

Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

March & April 24' Spring Edition



About the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

The purpose of the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar is to connect the Black Community of CSU Monterey Bay with the local Black Communities of the Greater Monterrey Bay Area. The idea for the calendar came out of the community forums organized as part of CSUMB's annual super Saturday Black student recruitment events. The Calendar, (originally edited by Steven Goings) is now produced by the Cal State Monterey Bay's Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence and edited by HRE Administrative Support Coordinator Da'ja Robinson with new editions usually being released monthly; sometimes weekly depending on news and capacity.

Don't forget there is also a Facebook group: <u>Monterey Bay Black Folks</u> <u>Calendar</u> where you can post anything related to Black Folks directly.

1) To submit an event to the BFC for possible publication, click on this link: **BFC Event Submission Form** 2) To submit a "My Take" article, send a word document (NOT pdf!) along with your name and email address to **helenruckercenterforblackexcellence@csumb.edu**

3) To submit a "In the Spotlight" biography/activities and photo of a community leader, send a word document and digital picture to **helenruckercenterforblackexcellence@csumb.edu**

4) To subscribe to the Black Folks Calendar, Click Here

Editor's Note:

Throughout this newsletter, <u>*Blue Underlined*</u> copy (including above!) indicates a searchable link.

March & April Calendar Holidays

March

Women's History Month 3/8 International Women's Day 3/10 First Day of Ramadan 3/10 Day Light Savings Time Begins 3/17 St. Patrick's Day 3/24 Palm Sunday 3/29 Good Friday 3/31 Easter Sunday

April

4/1 Cesar Chavez Day
4/1 April Fools Day
4/2 Autism Awareness Day
4/7 World Health Day
4/9 Last Day of Ramadan
4/15 Tax Day
4/22 Earth Day

In the Spotlight - CSUMB Welcomes Alexandria Jones



Alie Jones by Vida Vasquez - Oakland, CA

"An artist's duty, as far as I'm concerned, is to reflect the times." -Nina Simone

Alie Jones is a self-care advocate, writer, artist, and Creole mermaid. She believes that the best writing spaces are generative and embodied. Alie is deeply inspired by scholars like bell hooks, Ntozake Shange, June Jordan, and Gloria Anzaldúa. As an educator, she explores the intersections of power, praxis, and healing. She is the Director and Co-founder of *Black Freighter Press*, a revolutionary press committed to the exploration of liberation.

Alie graduated with a BA in Cinematic Arts & Technology from CSU Monterey Bay & a minor in HCOM Creative Writing & Social Action. She received her MPA from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies as well as a MFA from Mills College in Creative Writing. Alie is the host of the podcast called *Chit Chat with Aliecat*, exploring self-care practices & journeys of self-love. Visit her website for more <u>http://aliejones.com/</u>



What Goals Do You Have as a Lecturer at CSUMB?

It is an honor to be back at CSUMB in the Humanities & Communication department alongside some of my former professors. My most impactful classes were in my minor concentration Creative Writing & Social Action. I have been writing my whole life but it wasn't until those classes that I was sharing my writing. I tell my students the story of one of my first classes with Deb Busman. We each had to choose a piece to recite on a microphone in front of the entire class and any guests we wanted to invite, I was terrified. I asked Deb if I could write an essay or do an in class presentation instead, she encouraged me to find something I'd be proud to share. I trembled through my ode and now I host, curate, and perform in spaces I never could have imagined. Before that class I remember believing no one would relate to my writing. My writing experiences in HCOM led me to explore CSU Summer Arts and connect with authors and educators I deeply admire like Roxane Gay, Lidia Yuknavitch, and Kiese Laymon.

I'm grateful I was able to explore the intersections of art, social justice, and storytelling. As an alum, my hope is that I am able to continue the legacy of Creative Writing and Social Action concentration cultivating spaces of belonging and resistance. Something I'm really proud of is my student Maria Zamudio performing her poem "Learning to cook" reflecting on class, justice, and family heritage. She shared this piece in our Environmental Creative Writing at the end of semester reading this past Fall and kicked off our Women's History month event on March 14th. It's truly a gift to witness someone go from a place of doubt in their writing to a place of courage. I know first hand that these spaces are stewarded with a lot of intention.

https://csumb.edu/hcom/hcom-faculty--staff/hcom-l-jones-alexandria-alie/



- Celebrating Women Through Poetry, presented by the President's office & <u>Writers</u> <u>From The Edge</u>
- Left to right: Mahi Shah(Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate), Alie Jones (HCOM), Dr. Ayodele Nzinga(Oakland Poet Laureate), Rachelle Escamilla(Monterey County Poet Laureate), Maria Zamudio (CSUMB Student)

Catch Alie at these upcoming events:

Monterey Poetry Festival

April 12th @ 6pm Festival Opening Night, featuring Chris Siders, Daniel Summerhill and more

CSU Summer Arts: Social Action Writing

6/24/2024-7/7/2024 Location: Fresno State University

"Write to move people, make positive change, and build community whether through fiction, memoir, or creative nonfiction. Explore perspective, identity, and community, choosing the topics around which you'd like to build community. Learn about the role of sensitivity readers in today's publishing world, how to apply for writing residencies, and the benefits and challenges of editing a thematic anthology."

Community Voices: Poets Speak 2024 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDHBrBIh49I

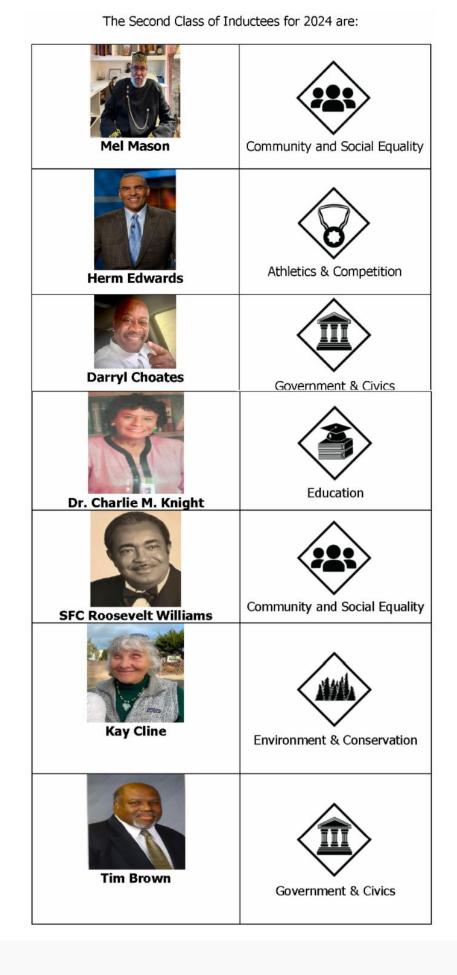
This group reading and celebration features six poets sharing original poetry written in response to the current exhibitions on view at MoAD. Featured poets include Briana Grogan, D'mani Thomas, Porsche Veu, LadiRev, Raymond Nat Turner, and Duane Horton. This program series is co-presented by Black Freighter Press, hosted by Alie Jones & Nia McAllister. <u>https://www.moadsf.org/event/community-voicespoets-speak-group-reading-celebration</u>

Community Highlights



On Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, City of Seaside hosted the unveiling of the NEW Seaside Stars on Broadway Avenue. The event honors individuals that have made a significant and lasting contribution to the Seaside community in the areas of Athletics and Competition; Arts and Performing Media; Civics and Government; Community and Social Equality; Education; Environment and Conservation; Journalism and Literature; and Outstanding Achievement.

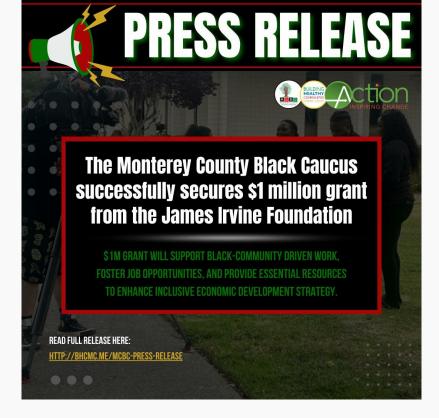
Seaside Stars was created in order to provide a unique attraction that enhances and encourages a walkable downtown. Each star will honor local Seaside residents and serve as a living historical record of Seaside's achievements as a community.





If you would like to nominate someone for the 3rd instillation, please submit your nominations to the website below by April, 5th, 2024.





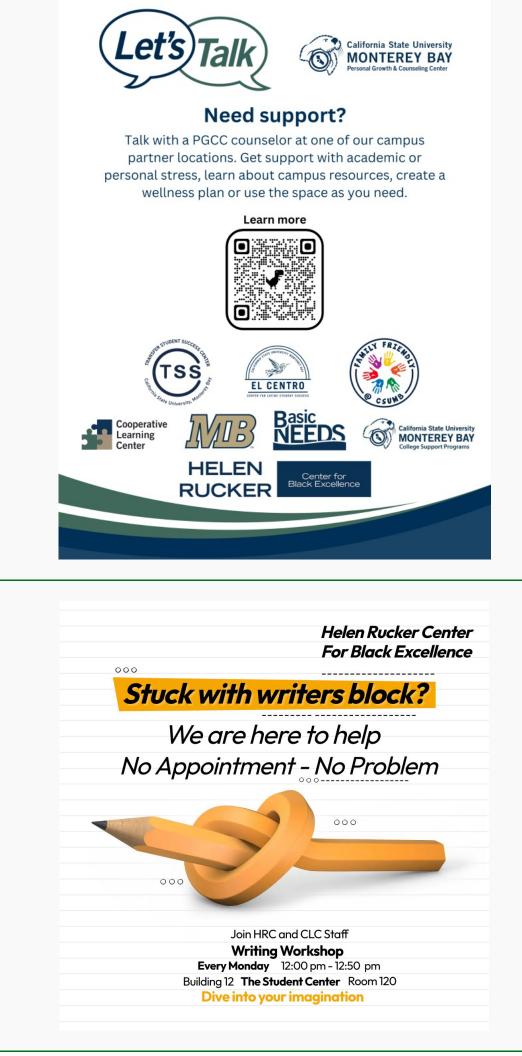
The Monterey County Black Caucus successfully secures \$1 million grant from the James Irvine Foundation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monterey County, CA | March 25, 2024

The Monterey County Black Caucus (MCBC) is thrilled to announce that they have been awarded a prestigious one million dollar grant to support strategic economic growth for Black Communities in the Monterey County region. This significant funding will enable Black leaders to develop and implement targeted strategies that will strengthen and scale Black-led and Black-serving organizations' sustainability and capacity.

Read full release here: http://bhcmc.me/mcbc-press-release

Opportunities and Resources



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!!!

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa

Gamma Omega Chapter Scholarship



Applications Due: April 15th, 2024 11:59 pm Please contact Sarah Holder at srhhold@aol.com for any questions.



TREE GIVEAWAY

The City of Seaside will be giving Seaside residents a free tree to help increase the City's tree canopy. Trees available starting 4/2/24





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APRIL 3 - MAY 18 SATURDAY MORNING ALL PRACTICES & GAMES AT CUTINO PARK

INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS AND COACHES CONTACT 831-899-6806 | RECREATION@CI.SEASIDE.CA.US

6UWEDNESDAYS 5:00 - 6:00 PM8UWEDNESDAYS 6:00 - 7:00 PM10UWEDNESDAYS 7:00 - 8:00 PM

\$10 Residents \$15 Non-Residents Register at the Oldemeyer Center or online at bit.ly/SeasideAG (#510504)

Seaside Police Activities League 831-899-6806 | bit.ly/SeasidePAL



Compensated Research Study

I'm a Doctoral level student exploring perceptions of Black women's postpartum care experiences. *Your voice is important* and contributes to a larger body of research, informing how the medical community provides care to women of color. Participation is 100% anonymous.

You are eligible if you...

- Identify as Black or African American
- Have given birth in the last 18 months
- Can understand written and spoken English
- Are between the ages of 18 and 55 years old

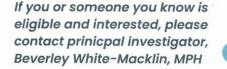
Overview of Activities:



Participate in a 45 - 60 min zoom interview Review interview Receive \$25 gift transcript card as (10-15 min) compensation for your participation



Scan QR Code for more info



(408) 368-1655

Events



Friday, March 15th, 2024 12pm - 1:30p in the Alumni & Visitors Center to honor and celebrate your commitment and your excellence! For questions, please contact dajrobinson@csumb.edu **NEW HOPE SALINAS, ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY PRESENTS:**





MID-TERM STUDY NIGHT (BLDG 12) TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH 5 PM - 10 PM

Session 1 (5 pm - 7 pm)

El Centro Spanish ASL

Helen Rucker Center Writing

West Lounge Chemistry

Biology Japanese Tech Support PGCC and Makerspace **Session 2** (7 pm - 8:30 pm)

> El Centro Japanese

Helen Rucker Center Writing

> West Lounge Biology Math Stat 100 Tech Support

Session 3 (8:30 pm - 10 pm)

> <mark>El Centro</mark> Japanese

Helen Rucker Center Writing

West Lounge Chemistry Stat 100 & 250 Math 130, 150, and 250 Tech Support

Additional independent study spaces in Central Lounge and Transfer Center

70s DISCO MARCH 2024

Friday, March 22, 2024 @ 4:00pm Location: The World Theater on 6th Avenue

Student Performers: Jessica Voris, Roxanne Ortiz, Jacob Alfaro, David Amesquita, Jaeyeol Kwon, Eduardo Lopez, Christopher Santana, Havi Kim, Berelim Bautista, Minjae Cho, Sebastian Cuevas, Jessica De Mott, John Fitzgerald, Tristan Gianelli, Hana Abbasi, Nina Faumuina-Eze, Ashley Felton, Ingrid Martinson, Michaela Velasco, Shay Zalavadia, Cyan Erdita, Bryan Gutierrez, Amanda Dalmacio, Marcia Vandervinne, Alejandro Gomez, Erin Scherpbier. Hector Ponce-Sanchez, Nivardo Martinez Nunez.



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Inspirational | Gospel

APRIL 2024

Friday, April 19, 2024 @ 4:00pm Location: The Music Hall Bldg. 30

Student Performers: Jessica Voris, Roxane Ortiz, Jacob Alfaro, David Amesquita, Jaeyeol Kwon, Eduardo Lopez, Christopher Santana, Havi Kim Berelim Bautista, Minjae Cho, Sebastian Cuevas, Jessica De Mott, John Fitzgerald, Tristan Gianelli, Hana Abbasi, Nina Faumuina-Eze, Ashley Felton, Ingrid Martinson, Michaela Velasco, Shay Zalavadia, Cyan Erdita, Bryan Gutierrez, Amanda Dalmacio Marcia Vandervinne, Alejandro Gomez, Erin Scherpbier. Hector Ponce-Sanchez, Nivardo Martinez Nunez.

Final Voice Recital

MAY 2024

Friday, May 10, 2024 @ 4:00pm | World Theater on 6th Avenue FREE ADMISSION

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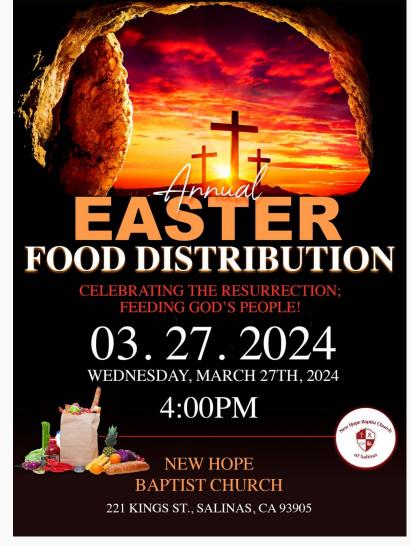


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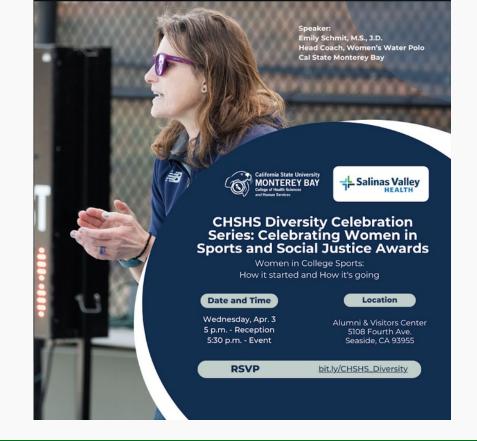


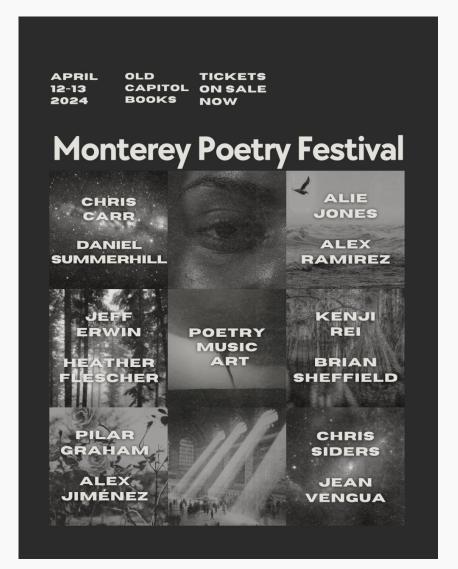


\$20 per person @Otter Express Faculty & Staff Happy Hour April 3rd 04:00pm – 06:00pm

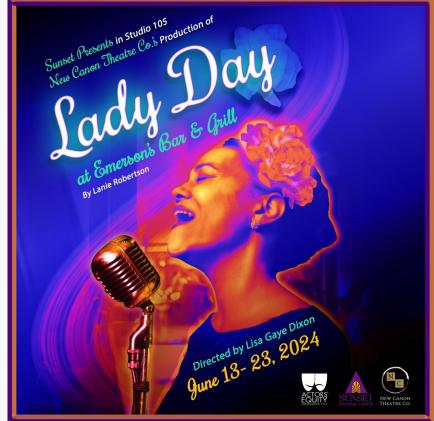
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More info reach out to otterkitchens@gmail.com









Get ready for an unforgettable season three kickoff with New Canon Theatre Co. Sunset Presents at Studio 105, New Canon Theatre Co's production of: "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill" by Lanie Robertson. This incredible piece will be directed by Lisa Gaye Dixon and featuring local icon, Malinda DeRouen as Billie Holiday!

Mark your calendars for this electrifying show at Sunset Center's Studio 105 playing June 13-23. Tickets drop this Spring, but for now, feast your eyes on the stunning poster art by Saul Villegas of Moderno!

More information about cast and creatives behind this production to come!



Weekly Black Space Mondays

From 12 Noon - 1 PM, Facilitated by Stacie Andrews For this online discussion group about all things Black, go this Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646 4225667



Follow Black Folks on Social Media (Click on links to follow to sites)

Facebook:

- Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar (Public Group, 396 members)
 - About: The purpose of the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar is to connect the Black Community of CSU Monterey Bay with the local Black Communities of the Greater Monterey Bay Area.
 - Site Administrator: Steven Goings

NAACP Monterey County Branch 1049 (Facebook page under reconstruction)

- - About: The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

• About: Founded in 1909 in response to the ongoing violence against Black people around the country, the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is the largest and most pre-eminent civil rights organization in the nation. We have over 2,200 units and branches across the nation, along with well over 2M activists. Our mission is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

Black Lives Matter

• About: #BlackLivesMatter is an online forum intended to build connections between Black people and our allies to fight anti-Black racism, to spark dialogue amongst Black people, and to facilitate the types of connections necessary to encourage social action and engagement.

African American Policy Forum

• About: Founded in 1996, The African American Policy Forum (AAPF) is an innovative think tank that connects academics, activists and policymakers to promote efforts to dismantle structural inequality. We utilize new ideas and innovative perspectives to transform public discourse and policy. We promote frameworks and strategies that address a vision of

racial justice that embraces the intersections of race, gender, class, and the array of barriers that disempower those who are marginalized in society. AAPF is dedicated to advancing and expanding racial justice, gender equality, and the indivisibility of all human rights, both in the U.S. and internationally.

Monterey County Black Caucus (Public Group, 412 members)

- About: Our mission for the Monterey County Black Caucus (MCBC) is to heal and empower the Black Community by cultivating leadership, by providing a safe space for Black residents to unwrap and reflect, by advocating for equity and inspiring Black culture through arts and community development
- Site Administrators: Tinisha Dunn, Robert Daniels, Rosalyn Green

Marina BIPOC & Allies (Private Group, 63 members)

• About: A group for BIPOC & allies in Marina, CA to support the BIPOC community. We support #blacklivesmatter & will center black voices on needed local changes.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

- Rev. Harold Hollingsworth Lusk Sr. Pastor
- The Church today REACHING TO PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE!!

Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ

• Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ is under the Pastoral Leadership of Dr. Samuel E. Gaskins Sr.

Emmanuel Church of God in Christ

- About: Stay updated about the great things God is doing at Emmanuel COGIC here in Seaside, CA. Our Pastor is Dr. E.B. Jones and our Founder is Dr. Welton McGee!
- YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA7zzqlu2bDCfrTmxlcH UiA

Friendship Baptist Church Seaside

• About: Friendship is one of the first Baptist Churches on the Monterey Peninsula. Many other Baptist Church's have branched off this congregation.

Greater Victory Temple Church of God in Christ

- About: Dr. Ronald Britt, Senior Pastor
- Lost souls are our priority! Each one, win one!

Hays Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

• Rev. Marvin Washington, Senior Pastor. (NEW PASTOR!)

Holy Assembly Missionary Baptist Church

• Founded in 1974 by Reverend Slade, HAMBC is a moving church being led by God in Marina, CA.

Lighthouse Full Gospel Church

• Through this Seaside branch, many lives have been influenced and souls saved. Great men and women have been equipped and sent out into the harvest field to promote the gospel and to help advance the kingdom of God.

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Salinas

• In 1965, a group of devout Christians, finding a need for a Baptist Church in the area, assembled in the home of Sister Richardson at 1112 Del Monte Street, Salinas, California.

New Hope Baptist Church Seaside

• New Hope Missionary Baptist Church was organized February 12, 1959, in Seaside California at the home of Reverend James W. and Sister Bertha L. Paige.

New Hope Baptist Church Salinas

• About: "A Church Dedicated To Servant-hood and Discipleship"

Ocean View Baptist Church

• Rev. Kenneth Murray

Recognizing Military Service Center

- Formerly "Retired Men's Social Club"
- About: We are a Social Club. Our goal is to add to the betterment of this community and the people of the community, by providing Scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors, Service Learning Programs and affordable Entertainment to our members and Community

LINKS, Inc. Monterey Bay Chapter

• Established in 1974, the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Links Inc, are friends that transform the community in which we serve. Through cultural, educational, & civic participation, our chapter faithfully strives to be strong, smart & bold in positive change.

Deja Blue, Seaside

• Live Jazz, Blues and Comedy in Downtown Seaside

Useful Links:

New! County Employment Opportunities: Monterey County Supervisor Elect Wendy Askew encourages community members to "register for job announcements from the County - and to apply for anything that seems interesting so that your resume gets into the system."

Black Business Directory

• Here is something the Monterey County Branch NAACP is working on. You can send your entries directly to lbogene@yahoo.com

Black Community Leader/Activist Archive

• Check out the list and add your bio and photo to it.

Black Court Support Volunteer Sign-Ups

• We all know the so-called criminal justice system treats our folks much more harshly than others, sometimes just having community members show up at court can make a difference in how things turn out.

Black Web Sites

• Check it out or add your favorite to the list

Black Speakers Bureau for Classroom Presentations

• With so few African Americans working in our K-12 and higher education systems, our kids have too few opportunities to see professionals and role models who look like them. We are looking for Black community members and professionals who can be called on to be occasional guest speakers in local classrooms.

Updated! CSUMB Black Staff & Faculty

• Just the basic public contact and position info

Monterey Bay Historically Black Churches

• Check out the current list of churches, update existing entries or add new ones.

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