



National Black Deaf Advocates

2008 Southern Regional Black Deaf Advocates Conference

Second Biennial Southern Regional BDA Conference
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Charlotte, NC
June 5-7, 2008

North Carolina Black Deaf Advocates hosted a 2nd Biennial Southern Regional BDA Conference in Charlotte, NC on June 5-7, 2008. The theme was "You Make A Difference: Changing and Expanding Yourself". We had 124 registration, exhibitors, and presenters. We are proud to say that the conference was a success. There were 12 workshops, 11 exhibitors, 3 performers during the conference. It was VERY well organized conference ever! We provided a nice registration packages that people really love it and also provided three meals during the conference.

On Saturday night, Sheryl Emery was our Keynote Speaker during the banquet. Her presentation was so powerful and did impact on all of us that we never knew or overlooked that's something that people don't realize that their leadership and attitude can make a difference. There are three performances that were given by Samuel Franklin (from DC), Christa Moore, and dancers by Jasmine Moore and Kieara Johnson (all from Charlotte).

During the general meeting, Marilyn Edwards was re-elected as a Southern Regional Representative and Michelle Thomas was also re-elected as ALT Southern Regional Representative.

The 3rd Biennial Southern Regional BDA Conference will be hosted by Alabama in 2010.

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