MORNING

9:00 AM  NETWORKING BREAKFAST

9:30 AM  WELCOME & OVERVIEW
Keynote: Lashon Amado, Founder and CEO, Mas Um Chance (YouthBuild Alumni)
Emcee: Maisha Leek, Service Year Alliance Board Member
- Daniel Pitasky, executive director, Schultz Family Foundation
- Shirley Sagawa, CEO, Service Year Alliance

10:00 AM  BREAKFAST PLENARY
UNTAPPED TALENT: BUILDING TOMORROW’S ECONOMY
Our opening session will explore how the nation’s 4.6 million opportunity youth present an untapped talent resource for employers. Panelists will discuss the importance of national service and how companies are contributing to the success of opportunity youth through skill and career development.

- Ivan Douglas, Program Manager for The Leading Men Fellowship, Literacy Lab
- Joylin Kirk, Director of Public Sector Partnerships, Burning Glass Technologies
- Mike Knapp, CEO and Co-Founder, SkillSmart

Moderator: Linda Rodriguez, Executive Director, Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase & Co.

10:45 AM  BREAK

11:00 AM  PANEL
EMERGING ADULTHOOD AND THE ROLE OF NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS
This panel will explore the ways that early years of adulthood should prepare young people for future employment through a developmental lens and the role that national service can play in reducing the opportunity gap. Program leaders and experts will describe their programs and the innovative ways that they are engaging opportunity youth, and preparing and connecting them to employment opportunities.

- David Abromowitz, Chief Public Policy Officer, YouthBuild
- Jenise Terrell, Vice President, Public Allies
- Julia Hillengas, Director of Strategic Innovation, PowerCorpsPHL
- Merita Irby, Co-Founder & Executive Vice President, Forum for Youth Investment

Moderator: John Bridgeland, Service Year Alliance, Vice Chair
**LETS TALK!**

**DISCUSSION GROUPS**

1. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
   How can national service be leveraged to guide and support successful transitions, reduce recidivism, and promote long-term positive outcomes?

   **FACILITATORS:** Monique Ellington, Director, Equity and Community Strategy, Service Year Alliance; Timothy Gunn, AmeriCorps Alumni

2. **MENTORING**
   What are the challenges and opportunities in integrating mentoring models into national service programs?

   **FACILITATORS:** Atrayus O. Goode, Founder and CEO, Movement of Youth; Kenvin Lacayo, current AmeriCorps member

3. **EMPLOYER RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SERVICE AS A “CIVIC APPRENTICESHIP”**
   What systems are needed to make completion of a term of service a credential with value in the employment marketplace?

   **FACILITATORS:** LaShauntya Moore; Member Services Assistant, The Corps Network; Terrance Thompson, PowerCorpsPHL, current AmeriCorps member

4. **RURAL COMMUNITIES**
   How can national service connect disconnected youth to employment opportunities in rural communities?

   **FACILITATORS:** Tyler Wilson, Director of Government Relations, The Corps Network; Adam Strong, YouthBuild Alumni

5. **FOSTER CARE**
   How can national service help emancipated foster youth transition into successful adulthood?

   **FACILITATOR:** Serita Cox, Co-Founder & CEO I Foster; Stephen Black, Public Allies Alum

6. **STRENGTHENING NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY YOUTH**
   How can national service programs be strengthened to better support opportunity youth in service?

   **FACILITATORS:** Thaddeus Ferber, Vice President Policy Advocacy, Forum for Youth Investment; Shanice Turner, Public Allies Alumni