

## **Open Session Speaker Biosketches**

### **Congressman Anthony Brown**

*Maryland's 4th Congressional District; House of Representatives*

Congressman Anthony Brown represents Maryland's 4th Congressional District. He serves as the Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and is a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Committee on Natural Resources and the bipartisan Committee on Ethics. Congressman Brown is also currently a co-Chair of the New Democrat Coalition's National Security Task Force.

A retired Colonel in the United States Army Reserve, Congressman Brown's military record spanned more than a quarter century as an aviator and JAG officer, during which time he graduated first in his flight class and received both Airborne and Air Assault qualifications.

Congressman Brown was awarded the Legion of Merit for his distinguished military service. In 2004, he was deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom, earned a Bronze Star, and became one of the nation's highest-ranking elected officials at that time to serve a tour of duty in Iraq.

In 1998, Congressman Brown was first elected to the Maryland House of Delegates to represent Prince George's County. He went on to serve eight years as Lt. Governor where he focused on higher education, economic development, healthcare, domestic violence and foster care. Congressman Brown graduated Harvard Law School in 1992, and then went on to clerk for the Honorable Eugene Sullivan, Chief Judge on the US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. He was an associate attorney in the litigation and securities practice groups in the Washington, DC office of Wilmer Hale, and later practiced zoning and land use law with the Maryland firm of Gibbs and Haller.

Congressman Brown graduated Harvard College with honors and a degree in Political Science. He and his wife Karmen reside in Prince George's County.

### **Evelyn Kent**

*Director, Department of Defense HBCU/MI Program and Outreach  
Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering/Research, Technology & Laboratories*

Mrs. Evelyn Kent serves in several capacities within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering where she provides technical support to the Deputy Director for Research, Technology and Laboratories. She is the Department of Defense (DoD) Program Director for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI) Program. In this capacity, she oversees the HBCU/MI Programs, which include Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU), Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), and other underrepresented minority communities. These program funds support basic research, equipment and instrumentation upgrades, graduate fellowships, scholarships, research and education centers, and other activities focused on attracting underrepresented minorities to the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)

disciplines important to the DoD national security mission. Mrs. Kent represents the DoD on the White House Initiatives Executive Orders for HBCUs and MIs. Her career spans over 40 years of government service in the information technology, weapon systems acquisition, international affairs, environmental life sciences, and the command, control and intelligence environment.

Mrs. Kent holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Southern University Baton Rouge and a Master of Science degree in Acquisitions Administration from Central Michigan University. She is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute Leadership Program in Charlottesville, VA. Mrs. Kent is the recipient of the Department of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award. Mrs. Kent's awards also include the 2012 Women of Color STEM Career Achievement award.

**Vallen Emery, Jr.**

*Outreach and Small Business Program Manager  
Army Research Laboratory*

Dr. Vallen L. Emery, Jr. currently serves as the outreach program manager for the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command's Army Research Laboratory (ARL). His efforts have contributed to the development of ARL's strategic planning and educational outreach strategies regarding the shortfall of engineers and scientists entering the Federal workforce. Dr. Emery has configured ARL's educational outreach program into two areas (i.e. Workforce and University Outreach & K-12 Outreach); all of which support and compliment ARL's research and development (R&D) vision and strategic plan.

Prior to joining ARL, Dr. Emery served as a Research Biologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station (WES), located in Vicksburg, Mississippi. While at WES, Dr. Emery helped establish a R&D program that focused on aquatic bioassay test development, aquatic toxicity testing of military unique compounds and ecological risk assessment. Several chronic bioassays were developed by the R&D team and are nationally used to assist local governments in determining the impact of low level contaminant exposures on ecosystems. Dr. Emery also served as the Director of Special Projects and Marketing at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland, before serving in his position at WES. Dr. Emery established professional training programs for the marketing and customer service staffs at Johns Hopkins, and instituted customer survey instruments that assessed the quality of all HMO services. In addition, Dr. Emery assisted in the creation of the Johns Hopkins HMO advertising campaign that won several awards and was later emulated by other area HMOs.

Dr. Emery holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Morgan State University, a Master's degree in Marine Estuarine and Environmental Science from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and a Doctorate degree in Marine, Estuarine and Environmental Science from the University of Maryland College Park.