He previously led GLSEN Baltimore as a Co-Chair, is currently on the advisory board of Baltimore Racial Justice Action, and has been an active member in a number of coalitions and collectives throughout the city, including the Baltimore Homeless Youth Initiative and the Youth Equality Alliance.



Ms. Dunlap is a formerly homeless youth who provides flexible, responsive case management services to youth experiencing homelessness. As our Systems Navigation Coordinator, she provides legal supports to youth in contact with the juvenile justice and adult system, leads the data entry and management for the in-house YES team, develops internal policies, oversees our case management team, and trains all staff on resource navigation and youth engagement. She seamlessly draws upon her own experiences to build long lasting and trusting relationships with the youth and young adults at YES.