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FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025



Program

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Weldon Johnson

Performed by Angela Smiley-Carpenter (MGT '24)

Welcome

Eric W. Kaler

President, Case Western Reserve University

Remarks

The Honorable Justin M. Bibb (LAW '18, MGT '18)

Mayor, City of Cleveland

State of Diversity

Robert Solomon, Esq.

Vice President, Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Engagement

Case Western Reserve University

Address

Valerie Jarrett

Chief Executive Officer, The Barack Obama Foundation

Q & A

Moderated by Dexter R. Voisin, PhD, MSW, LCSW

Dean of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel

School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

Closing Remarks

Eric W. Kaler

President, Case Western Reserve University

Please join us for light refreshments following the program.

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Valerie Jarrett

Chief Executive Officer
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The Honorable Valerie Jarrett is Chief Executive Officer and serves as a member of the board of directors of the Barack Obama Foundation and is a Senior Distinguished Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. She is also the author of the *New York Times* bestselling book *Finding My Voice*. As President Barack Obama's senior advisor from 2009 to 2017, she became the longest-serving senior advisor in history.

Jarrett oversaw the Offices of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs and chaired the White House Council on Women and Girls. She received numerous awards and honorary degrees including *TIME's* "100 Most Influential People" Award. Jarrett received her BA from Stanford University in 1978 and her JD from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 20

Think Forum featuring Kevin Roose
Maltz Performing Arts Center

Thursday, May 22

Think Forum featuring Hua Hsu
Maltz Performing Arts Center

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