



Welcome from **THE CPC CHAIR**

HELLO, NSBE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to NSBE's 38th Annual Convention, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pa.! Preparation for this event has been both challenging and rewarding. This year's theme, "The NSBE Blueprint: Leadership, Teamwork & Inspiration," coincides with the National Directives set forth by NSBE National Chair Calvin Phelps: Academic Excellence and Pipeline Development. When establishing the theme, the other members of the Convention Planning Committee and I wanted to make sure it was something all members could identify with, learn from and ultimately utilize. The mini-conference coordinators have been working tirelessly to create an insightful and thrilling event for convention participants. From NSBE Jr. attendees to technical professionals, everyone can benefit from this convention.

I hope that every attendee, no matter where you come from, departs the convention with the means to accomplish his or her goals and follow "The NSBE Blueprint." I want to make sure everyone can use what he or she learns at the Annual Convention as a roadmap to life goals, in school, at work or in the community. The NSBE Blueprint is a multimedia tool that will enable attendees to identify, evaluate and execute their plans to achieve these ends.

The Convention Planning Committee has one overarching goal: Pack Out Pittsburgh! Help us realize our blueprint and extend this event beyond the reach of imaginations.

I hope to see you here!

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NSBE 2012 National Convention Planning Committee Chair



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