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LOUISVILLE, KY. (September 19, 2019) – Hundreds of participants packed the Kentucky International Convention Center for the 2019 Kentucky Conference on Leadership and Diversity. The two-day conference, Wednesday and Thursday, offered three tracks on Leadership, Diversity and Legal. Topics of discussion included leadership development, women in leadership, diversity in the workforce, disability awareness and job accommodation, and more.

“Through intention and passion, the discourse of this conference has been elevated to inspiring new heights thanks to our incredible speakers. We know that it is of utmost importance that the Commonwealth’s workforce, both in the private and public sector, be diligent in building an inclusive and diverse workplace,” Personnel Secretary Thomas B. Stephens said. “The energy and engagement throughout the conference has been contagious and we look forward to next year.”

Four-time Olympian and WNBA star Tamika Catchings was the Keynote Speaker for the conference. Catchings joined an all-star list of speakers including Derek Anderson, Cynthia Knapek, Dr. Neeli Bendapudi, Dr. Wayne Lewis, State Treasurer Allison Ball and more.

During the conference, the Charles W. Anderson Laureate Award was presented to KET's Renee Shaw for her significant contributions in addressing socio-economic issues, including equal employment. Shaw uses her voice and her television broadcasting platform to bring forth open and honest conversations around a multitude of broad cultural issues. Shaw also launched the state's first minority television program, Connections with Renee Shaw, which explores the cultures and concerns of Kentucky's diverse minority communities, celebrating everyday heroes.

Charles W. Anderson became the first African-American legislator in Kentucky, and the South, since the Reconstruction Era. He joined the Kentucky General Assembly in January 1936 and served five consecutive terms.

The conference is one of the longest running of its kind in the country, celebrating the diversity of the Commonwealth, and serving as a learning opportunity for those interested in leadership, management, equal employment opportunity, and diversity. The event draws a cross section of attendees, from both the private and public sector.



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