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Baptist Ministers Conference Of Greater New York And Vicinity Addresses Education With Berkeley College President

Michael J. Smith, president, Berkeley College, met with Rev. Dr. Charles A. Curtis, president of the Baptist Ministers Conference (BMC) of Greater New York and Vicinity and members of the BMC on Monday, July 8, 2019 at Convent Avenue Baptist Church in Harlem, NY. President Curtis invited President Smith to discuss Berkeley College's mission. "We need to have more colleges like Berkeley engaging with our congregations," said President Rev. Dr. Curtis. "This day is very meaningful," said President Smith. "Through education, we plant the seeds that fill the gardens of the mind. We are grateful for the opportunity to grow these seeds with you." During the meeting, the organization discussed issues of affordable housing, the status of the legalization of marijuana, reforms in policing, and workforce development, including the topic of jobs with livable wages. ■

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L-R: Chris Christiansen, assistant chair, Management, Larry L. Luing School of Business® and Basketball Coach Emeritus, Berkeley College; President Rev. Dr. Charles A. Curtis, Baptist Ministers Conference of Greater NY and Vicinity; Michael J. Smith, president, Berkeley College; Elijah Craig, assistant Basketball Coach and Berkeley College alumnus



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114 Years!



Alelia Murphy. If you needed the question to win \$100,000 on that famous quiz show, *Jeopardy*, would you know the question? Well here it is: Who is the oldest woman in the United States? Yay!! You won. That's right. On July 6, 2019, Alelia Murphy celebrated her 114th birthday becoming the oldest living person in the United States.

And we mean she celebrated. Wearing a bright yellow dress and a crown perched atop her neatly coiffed head, Mrs. Murphy enjoyed every minute of the party in her honor hosted by the African American Caucus of 1199SEIU.

Among the friends and family members present were her daughter, Rose Green, who said her mother was her best friend. "I'm so glad she has lived so long and that she is alive," she said. What is the secret to her long life? Granddaughter Nefer Nekhet said that whenever her grandmother is asked that question, she answers, "I'm blessed, because the Lord kept her here for so long." ■

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