









BUFFALO BLACK CAUCUS – FINAL EVENT PROGRAM

 Saturday, May 10, 2025
 Canisius University – Richard E. Winter '42 Student Center
 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
 PARKING: Please use campus lots.


 **9:00 AM – 9:45 AM**

Check-In & Breakfast

 Student Center Lobby Connect with the community over a light breakfast and prepare for a day of power and progress.

 **9:50 AM – 11:00 AM**

HOOD TALES – Opening Main Session


 Regis Room **Real Stories. Real Power.**
Raw storytelling from local voices sharing journeys of resilience, beauty, survival, and strength across Black Buffalo.

11:10 AM – 12:10 PM — Workshop Block 1: Empowerment & Awareness

Workshop	Location	Description
<i>Why Black People Should Run</i>	Regis Room	Why our political power matters and how to run for office and WIN — straight talk for future leaders.
<i>Black Mental Health: Breaking Cycles</i>	Grupp Fireside Lounge	Prioritizing wellness, breaking generational cycles, and reclaiming emotional strength through practical tools and holistic healing.
<i>Ask A Lawyer</i>	SC-205 Conference Room	Open Q&A session with Black legal experts — empowering you with knowledge of your rights, protections, and legal pathways.
<i>Come Make Art (Drop-In All Day)</i>	Economy Dining Hall Left Side	Add your brushstroke to our community mural — expressing your story and your dreams for Black Buffalo. 🎨

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Break

 Economy Dining Hall Eat. Connect. Dream together.

1:10 PM – 2:10 PM — Workshop Block 2: Tough Conversations, Real Solutions


Workshop	Location	Description
<i>Gun Violence Prevention: Protecting Our Communities</i>	Regis Room	Confronting the crisis — strategies, policy solutions, and grassroots activism to end cycles of gun violence in our neighborhoods.
<i>Black in News, Media & Entertainment</i>	Grupp Fireside Lounge	Owning our narratives: journalism, media, and content creation from a Black lens — powerful, bold, and culture-driven.
<i>Environmental Justice</i>	SC-205 Conference Room	Fighting for clean air, water, and land. How environmental racism has shaped our communities — and how we fight back.
<i>Black and Development</i>	Economy Dining Hall Center	Building the Black Buffalo we need — conversations on housing, wealth, ownership, and economic revitalization.

2:20 PM – 3:20 PM — Workshop Block 3: Action & Advocacy


Workshop	Location	Description
<i>Small Business Roundtable</i>	Regis Room	Real talk for entrepreneurs: starting, scaling, and sustaining Black-owned businesses. Come with ideas. Leave with plans.
<i>Interfaith Collaboration Panel</i>	Grupp Fireside Lounge	Building bridges across faiths for Black liberation — faith leaders discuss unity, advocacy, and shared hope.
<i>Jury Diversification: Justice for All</i>	Economy Dining Hall Center	How to change the system from within — the critical need for Black jurors and strategies to fight bias in the courts.

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Closing Ceremony: Reflections & Charge to Action

 Regis Room Celebrate the day's work, express gratitude for our community, and embrace the charge for what we must build together.

Kids Track – All-Day Youth Experience (Grades 4–12)

 SC-207 Conference Room

Activity	Description
The Art of Public Speaking	Public speaking skills for future leaders.
How Does This Thing Work?	Fun, interactive civic engagement — teaching youth about leadership and activism.
Confidently Changing the world	Shaping the future in a bold way to change the world.

Supervised all day. Positive, empowering, and fun!

Room Map Summary:

Room	Sessions
Student Center Lobby	Check-In + Breakfast
Regis Room	Hood Tales + Major Panels
Grupp Fireside Lounge	Mental Health, Media, Interfaith
SC-205	Law, Environmental Justice
SC-207	Kids Track (All Day)
Economy Dining Hall Left Side	Community Mural (All Day Drop-In)
Economy Dining Hall Center	Development & Justice Panels

Buffalo Black Caucus 2025 We Build Together.