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Welcome to *Philadelphia!*

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the First Continental Congress at Carpenters' Hall in 1774 and to honor Philadelphia's unique importance to the founding of the United States, America250PA will be hosting a National Convening of States and Partners in Philadelphia, September 20–22, 2024. The First Continental Congress marked a pivotal moment in our Nation's history when 12 colonies met in Philadelphia to begin the journey that would eventually declare their independence from Great Britain in 1776. As representatives from the colonies gathered in Philadelphia 250 years ago, representatives from across the country and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will gather in Philadelphia to collaborate and share information about commemoration plans and the progress made to date as we all collectively strive to properly mark the significance of this great American experiment.

About America250PA

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future. The Commission is made up of current and past Pennsylvania leaders, celebrating the rich history and diversity of the state.



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PROGRAM

September 20–22, 2024



Friday, September 20, 2024

WELCOME RECEPTION

The Liberty View at the Independence Visitor Center
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

EMCEE: [Ryan Leckey](#), Emmy Award-winning Marketer and TV Host

[Patrick Burns](#), America250PA Chairman

[Cassandra Coleman](#), America250PA Executive Director

[The Honorable Cherelle Parker](#), Mayor of Philadelphia

[Carson Kressley](#), TV and Film Personality, Best-Selling Author,
World Champion Equestrian, and Native Pennsylvanian

Special performances by:

[Historic Philadelphia History Makers](#) and [Sixers Stixers!](#)

The Welcome Reception is generously presented by:



Saturday, September 21, 2024

AMERICA250PA NATIONAL CONVENING GENERAL SESSION

National Constitution Center

Registration & Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Event Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

EMCEE: [Ryan Leckey](#), Emmy Award Winning Marketer and TV Host

Welcome

–America250PA Chairman, [Patrick Burns](#), & Executive Director, [Cassandra Coleman](#)

Presentation of Colors – [First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry](#)

Pledge of Allegiance – [Page Weinstein](#), Miss Pennsylvania, and [Ariana Spurlin](#),
[Miss Pennsylvania's Teen](#)

National Anthem – [MarQuita L. Danzy](#), Cheyney University

Opening Remarks

[250th Across the Nation Panel Discussion](#)

Panel moderated by [Niall Stanage](#), White House Columnist, [The Hill](#)

Panelists:

[The Honorable Bob Casey](#), United States Senator, Pennsylvania

[The Honorable Gregg M. Amore](#), Secretary of State of Rhode Island
and Chair of RI250

[The Honorable Kim Driscoll](#), Lt. Governor of Massachusetts

[The Honorable Nancy Hollister](#), former Lt. Governor of Ohio

Panel generously presented by:



Video Welcome:

[The Honorable Lonnie G. Bunch, III](#), Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution

Remarks by [Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity](#)

[A Walk Through Pennsylvania History with Pennsylvania's Former Governors](#)

[Hayley Haldeman](#), Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Board Chair, introduction of panelists and moderator

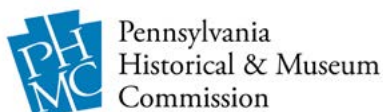
–Video greetings from [The Honorable Tom Ridge](#)

Panel moderated by [David Thornburgh](#), Senior Advisor and former President and CEO of the Committee of Seventy

Panelists:

[The Honorable Mark Schweiker](#) | [The Honorable Edward G. Rendell](#)
[The Honorable Tom Wolf](#)

Panel generously presented by:



Welcome by Philadelphia's Historical and Cultural Leadership

–[Jeffrey Rosen](#), President and CEO, National Constitution Center

–[Steve Sims](#), Superintendent, Independence National Historical

Remarks by [Pennsylvania Auditor General Tim DeFoor](#)

[Voices for All for the 250th: Diverse Stories, Unique Communities](#)

[George Stark](#), Coterra Energy, Director of External Affairs, introduction of panelists and moderator

Panel moderated by [Jane Campbell](#), President and CEO, US Capitol Historical Society

Panelists:

[Dr. Noelle Trent](#), President & CEO, Museum of African American History of Boston & Nantucket

[Dr. R. Scott Stephenson](#), President & CEO, Museum of the American Revolution

[Dr. Josh Perelman](#), Senior Advisor, Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

[Frank Barrows](#), Senior Advisor for Commemorations, Anniversaries, and Community Engagement, National Park Service

Panel generously presented by:



[Building Toward the Semiquincentennial: A Conversation of Host Cities](#)

Panel moderated by [John Dichtl](#), President & CEO, American Association for State and Local History

Panelists:

[Michael Newmuis](#), Philadelphia 2026 Director, Office of the Mayor, City of Philadelphia

[Major General William Grimsley \(ret.\)](#), Chair, South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission

[Meaghan Brown](#), Chief of External Affairs, City of New York

[Segun Idowu](#), Chief of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion, Office of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu

[Lunch in the Grand Hall Overlook](#)

[The Honorable Dr. Carla Hayden](#), Librarian of Congress, Keynote Speaker

AMERICA250PA NATIONAL CONVENING AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS*

**Pre-registration required. America250PA Official Partners only.
12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.*

1. National 250th State Partners

Museum of the American Revolution, 101 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

- Welcome by [Dr. R. Scott Stephenson](#), President and CEO, Museum of the American Revolution
- Panel moderated by [The Honorable Mark Schweiker](#), former Governor of Pennsylvania and [Cassandra Coleman](#), Executive Director, America250PA
- Panelists:
 - [Romel L. Nicholas, Esq.](#), Chair, National Flag Foundation
 - [Jennifer Lawson](#), President and CEO, Keep America Beautiful
 - [Vice Admiral Fritz Roegge \(ret.\)](#), Board Member, Homecoming250
- Panel Q & A

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2. Counties and Municipal Partners

African American Museum in Philadelphia, Jack T. Franklin Auditorium,
701 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

- Panel moderated by [Anne Ryan](#), Deputy Secretary, Tourism, Department of Community and Economic Development
- Panelists:
 - [Dawn Lamuth](#), A250PA Westmoreland County Advisory Member, GO Laurel Highlands
 - [Danielle DiLeo Kim](#), President and CEO, Philadelphia250
 - [Ed Stoddard](#), A250PA Centre County Advisory Member, Happy Valley Adventure Bureau
- Panel Q&A

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3. Nonprofit Affiliates

F.M. Kirby Auditorium, National Constitution Center, 525 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

- Presentation on upcoming Semiquin Grant opportunities by [Marie Conley](#), Director of Strategic Partnerships, America250PA

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Saturday, September 21, 2024

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS & AMERICA250PA NATIONAL CONVENING OF STATES AND PARTNERS PRESS CONFERENCE

*Carpenters' Hall, 320 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.*

Featuring:

Michael Norris, Executive Director of Carpenters' Hall
Patrick Burns, America250PA Chairman
Cassandra Coleman, America250PA Executive Director
Rosie Rios, Chair of America250
Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts
Sec. Gregg Amore, Rhode Island Secretary of State
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PRIVATE VISITS TO INDEPENDENCE HALL AND CONGRESS HALL

*Independence Hall, 520 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

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Security screening required

EVENING COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT CARPENTERS' HALL

**Pre-registration for this event is required*

*Carpenters' Hall, 320 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

Join us at an Evening Cocktail Reception at Carpenters' Hall to raise a glass to this great American experiment and to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the First Continental Congress at Carpenters' Hall in 1774.

Featuring:

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Saturday, September 21, 2024

Philly Phlash buses will pick up guests at Carpenters' Hall between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and bring them to the Please Touch Museum.

CLOSING DINNER

*Memorial Hall at the Please Touch Museum
7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.*

EMCEE: [Ryan Leckey](#), Emmy Award-winning Marketer and TV Host

Video Greeting: [Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro](#)

[Patrick Burns](#), America250PA Chairman

[Cassandra Coleman](#), America250PA Executive Director

[Patricia Wellenbach](#), President & CEO, Please Touch Museum

[Yolanda Wisher](#), former Philadelphia Poet Laureate, reading her poem commissioned by PA Humanities and ArtPhilly of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia

[Patricia Treacy](#), Ireland's Premier Violinist

[The House of Maci Lago](#), Chester-based fashion, runway modeling and dance program empowering young women artists to love themselves by building self-esteem and fighting against depression, mental health and anxiety

[Chloe Flower](#), Classical Hip Hop Crossover Composer and Pianist

Keynote: [The Honorable Tom Wolf](#), Former Pennsylvania Governor

[Frzy](#), Emmy Award-winning Hip Hop artist, Pittsburgh Native

The evening will end with a celebratory display of Pyrotecnico fireworks immediately following dinner outside of Memorial Hall.

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Philly Phlash buses will pick up guests at the Please Touch Museum and make a stop, one at each of the three partner hotels (Hotel Monaco, Marriott Old City, Hilton at Penns Landing) between 10:45 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Welcome, [Cassandra Coleman](#), America250PA Executive Director

[Jennifer Nagle](#), Vice President, Special Projects, Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, introduction of panelists and moderator

Moderator: [Britt McHenry](#), national on-air sports reporter, anchor and public speaker

Panelists:

[Meg Kane](#), Host City Executive, Philadelphia Soccer 2026

[Michael Harris](#), Vice President, Marketing and New Media, Philadelphia Phillies

[Derek Dawson](#), Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives, VisitPITTSBURGH

[Jill Bodensteiner](#), Vice President and Director of Athletics, St. Joseph's University, Vice Chair, PHL Sports

[Ryan Ogle](#), Championship Director, PGA Championship

Additional Special Guests:

[Milt Thompson](#), former Phillies coach and player

[Mickey Morandini](#), former Phillies coach and player

Mascots

[Franklin the Dog](#), Philadelphia 76ers

[Dugout](#), Little League World Series

[Phang](#), Philadelphia Union

[Phillie Phanatic](#), Philadelphia Phillies

[The Keystone Kid](#), America250PA

[Mario the Magnificent](#), Drexel University Dragons

[Swoop](#), Philadelphia Eagles

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Krapf Coach buses will pick up guests at our three partner hotels (Hotel Monaco, Marriott Old City, Hilton at Penn's Landing) and bring them to the Daskalakis Athletic Center, Drexel University, on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Buses will leave the hotels no later than 8 a.m. and will return all guests to partner hotels at the conclusion of the brunch.

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