*The Black Vegan Experience* is a multicultural educational conference, celebration of African-American ancestry and networking event that was borne in November 2019 during a Vitamix demonstration and conversation between a Vegan Teacher, Vegan Nurse, Vegan Nutritionist and Naturopathic Physician. With so many plant-based conferences hosted across the US and locally, there was still little diversity established in most of these medical conferences. This Vegan Quartet sang a new song, one where Black professionals and practitioners would create an educational conference of their own, to address the medical concerns in the Black community and remove the stereotypes attached to Veganism and Black culture. Contributors to this original conversation would go on to form the *Committee of Consciousness* who have collaborated to host the inaugural event, originally scheduled to debut March 14, 2020, on the rescheduled date of May 15, 2021.

*Committee of Consciousness* is a newly formed non-profit organization that strives to empower others through education. A percentage of the proceeds from The Black Vegan Experience will go to Committee of Consciousness’ organization to fund building the knowledge base of plant-based nutrition, meal planning, budgeting and related nutrition services in local communities. Executive Director and Event Coordinator, Vonettia Calloway says, “When we know better, we do better.” She and her fellow COC members believe educating others empowers them to make informed choices in addition to helping us all hold each other accountable to higher standards of self-care and caring for Earth. COC plans to partner with other organizations on projects that eradicate food deserts and grant access to healthy food for all. By the end of 2021, COC believes they will be able to provide transportation for families needing this service, one-to-one and group nutrition consultations, referrals to affordable health care and health & wellness workshops within the community.

The Black Vegan Experience, will be a community event, where our keynote speaker, Dr. Milton Mills, from documentaries “*What the Health*?” and “*The Invisible Vegan*” (along with producer Jasmine Leyva) will enlighten you on plant-based living, with tentative virtual appearances from Tabitha Brown, other guests, Food, Fun and Fuel for a Vegan Soul…and the Veg-curious of course=)

*Location: Outside The Flying Squirrels Stadium at 3001 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd and Online. For more information, email vonettia@theblackveganexperience.net, call 804-571-6689 or visit* [*www.theblackveganexperience.net*](http://www.theblackveganexperience.net)