

## National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Converge in Richmond

More than two hundred members of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW) from across the country gathered at the Richmond Hilton Hotel & Spa/Short Pump for their 2016 Annual Leadership Retreat on June 22 – 25, 2016. Members from various chapters traveled from near and far to join sister chapters at this event to promote their mission of advocacy. The Richmond Metropolitan Area Chapter, chartered in March 2015 and led by Dr. Delta R. Bowers, hosted a welcome reception. Dr. Julianne Malveaux, renowned economist, author, liberal social and political commentator, and businesswoman was the keynote speaker at the Sisterhood luncheon.

Founded nationally in New York in 1981, NCBW is a national advocacy organization whose mission is to advocate on behalf of Black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment. The three-day Leadership Retreat consisted of an aggressive agenda where National officers presented the roadmap for the 2016 programs designed in response to critical national issues that affect the African American community specifically in those three areas. Chapter programs should include mentoring and STEM as focus areas addressing the crisis in education. Childhood and family obesity, Metabolic Syndrome (heart disease, diabetes and stroke), and Cancer disparities are programs to be implemented to address the health initiative. The economic empowerment initiative should include financial literacy programs.

NCBW RMAC program initiatives will align with National's charge. Joining with partners and alliances in the Richmond Metropolitan Area, the organization will work to promote and implement these advocacy programs.

Six NCBW California chapters were awarded a total of \$372,000 at the conference to be divided evenly.



National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. – Richmond Metropolitan Area Chapter President, Dr. Delta R. Bowers and Dr. Julianne Malveaux, keynote speaker for the Leadership Retreat share a moment.