



COMPA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PHILANTHROPIC PACKET

2026

**FEBRUARY 22 - 25, 2026
DURHAM, NC**

Conference **Theme** **Building Futures by Bridging Divides:
Public Servants Charting the Course
for Tomorrow's Governance**

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ABOUT COMPA

The Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) was established in 1971 and became a Section of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) in 1977. Our mission is to serve and assist public administrators, students, and other professionals involved in public service. COMPA is dedicated to achieving and supporting the following goals for its members:



Our Mission

- Strengthening and increasing the role minorities play in setting public policy.
- Influencing public managers and executives to ensure that the interests and goals of minority employees are served.
- Educating our membership about emerging issues in public sector management by philanthropic conferences and issuing periodicals.
- Nurturing the career aspirations of our membership by identifying employment opportunities and promoting the candidacy of our members in the public sector.
- Recognizing outstanding public administrators for their contributions both in the public and private sectors.

COMPA is an affiliation group of the American Society for Public Administration



Welcome To COMPA 2026!

A Message From Our President



**"COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING.
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS.
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS."
HENRY FORD.**

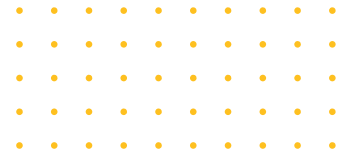
On behalf of the Host Committee of the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA), I invite you to support our vision of advancing the work of public servants and promoting excellence among faculty, students, and practitioners in the field of public policy and administration by philanthropically supporting **COMPA's 2026 Annual Conference being held February 22-25, 2026 in Durham, North Carolina!** This year's Conference Theme, ***Building Futures by Bridging Divides: Public Servants Charting the Course for Tomorrow's Governance***, is designed to offer faculty, students, and practitioners a space to discuss how to work across differences, build sustainable solutions, and create positive change in complex environments. In an era of increasing polarization, organizations need leaders who can unite rather than divide. Traditional approaches to public service delivery require fresh perspectives and collaborative solutions.

This Annual Conference is one of the largest meetings for minority public administrators and academics held in the nation. To advance this initiative, we invite individuals, universities, organizations, and business leaders to join us as philanthropic partners and support our impactful programming— including plenary sessions, academic and practitioner panels, interactive workshops, roundtables, student public policy debates, and scholarship opportunities that invest directly in the next generation of public service leaders.

We anticipate that 150-200 attendees from the Research Triangle Park region and across the nation will come together for four days of professional development opportunities, presentations, best practice sharing, dynamic intellectual dialogue, hands-on educational activities, and a service project aimed at increasing minority participation in public administration and public service. To ensure the success of these conference activities, the 2026 Conference Planning Committee respectfully invites your organization to partner with us through monetary and/or in-kind donations to our Host Committee. Your generous support will directly enable us to deliver exceptional programming and meaningful experiences for all attendees.

COMPA is an independent nonprofit organization, so your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. In addition, you will have the opportunity to showcase your company or educational institution in a variety of ways based on your contribution level. As you can see from the following information, we are offering you an opportunity to market your products and/or services to the conference attendees throughout the 2026 Conference as well as on our website www.compaspanet.org.

Thank you,
Dr. S. Nicole Diggs
COMPA President



Building Futures by Bridging Divides: Public Servants Charting the Course for Tomorrow's Governance

The 2026 conference theme reflects the critical role public administrators play in navigating our increasingly complex and divided societal landscape. The theme emphasizes three interconnected concepts:

Building Futures - Recognizes public servants as architects of tomorrow's society, actively constructing systems, policies, and practices that will serve future generations. This forward-thinking approach acknowledges that today's administrative decisions have long-term consequences for communities and governance structures.

Bridging Divides - Addresses the urgent need to heal fractures in our society - whether they be racial, economic, political, generational, or ideological. Public administrators serve as connectors, facilitating dialogue and collaboration across different communities, stakeholders, and perspectives to find common ground and shared solutions.

Charting the Course - Positions public servants as navigators and leaders who provide direction during uncertain times. This acknowledges their expertise in policy development, implementation, and evaluation as essential tools for guiding society toward more equitable and effective governance.

Our Goals

The goal for COMPA 2026 Annual Conference is to equip attendees with essential tools to rebuild community cohesion and create more responsive, equitable governance for all.

Knowledge
Exchange

Professional
Development

Network
Building

Future
Preparedness



2026 Annual Conference

Philanthropic and Advertising Packages

Join us February 22-25 in Durham, NC, for COMPA's 2026 Annual Conference, a premier gathering where universities, nonprofits, governments at all levels, and private organizations can showcase their brand and initiatives to an audience of more than 150 practitioners, scholars, researchers, students, and advocates. This dynamic event is filled with meaningful professional connections, knowledge exchange, and networking among public servants from across the nation and around the world.

Your institution/organization will receive comprehensive visibility and recognition through prominent digital placement, signage, and visual branding throughout all conference events. From promotional items and plenary session acknowledgments to targeted philanthropic branding opportunities, we offer diverse recognition options that showcase both your brand message and your commitment to supporting the future of public administration through our 2026 Annual Conference.

Philanthropic levels are:

- Platinum \$12,000 USD
- Gold \$10,000 USD
- Silver \$7,500 USD
- Bronze \$5,000 USD
- Copper \$3,500 USD
- Supporter \$2,000 USD

Advertising options are available as well; details are below.

Customizations are available for philanthropic packages to meet your unique needs. We are more than happy to provide something not on the list. Review the options and contact compapresident48@gmail.com to talk about what will work best for you!

The deadline for philanthropic reservations and program book ad materials: December 31, 2025

FULL BENEFITS. HIGH RETURNS
Exposure. Connect. Publicity.

Philanthropic and Advertising Packages

What's Included

PLATINUM (ONLY ONE AVAILABLE) - \$12,000

75% monetary contribution required

- **Four (4)** Complimentary registrations
- **Full page color ad** in conference program
- Exhibit Table to display literature/samples
- Prominent designation on philanthropic marquee
- Reserved seating for four (4) at conference luncheon
- Invitation to the President's reception for four (4) representatives
- Onsite signage at conference venue
- Speaking opportunity at select Conference events
- Opportunity to include a gift or flyer in the registration packet
- Verbal acknowledgement of philanthropy at select Conference events
- Direct access to attendees at select Conference events

GOLD - \$10,000

75% monetary contribution required

- **Three (3)** Complimentary registrations
- **Full page color ad** in conference program
- Exhibit Table to display literature/samples
- Prominent designation on philanthropic marquee
- Reserved seating for three (3) at conference luncheon
- Invitation to the President's reception for three (3) representatives
- Onsite signage at conference venue
- Speaking opportunity at select Conference events
- Opportunity to include a gift or flyer in the registration packet
- Verbal acknowledgement of philanthropy at select Conference events
- Direct access to attendees at select Conference events

What's Included

Philanthropic and Advertising Packages

SILVER - \$7,500 75% monetary contribution required

- **Two (2)** Complimentary registrations
- **Full page color ad** in conference program
- Prominent designation on philanthropic marquee
- Reserved seating for two (2) at conference luncheon
- Invitation to the President's reception for two (2) representative
- Onsite signage at conference venue
- Opportunity to include a gift or flyer in the registration packet
- Verbal acknowledgement of philanthropy at select Conference events
- Direct access to attendees at select Conference events

BRONZE - \$5,000 75% monetary contribution required

- **One (1)** Complimentary registration
- **Half-page color ad** in conference program
- Prominent designation on philanthropic marquee
- Invitation to the President's reception for one (1) representative
- Onsite signage at conference venue
- Opportunity to include a gift or flyer in the registration packet
- Verbal acknowledgement of philanthropy at select Conference events

COPPER - \$3,500 75% monetary contribution required

- **Half-page color ad** in conference program
- Prominent designation on philanthropic marquee
- Invitation to the President's reception for one (1) representative
- Onsite signage at conference venue
- Opportunity to include a gift or flyer in the registration packet
- Verbal acknowledgement of philanthropy at select Conference events

SUPPORTERS - \$2,000 75% monetary contribution required

- **Quarter-page color ad** in conference program
- Prominent designation on philanthropic marquee
- Invitation to the President's reception for one (1) representative
- Onsite signage at conference venue
- Opportunity to include a gift or flyer in the registration packet

Additional Philanthropic Opportunities

Explore additional ways to give and make a lasting impact during our 2026 conference.

CONFERENCE MOBILE APP: \$5,000

75% monetary contribution required

The Conference mobile app partner will receive premium digital ad placement and recognition within the app, and recognition with the app download instructions in the conference program and communications.

PRESIDENTIAL EVENT PARTNER: \$5,000

75% monetary contribution required

The Presidential event partner/co-host will receive recognition in event promotions, push notifications in the mobile app, and onsite signage. Take advantage of the opportunity to exhibit/distribute materials or giveaways (COMPA must approve giveaways).

BREAKFAST, LUNCHEON, & BREAKS SUPPORT: \$3,000

75% monetary contribution required

Supporters receive recognition in event promotions, push notifications in the mobile app, and onsite signage. Take advantage of the opportunity to exhibit/distribute school materials or giveaways (COMPA must approve giveaways).

RECEPTION CO-HOSTS: \$2,500

75% monetary contribution required

These individuals/organizations will receive recognition in event promotions and event onsite signage. Use this opportunity to exhibit/distribute school materials or giveaways (COMPA must approve giveaways).

FRANCES P. LIDDELL STUDENT POLICY DEBATE: \$2,500

75% monetary contribution required

The philanthropic supporters' student policy debate will receive logo advertising to promote the event, a quarter-page ad, an opportunity to judge during the debates, and verbal acknowledgment.

Additional Philanthropic Opportunities

CONFERENCE TRACK PARTNERS: \$1,500

75% monetary contribution required

These individuals/organizations will receive recognition in event promotions and event onsite signage. Use this opportunity to exhibit/distribute school materials or giveaways (COMPA must approve giveaways).

AWARDS: \$1,000

75% monetary contribution required

A contribution entitles verbal recognition, visibility in the mobile app push notification, and placement of a custom ad in the event slideshow; the ability to place school/promo materials/giveaways at all guest seats. (COMPA must approve giveaways.)

STUDENT REGISTRATION: \$500

75% monetary contribution required

Student registration support helps to offset some of the conference costs for students. Your organization's logo will be on Conference advertising, listed in the conference program, and verbal acknowledgement at the Conference.

ADDITIONAL PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

Conference Lanyards: \$1,000

Printing philanthropic: \$1,000

Technology philanthropic: \$1,000

Exhibit Table: \$87.50 per
day/\$350 for four days

GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Full Page Ad: \$500

Half Page Ad: \$350

Quarter Page Ad: \$200

Bottom Banner Ad: \$150

Patron (Name and Business Listed):
\$75

**The deadline for philanthropic reservations and
program book ad materials
December 31, 2025**

PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES	
Platinum (1 Available)	\$12,000
Gold (1 Available)	\$10,000
Silver (1 Available)	\$7,500
Bronze (2 Available)	\$5,000
Copper (3 Available)	\$3,500
Supporters (10 Available)	\$2,000
ADDITIONAL PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES	
Conference Mobile App (1 Available)	\$5,000
Presidential Events	\$5,000
Breakfast, Luncheon & Breaks (4 Available)	\$3,000
Reception cohost (4 Available)	\$2,500
Frances P. Liddell Student Policy Debate (2 Available)	\$2,500
Business Meeting philanthropic	\$2,000
Conference Track Partner	\$1,500
Awards (1 Available)	\$1,000
Conference Lanyards (1 Available)	\$1,000
Printing (1 Available)	\$1,000
Technology	\$1,000
Student Registration Scholarships (10 Available)	\$500
Exhibit Table	\$350 for four days
Full Page Ad	\$500
Half Page Ad	\$350
Quarter Page Ad	\$200
Bottom Banner Ad	\$150
Patron (Name and Business Listed)	\$75



PHILANTHROPIC INTENT TO SUPPORT FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name:	Title:
Organization Name:	Email:
Street Address:	City, State, Zip:
Phone Number:	Fax:

PHILANTHROPIC PACKAGES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum (\$12,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold (\$10,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver (\$7,500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze (\$5,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copper (\$3,500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporters (\$2,000) |

ADDITIONAL PACKAGES

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Mobile App (\$5,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Presidential Events (\$5,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast & Luncheon (\$3,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reception (\$2,500) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frances P. Liddell Student Policy Debate (\$2,500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Meeting (\$2,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards (\$1,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporters (\$2,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Printing (\$1,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Lanyards (\$1,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Registration Scholarships (\$500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology (\$1,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Advertisement (\$75) | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit Table (\$87.50 per day/\$350 for four days) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Ad (\$500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Ad (\$350) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page Ad (\$200) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottom Banner Ad (\$150) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM OR THE GOOGLE FORM
BY DECEMBER 31, 2025.**

Make checks payable to: Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA)

Payments can also be made via PayPal or by requesting an invoice.

Please complete and return this form with payment to both:

Dr. S. Nicole Diggs, COMPA President - compapresident48@gmail.com

Dr. De Lacy Davis, COMPA Treasurer - Compatreasurer2025@gmail.com

