



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

Week of Mon Nov 9 through Sun Nov 15, 2020

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 Monterey 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 is edited by Steven Goings with new editions being released every Monday. To submit an event for possible inclusion, please send to AfricanQuazar@gmail.com. The submission deadline is Friday at 6pm.

Editor's Note:

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November is...

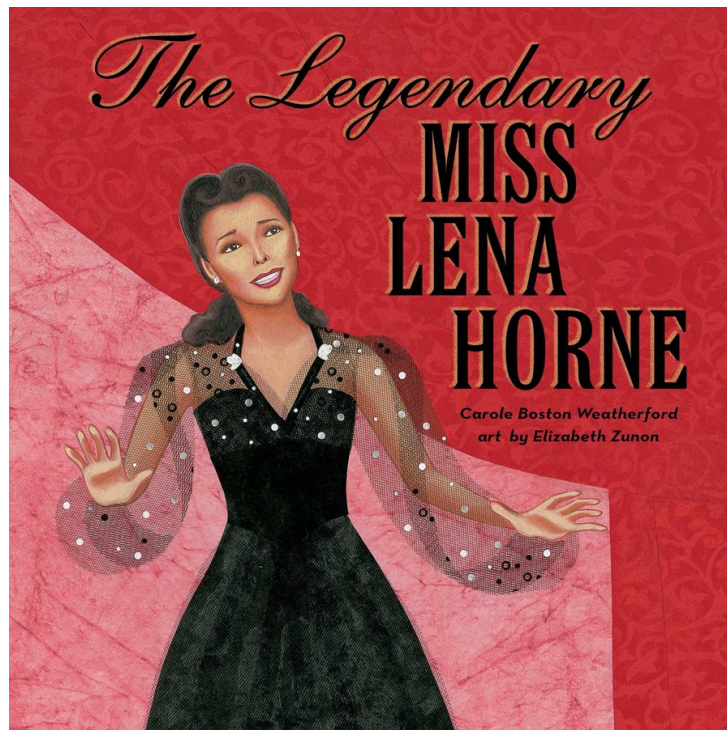


Black & Native American Profile:

Lena
Horne

1917 -

2010



Actress and singer Lena Horne was one of the most popular performers of her time, known for films such as 'Cabin in the Sky' and 'The Wiz' as well as her trademark song, "Stormy Weather."

Lena Mary Calhoun Horne was born on June 30, 1917, in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of a banker/professional gambler and an actress. Both parents had a mixed heritage of African American, European American and Native American descent. Lena Horne was a singer, actress and Civil Rights Activist who first established herself as an accomplished live singer and then transitioned into film work. She signed with MGM studios and became known as one of the top African American performers of her time, seen in such films as Cabin in the Sky and Stormy Weather. She was also known for her work with civil rights groups and refused to play roles that

stereotyped African American women, a stance that many found controversial. After some time out of the limelight during the '70s, she made a revered, award-winning comeback with her 1981 show *Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music*.

Songs, Albums and Activism

By the end of the 1940s, Horne had sued a variety of restaurants and theaters for discrimination and become an outspoken member of the leftist group Progressive Citizens of America. McCarthyism was sweeping through Hollywood, and Horne soon found herself blacklisted, believed to be due in part to her friendship with actor *Paul Robeson*, who was also blacklisted. She still performed primarily in posh nightclubs around the country as well as Europe and was also able to make some TV appearances. The ban had eased by the mid-1950s, and Horne returned to the screen in the 1956 comedy *Meet Me in Las Vegas*, though she would not act in another film for more than a decade.

Personal Life, Legacy and Death

Horne was married to Louis Jones from 1937 to 1944, and they had two children. She married Lennie Hayton, a white bandleader, in December 1947 in Paris, France, but they kept their marriage a secret for three years. The union was significantly impacted by racial prejudice, and they separated in the 1960s but never divorced.

Stormy Weather, a well-received biography of Horne's life, was published in 2009 and written by James Gavin. Horne also published her own memoir, *Lena*, in 1965.

Horne died of heart failure on May 9, 2010, in New York City.

[Click here](#) to read the full Lena Horne biography on Biography.com

Congratulations ...

to Black Folks (apparently) recently elected to office

[Kamala Harris](#), Vice-President of the United States

[Ian Oglesby](#), Seaside Mayor

[Debbie Anthony](#), MPC Board Trustee, Area 4

Thank You

I REMAIN HUMBLLED BY THE FAITH THE VOTERS HAVE PLACED IN ME. AND I THANK YOU! I WANT TO THANK OUR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS THAT WALKED, TALKED, AND SPREAD THE WORD OF A CAMPAIGN TO BUILD A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY AND BETTER SEASIDE. WITH YOUR HELP, WE HAVE BUILT A WINNING COALITION OF YOUTH ADVOCATES, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, YOUNG ADULTS, SENIORS, UNION MEMBERS, SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, TEACHERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS OF THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO DONATED, HOSTED ZOOM MEETINGS, YARD SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS. I OWE MY UTMOST THANKS TO YOU, THE VOTER. I'M EXCITED TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF SEASIDE AND WILL WORK HARD EVERYDAY TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES! AGAIN, THANK YOU!

- MAYOR IAN OGLESBY

In the Spotlight: Mount Nebo Baptist Church

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. After much prayer, divine guidance, and consultation with neighboring brethren and churches, a council was called to consider the matter. Deacon Frank Edmond, Sister Olivia Powell, Sister Richardson, Deacon and Sister Miller, Brother and Sister Robertson, and Brother and Sister Green, after several meetings sought divine guidance.



On the 9th of June 1965, the Reverend Gosby E. Hooks along with the above-mentioned persons present, called a council. On that date, the Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church of San Jose, California, pastored at the time by the Reverend J.D. Houston, officially designated a Mission. The Reverend Gosby E. Hooks was selected as the first pastor. With energetic, consecrated leadership, Mount Nebo began aspiring toward greater things.

The Lord added to the church and a larger building was needed for worship service. The pastor, along with church membership obtained a larger building located at 537 Alisal Street. Services were held there until 1967. The church grew both spiritually, and in membership. So much so, that the Pastor and Elders decided to purchase property, this is the current site of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Under the able leadership of Pastor Hooks, the first church building was purchased at 563 Roosevelt Street, Salinas, California.

Reverend Hooks gave Mount Nebo eight years of untiring, selfless service, and will always be remembered as our first pastor. He served with distinction until March of 1973, resigning and moving his pastoralship to Pacific Grove, California, to become the pastor of Community Baptist Church.

On June 28, 1973, the Reverend Willie B. White, an Associate Minister of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church of San Jose, California, was called to

pastor Mount Nebo. On July 1, 1973, Reverend White accepted the call. Through his inspired leadership, a building permit was granted and on August 19, 1975 the foundation of a new church was laid. On the second Sunday in November 1975, opening services were held in the new building. Reverend White gave Mount Nebo nine years of faithful, dedicated service. He tendered his letter of resignation in December 1982.

March 1983, Reverend Al Davis, an Associate Minister of Mount Nebo was called as her third pastor. Reverend Davis accepted the call and was installed in May 1983. During Pastor Davis' leadership the church has grown. Ministers have been licensed and ordained to preach, deacons have been ordained. The church purchased vehicles and implemented a Bus Ministry. Souls have been saved, people have been baptized and two Spanish Churches have been planted out of Mt. Nebo. The Lord truly blessed this church during the thirty-three years of leadership. In November, 2015, Reverend Davis announced his plans to retire on April 30, 2016. His service to the Lord and to the church will forever be remembered.

On May 15, 2016, Elder Anthony Davis, an associate minister, was called as her fourth pastor. As we begin this new chapter in the life of our Church, we anxiously look forward to what the Lord has for us.

May God continue to speak to us through His word.

Fall 2020 Historically Black *Virtual* Church Tour...

**On Nov 8, 2020, we visited Holy
Assembly Missionary Baptist Church.
[Here is a link](#) to the Sunday Service
Recording.**



This week we visit Mount Nebo Baptist Church

Sun Nov 8, 11:15 AM

Mount Nebo Baptist Church

Ways to attend Sunday's Service:

1. Go to Holy Assembly Facebook [page](#) where the service will be broadcast live
 2. **To join the Historically Black Church Tour Watch Party**, join the Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar Facebook [group](#) and login before 11 am. All members will receive a watch party notification through Facebook.
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Spotlight! Nathaniel Sawyer

The top contributor to the Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar Facebook group is Nathaniel (Nate) Sawyer. He was also one of the first to join the group. I (Steven Goings) first became aware of Nate when he moderated the Monterey County Board of Supervisor's Candidate Forum at Ocean View Baptist Church in Seaside back on January 16, 2020.

In the short time between then and now, Nathaniel has become virtually omnipresent in the local activist scene. He was very active in the promotion, development and execution of various post George Floyd Black Lives Matter protests locally, has been busy endorsing candidates up to the election and has had been having interesting video conversations with our highest local elected officials including State Senator Bill Monning and U.S. Congressman Jimmy Panetta.

Here is a little bit about Nathaniel in his own words...

I am passionate about community development and security. I have my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Spanish, with a concentration in

psychology. I have extensive experience in the criminal justice field where I worked as a Corrections Officer. After receiving my degree, I felt strongly that I needed to use my experience and education to help serve vulnerable communities. This led me to join the US Peace Corps, where I worked in Quito Ecuador as a Youth and Family Development Specialist. I worked with the city municipality to fight child labor by supporting an organization called Hogar De Paz and implementing activities to support the safety of at-risk children, support their education, and teach them life skills. Most of the youths that I served were from impoverished and disadvantaged or immigrant families.

After my experience with the Peace Corps, I decided to pursue my master's degree in International Policy and Development (which is currently in progress at Middlebury Institute of International studies in Monterey CA). I am specializing in Human Trafficking, Human Security and Migration. By pursuing this degree, I am able to combine my desire to create safe communities, criminal justice experience, and my desire to see equity and community development. In addition to my studies, I've been pursuing volunteer work and employment that supports and builds up my passions. I have experience organizing many types of community events and advocating politically. Throughout my time in Monterey County I have developed a passion for the underserved in our community, and have consistently volunteered for the homeless community through various organizations as well as spending my own time and money to offer meals to the community when possible. Advocacy is my passion, and I live for the opportunity to serve my community, and country.

Links to Nate's Online Activism:

- [**Welcome to the Revolution**](#) (BLM Rally, August 14, 2020, Marina CA)
- [**Moderating Supervisor's Candidate Forum**](#) (Jan 16, 2020, Ocean View Baptist Church)
- [**Black Algorithms**](#) (with Dirrick Williams, Tok2Me.TV, October, 2020)
- [**De-Militarize the Police**](#) (with Veterans for Peace, Oct 23, 2020)
- [**The Power of Policy**](#) (with Congressman Jimmy Panetta, Oct 19, 2020)
- [**Systemic Racism**](#) (with Ca Senator Bill Monning, Sept 30, 2020)

**Nate's
Take On...**

The Era of Trump and the Politics of Racism

As we move ever closer to viewing the Trump presidency through the rear view mirror, local activist Nathaniel Sawyer recalls an Op-Ed, *The Era of Trump and the Politics of Racism*, that he wrote for 10/29/2019 edition of *The Californian*:



Is the 2020 election a new beginning for the United States or is it more of the same divisiveness and violence? Through President Trump's administration, we have increased hysterical protests, twitter fights, and mass shootings based off hate rhetoric. The fiery rhetoric of the president has popularized racism, militarized Immigration Customs Enforcement, and led to the implementation of xenophobic policies restricting and further criminalizing migration.

Trump has kept the far right inspired and proud to chant "MAGA." I took a poll on Facebook asking Trump supporters what "MAGA" means to them. One response stated, "MAGA means placing all Americans first over the rest of the world." Although all the responses had different opinions of what exactly MAGA stands for, all circled back to the belief that the U.S. should ignore the world's problems and focus on itself.

The President's supporters excuse and turn a blind eye to his negative behaviors. Many believe immigrants have no place in "making America great again". Donald Trump has created an enemy for the Caucasian male to fear, in a similar way that Jim

Crow laws in U.S. history operated to enforce racial segregation in the south between 1877-1950s.

The Jim Crow laws were examples of systematic racism used to separate blacks and whites within communities. The physical separation represented an inherent “otherness” that instilled fear towards black people. These laws also empowered white people to take the law into their own hands resulting in the hideous practices of publicly lynching black people. Similarly, Donald Trump’s administration has brought back systematic racism towards immigrants or anyone who can be classified as “other.”

Most immigrants, regardless of their legal status, are law abiding individuals who have lived in the U.S. for years. Their only “crimes” were entering the country without proper immigration documents or overstayed their visas. However, this administration has overstated the scale of these “crimes.” They are bullying men, women, families and children as well as ‘hunting’ them down with massive and aggressive raids carried by ICE and the US Border Patrol (USBP). This has allowed these agencies to violate human rights.

As the US becomes more polarized and hostile towards immigrants, there has also been an increase in fear and misunderstanding among the immigrant community. Many do not realize that they do not have to let ICE into their homes without a warrant. They assume that ICE will operate within their legal rights, when in reality ICE has been entering homes and businesses without the proper judicial warrant. 7

Those who are forced to flee violence, extreme poverty and corruption are also being criminalized. Moreover, today, the Trump administration has set the lowest cap for refugee admissions to 18,000 compared to the 110,000 it was set at in the Obama administration.

Moreover...

[Click Here](#) to continue reading Nate's article in the Californian.

Upcoming CSUMB Events:

Roberto
Pérez
(Urban
Pilón)
(Daniel Hale
Williams



Black Health Education Series)

The Center for Black Student Success invites you to cook with Afro-Caribbean chef Roberto Pérez.

November 12, 2020

6:00pm — 7:30pm

[Register for Virtual Event](#)

In preparation for Thanks Giving/Indigenous People's Day Pérez will join HCOM Professor Umi Vaughan virtually to teach viewers how to prepare a meal and to discuss his organization Urban Pilón whose mission is to honor and preserve cooking traditions from Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and Latin America while using completely natural, healthy ingredients. Participants will learn a classic recipe along with the history behind it.

Cultural Programming

The Center for Black Student Success brings relevant cultural programming to campus by welcoming authors, artists, scholars, and performers from throughout the African Diaspora to enrich the CSUMB experience with concerts, workshops, exhibits focused on engaging and

inspiring Black students.

Following event:

- **Nate Cameron:** December 3, 2020, Time: 6-7:30 pm
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**Diversity
Celebration
Series -
National
Rural Health
Day &
National
Scholarship
Month:
Building a
Diverse**



Health and Human Services Workforce

November 18, 2020

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Zoom Webinar

[Register in Advance Here!](#)

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Joan Reede, Inaugural Dean of Diversity and Community Partnership at Harvard Medical School, as we discuss building diversity and equity into the health and human services workforce.

**Upcoming
Community Events:**

MONTEREY COUNTY

youth summit

nov 13

10:30am to 12pm [PST]

RACE TO EQUITY

THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHANGE LEADERS

Raising the voices of Monterey County youth on issues of race and equity

#MCYouthSummit

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From Dr. Vanessa Lopez Littleton on above Youth Summit:

Greetings,

Please **save the date** and share this event with your networks.

Register [here](#) for event updates and details.



Useful Links:

[Black Business Directory](#)

- Here is something the Monterey County Branch NAACP is working on. You can [send your entries directly to lbogene@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

[Black Voices and Photo Portrait Project](#)

- Local photographer Nic Coury has launched this Black Portrait Project and looking for subjects. [If interested in posing for a professional picture message him on Facebook](#) or send me (africanquazar@gmail.com) your contact info for me to forward.

[Updated! CSUMB Black Staff & Faculty](#)

- Just the basic public contact and position info

Improving Black Lives Priorities and Wish List

- Click on this google document to share your thoughts about what is needed in the Black community. We will prioritize them for further action.

Monterey Bay Historically Black Churches

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

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