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LEAGUE LEADERS: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN THE NBA AND WNBA

Friday, Oct, 15, 2021 at 12 p.m.





SPEAKERS

Kevin Clayton

VP of Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement, Cleveland Cavaliers

Oris Stuart

Chief People and Inclusion Officer, NBA

Bonnie Thurston

Director for WNBA Player Programs, WNBA

The National Basketball Association (NBA) and Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) have been leaders among professional sports leagues in addressing issues of inequality and social justice. Their players have been broadly outspoken on topics ranging from mental health to police brutality to equal pay.

Join us as we hear from Oris Stuart, Chief People and Inclusion Officer at the NBA, Bonnie Thurston, Director for WNBA Player Programs and Kevin Clayton, VP of Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement at the Cleveland Cavaliers on how the past year has reshaped how both leagues engage athletes and fans alike to become allies for social change.

They will also share how the 2022 NBA All-Star Game in Cleveland will provide opportunities to engage the community in discussion and action around diversity, equity and inclusion locally.

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- One question per person. Make sure your question is an actual question, not a statement. Keep your question short, no follow-ups. This will allow us to fit in as many questions as possible.
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Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Virtual Forum Global Problem, Local Solution: Ohio's Cities Leading on Climate Action

According to C40, a collaboration of 97 great cities of the world, cities occupy only two percent of the world's landmass but consume two-thirds of the world's energy and produce 70% of global CO2 emissions. Here in Ohio, many local leaders are seeing clean energy and climate opportunities in their communities and are taking action. They are showing what's possible through comprehensive climate action plans that deliver measurable results. Can the global climate challenge be solved city by city?

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Friday, Oct. 22 at 12 p.m. In-Person Forum Examining Issue 24

On November 2nd, Cleveland voters will vote on Issue 24—a charter amendment that would bring significant changes to police accountability in the city. This very issue drew some of the starkest distinctions between candidates Justin Bibb and Kevin Kelley during the recent Cleveland Mayoral debate we hosted in partnership with Ideastream Public Media. But what is Issue 24 actually about?

Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 12 p.m. Virtual Forum Youth Forum: 100 Seconds to Midnight*

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