



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

**2023 New Year Edition and 2022
Archive**

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, (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 on Mondays (at least monthly; sometimes weekly depending on news and capacity).

Don't forget there is also a Facebook group: [**Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar**](#) 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 sgoings@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 sgoings@csumb.edu.

Editor's Note:

Throughout this newsletter, [Blue Underlined](#) copy (including above!) indicates a searchable link.



PARTING

WORDS:

Steven Goings,
developer and
editor of the
Black Folks
Calendar steps
back, **Da'Ja**
Robinson and
the **Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence**
steps forward.



Steven Goings with Black Students United for AmeriCorps Make-a-Difference Day, 2010

-- by **Steven Goings**

It all began with Helen Rucker.

"It" being my relationship to the local Black communities of Monterey Bay. Recognizing in 2010 that over the years I had allowed my own internalized homophobia to block me from forming meaningful relationships within the Black Community, I knew I needed to make a change. I corrected this by joining CSUMB's Black Students United student organization in my final year as an undergraduate at CSUMB. In response to a notorious racial incident (the "N" word written in chalk in front of the CSUMB Dining Commons) I gave a report on the incident to the Monterey County Branch NAACP in my role of then-president of the Student Peace Alliance. Shortly after this, Mrs. Helen Rucker (a prominent member and past president) summoned me to her office in Seaside and asked me to run for assistant secretary of the Monterey County Branch which I did. This began my activism within the local Black communities of Seaside and the greater Monterey Bay.

Of the many roles I would take in the community since then, few have been as personally satisfying as developing and editing the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar.

As of this writing, we have over 500 subscribers and over 500 followers of our [Facebook page](#)! So why step back now?

Well frankly, the work of it has simply outgrown the capacity of a single editor and the work needs to be institutionalized so that it will continue bridging the gap between CSUMB and local Black communities long after I am gone.

Enter the [**Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence.**](#)

Over the last semester and with the blessing of Helen Rucker Center founding director Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton, I have been preparing Da'Ja Robinson, the administrative support coordinator for the HRC to take over the principle duties of editing and producing the Calendar going forward -- starting with this New Year 2023 Edition. All of this edition's

stories (introducing new NAACP Monterey County Branch President Lyndon Tarver, the Seaside Rising Youth Leadership Academy, Robert Daniel's fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Helen Rucker Center semester highlights) were put together by Da'ja and her team.

The very work of putting the calendar together will develop new relationships, connections and collaborations between CSUMB and the local goings-on of movers and shakers in the Black community -- which of course was the whole point in the first place!

So not only does everything start with Dr. Helen Rucker, it comes back to her as well!

Thank you for allowing me to serve in the capacity of editor over the last few years, I will continue to submit ideas and content occasionally going forward knowing that the bulk of the work is being supported and shared among the staff of the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence.

Thank you for stepping up, Da'Ja Robinson, I hope that you find this work as fulfilling as I have!

Finally, as I think about my passion for bringing CSUMB and the Black communities of the Monterey Bay into to closer relationship with each other, I want to to close with a reflection of my own involvement with the local annual Martin Luther King March in Seaside and my hopes that the Pan Hellenic Council will continue to involve the participation of CSUMB in future programing.

I first contacted the MLK march principle organizer, Mrs. Alice Jordan, in 2010 when I was an AmeriCorps Volunteer Infrastructure Program leader at CSUMB's Service Learning Institute. With Mrs. Jordan's permission, we established AmeriCorps volunteer support for the program from then on. By 2012, I coordinated with Mrs. Jordan to add a significant Day of Service component to the program and I drew to her attention some grant opportunities as well. Essentially, together we established the 40 day of service challenge that stretched from Dr. Martin Luther King Day to Cesar Chavez Day and included a Service Pledge in the program.

The service component was indeed successful and generated hundreds of hours of community service from community members during that period.

And of course, the latest contribution by CSUMB happened over the last two years when I contacted Mrs. Jordan in late 2020 and convinced her ***not*** to cancel the program due to COVID as I insisted that our university could provide the technical support to transform it to a virtual program. Which of course we did.

I imagine with the passing of Alice Jordan - after this year's celebration - there will be some time to re-imagine the program in the future.

Personally, I am interested in developing an ongoing purposeful service opportunities program for volunteering and community building *within the Black community* that could be articulated at a future MLK event with

a component of celebrating the contributions of local community builders each year. If Dr. Vanessa Lopez Littleton, the founding director of the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence agrees to this, I think this and AmeriCorps event support could be substantial ways CSUMB could contribute to and partner with the City of Seaside and Pan-Hellenic Council's annual MLK event going forward.

-- Steven Goings, Jan 1, 2023

In the Spotlight: The Helen Rucker Center For Black Excellence



The Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence engages and empowers African Diaspora students, faculty, staff, and community members through academic, professional, and cultural programming. The Center serves as a regional hub for Black advancement, scholarship, and engagement.

The Helen Rucker Center put its efforts into creating platforms and opportunities to engage and elevate Black students, faculty, staff, and Black communities in high gear during the Fall 2022 Academic School year. Holding the three values of Community, Excellence and Service at the forefront, there are a few wins to highlight.

HRC collaborated with its partners to actively engage and evaluate Black voices and perspectives and actively engage our campus constituents around issues affecting Black populations. The first step was an introduction and appearance in Yhashika Lee's Freshman class where she teaches Ethnic Studies. 20-30 Black students sat at their desk learning about the vision and mission of HRC in hopes to gain and maintain the students interest and attention.

While network building and keeping in communication with students, more collaborations took place resulting in relationship building, self-actualization, exploration, academic advancement, goal setting and cultural conversations relevant to our students lifestyles. The African Heritage Research Collaborative serviced 14 students and 7 mentors. 10 Students were tutored this semester and the Mandla Mentoring serviced 41 students with 12 mentors. HRC hosted a Hike around Point Lobos National Park and Brunch at From Scratch Restaurant in Carmel, hosting 18 participants. Lastly, HRC collaborated with Africana Heritage Scholars monthly to host a Black Student Meet-up where they enjoyed creative icebreakers, chat about current events taking place in Black news and cultivate a safe space to be themselves and relate to individuals who look like them.

We are proud of the development and progress this semester and look forward to what 2023 has to offer our students.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
NATIONAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
"TOGETHER WE CAN BE THE DREAM"**

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11 - 4
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CEDRIC NASH

AUTHOR & FOUNDER
CEO OF OAKLAND
CONSULTING GROUP



Image of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial

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Homeless of the Monterey Peninsula



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Questions: please email Dr. Bettye Lusk blusk@mpusd.k12.ca.us or call 831-238-2125

**Back-in-
Person:
Rev. Dr.
Martin
Luther
King,
Jr. Parade and Program**



by Steven Goings

Thank God and goodness for Dr. Bettye Lusk! The long-time first lady of Bethel Baptist Missionary Church in Seaside and Area 3 Board Trustee of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District has the unenviable task of being the point person for this year's annual Martin Luther King parade and program in Seaside. The celebratory program in past years was co-sponsored by the City of Seaside and the PanHellenic Council of Monterey County with the late great Mrs. Alice Jordan as the lead organizer and mistress of ceremonies.

For this year only, Dr. Lusk has gathered a group of collaborators consisting of a variety of individual community leaders and organizations calling themselves the Community Collaborative Committee (affectionately known as "C3") to help her deliver the program.

The other bit of good news is, of course, that after two years of virtual programming due to the global COVID pandemic the program is back in person with a march that starts at 11 am at the corner of Obama Way (Broadway) and Noche Buena in Seaside to Oldemeyer Center located at 986 Hilby in Seaside. (The picture above of earlier marchers was downloaded from the web and originally published in the [Monterey County Weekly](#))

Organizations wishing to participate in the march or avail themselves of tabling opportunities should IMMEDIATELY contact Dr. Lusk by cell at 831 238 2125 or by email at blusk@mpusd.k12.ca.us. **Please do not take for granted that organizers have your contact info from previous marches.**

As always, the march will be primarily focused on the celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. However, I am very pleased to report that a segment of the program will be devoted to honoring Mrs. Alice Jordan who has kept this event thriving in our community over the last decade.

The march itself was originally brought to fruition by local visionary Bobbie McDaniels, first president of the local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in 1986 just three years after passage of the Martin Luther King holiday. Celebrants marched from Friendship Baptist Church (where Dr. King had preached on a visit to the area in the 1960s) to Martin Luther King Jr. High School. (Commemorative plaques are at both sites)

It is worth noting that Mrs. Jordan, like Mrs. Ruthie Watts, Mrs. Helen Rucker, John Nash, Sr. and others from their generation are actual contemporaries of Dr. King. That's easy to forget when we consider that Dr. King was assassinated before his 40th birthday over 50 years ago! Had an assassins' bullet not taken him on April 4, 1968, he might still be with us today...!

I am also pleased to report that this year's keynote speaker, Cedric Nash, is a home grown author and wealth coach and part of the outstanding Nash Family of Seaside. (Gwen Chambers Nash, a frequent contributor to the Black Folks Calendar is his wife) Mr. Nash has gone on to become the developer of the [Millionaire Money Moves Wealth Building](#)

[System](#) and is the founder, CEO and President of [Oakland Consulting Group](#).

Finally, as always, we are asked to remember that MLK Day is not just a national holiday; but it is also a National Day of Service in which we are all asked to emulate Dr. King's commitment to developing the Beloved Community. Attendees are asked to donate a pair of socks to the Community Service Project Supporting the Homeless of the Monterey Peninsula.

So come one and come all to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Program on Monday Jan 16; march at 11 am, program at noonish! (**And don't forget the socks!**)

New Hope Baptist Church of Salinas Presents:



CRABFEED

Fundraiser

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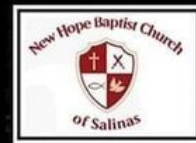
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Washington, D.C.**

**Forward
Moving
in 2023**

A conversation with **Lyndon Tarver** -
2023-2024 **NAACP Monterey County**

Branch, President

by Da'Ja Robinson



“If you want to go fast, go by yourself, but if you want to go further you go as a group.”

Over the holiday break, I had the pleasure of conversing with Lyndon Tarver, a highly motivated and educated man with a bright vision and lots of determination. After serving as the Armed Services and Veteran Affairs Chair for the [Monterey County Branch](#) of the [NAACP](#), he was encouraged to run for the Presidential seat. He took that advice as an honor and ran, unopposed. Lyndon was born in Galveston, TX and raised in Texas City. From there he joined the Military and served 11 years, spending most of his time in Germany. He moved to the Monterey Peninsula in January of 2007 and it took him quite a while to warm up to the area because it was unfamiliar territory in more ways than one. There was a huge absence of people of color and it was felt.

We discussed his goals and vision moving forward with the Monterey Branch of the NAACP. Lyndon looks forward to putting the civil rights back into civil rights. ***“Right now we are currently seeing such a polarized society and everyone is tribal, sticking with their camps and are seen as wrong otherwise. Everyone has a voice and an opinion which is important for individuals to be able to use.”*** Tarver is hoping to bring people together as one voice including all people of color to move together as a society.

We do believe that Lyndon Tarver is the right person for this position as he plans to be active and exercise his passion for voting and voting rights. He is excited to work closely with the youth in hopes of bridging the gap between the different Juneteenth events that take place on the Monterey Peninsula.

As we wrapped up, Tarver credited Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton’s vision and expertise hoping to equally collaborate with and contribute to move the needle forward at CSUMB with respect to the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence as well as the community. His ultimate goal is to leave this place better than he found it and we look forward to the work of Lyndon Tarver for the 2023-2023 term.

In the Spotlight:
Seaside Rising Youth Leadership

Academy, Building Healthy Communities



[Click Here for 4 min YouTube Video on Seaside Rising Youth Academy](#)

The murder of George Floyd sparked a fire and a passion for justice in our youth in the Monterey County. Seaside's Black youth in particular signaled that they are ready to go into civic life and work for change. The Seaside Rising Youth Leadership Academy was birthed with the purpose and focus on healing informed community organizing principles such as:

- Understanding the root causes of inequities
- Core racial equity concepts
- Leadership skills
- Communications skills
- Relationship building
- Healing spaces

These are all skills believed will support the youth to become civically engaged in their city. The focus of the leadership academy was able to promote community-driven leadership that centers young people, ensuring that young people feel that they matter and they belong.

This was developed through the implementation of youth curriculum in an 8-week program with a minimum of forty (40) youth from Seaside and the engagement of different instructors to cover multiple subject matters relevant to the youth.

On December 18th, 2022, Seaside Rising brought out over 100 youth for an end of the year celebration and presentation to showcase their efforts throughout their 8-weeks, in an opportunity to organize more youth into the work and to carry on future organizing efforts. This event opened up with encouraging words from Seaside's Mayor Ian Ogelsby and Seaside's City councilman Alexis Garcia-Arrazola (pictured below). Garcia was a

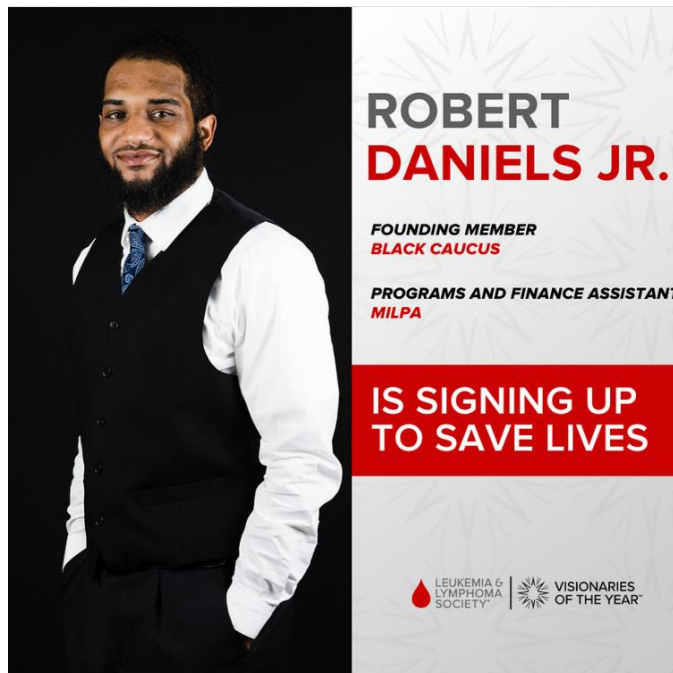
featured instructor for week 6, to introduce youth to concepts centering civic engagement with the city.



Seaside Rising Youth Leadership Academy displayed the culmination of their reach with youth-led cultural space that inspires intra-communal, intergenerational networking in a creatively-liberal space. It was a beautiful way to close out 2022 with the youth at the center.

In the Spotlight: Robert Daniels Jr., Robert's Visionaries of the Year Fundraiser

In his own words:



Hello,

Visionaries look to the future--and see infinite possibility. They challenge the status quo and make the impossible possible. They boldly imagine a better world and lead

the charge to create it.

I am a visionary; I have a vision for a world without cancer but I need your help! The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society was built on this same vision of a better world, one without blood cancers.

This year, I am proud to be participating in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Visionaries of the Year campaign as a team member, working to make the largest impact possible for LLS's mission.

As a global leader in the fight against blood cancer, LLS:

- Funds cutting-edge **research** leading to breakthroughs in immunotherapy, genomics, and personalized medicine that are improving and saving the lives of patients.
- Provides free **education and support** for blood cancer patients and families, including personalized, one-on-one support, assistance with identifying and enrolling in clinical trials, and more.
- Mobilizes thousands of **advocates** to drive policy changes that accelerate the development of new cancer treatments and break down barriers to care.

Please consider supporting this organization by making a contribution to my campaign, and by sharing the link to my page with your network. All donations are greatly appreciated and tax-deductible. For more information on LLS, please visit www.LLS.org

On behalf of blood cancer patients everywhere, thank you for your support.

Donations and purchasing items will kick off Friday, March 10, 2023.

[Website](#)

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ALICE JORDAN

Aug 31, 1943 - Sept 30, 2022

In the Spotlight: Mrs. Alice Jordan

Alice Jordan was born and raised in the segregated South, experiencing much of the challenges associated with the Civil Rights Movement. She helped to integrate a school in Louisiana. She moved to California from Atlanta, the home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Shirley Chisholm says, "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth". Mrs. Jordan has proven herself as an exemplar of this quote which she lives by.

For over a decade, she has been a leader in organizing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in Seaside that began in 1986. The annual program keeps Dr. King's life and legacy alive and emphasizes the importance of community service.

The entire community participates in this celebration, including schools,

churches, elected officials, civic and social organizations. Also, African American Speakers travel from across the country to Seaside, sharing their expertise and encouraging us to make a difference. This celebration is co-sponsored by The City of Seaside and Pan-Hellenic Council, Monterey Bay Chapter.

Mrs. Jordan, through her membership in The Links, Incorporated and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, recruited members of the community, especially minorities, to mentor students at Seaside High School focusing on leadership, character and academic excellence. This program kicked off with the Freshman Class of 2013 and lasted through their senior year. In 2017 the graduating students and staff acknowledged the positive impact of the program on the lives of the students. We have committed to another four years of service.

Mrs. Jordan's affiliation with nonprofit organizations allowed her to aid in the presentation of scholarships to many individuals over the years, especially minorities. She was also instrumental in helping to establish CSUMB's Upsilon Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She continues to promote "Get Out and Vote".

Mrs. Jordan was a member of Seaside Kiwanis. She has served in many leadership roles. She has also served as an adviser of Seaside High School Key Club for over a decade and has been recognized as 'best club in the district'.

Mrs. Jordan enjoyed sports, traveling, readings and helping her community wherever there is a need. She was married to Don Jordan, former Mayor of Seaside who was called to his heavenly home to join his beloved Alice Davis a mere three weeks later on Oct 19, 2022.

Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Jordan for your years of service, may you both rest in peace and power.

In the Spotlight: Dr. Bettye Lusk

Recently elected President of the Board of Trustees for the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, Dr. Bettye Lusk is the long time First Lady of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and is filling in for the late great Mrs. Alice Jordan as principal organizer of this year's Dr. King Celebration in the City of Seaside.



From the MPUSD Website:

A Commitment to...Every Child.

"Every Child...A Success...Every Child...a tapestry woven piece by piece!!!!"

As a child, I learned how important and special it was to have great teachers. Growing up in the South in a one-room school taught me much about having a great family and the commitment of a great teacher. I decided then that I wanted to become a teacher. I wanted to pass on to other children my first teacher's gift of love, patience, and encouragement which enabled me to believe in my ability to become who I am today. As a Board member, my commitment is to be a wholehearted participant in the creation of a culture that would nurture and celebrate the success of every school in MPUSD.

The empowerment of all participants...students, parents, teachers, classified staff, District staff, Board members, and our communities will foster opportunities to create an environment that will support the success of our children...our future. We are one another's greatest strength, and all are accountable for the outcomes. Mary McLeod Bethune says, "All of my life I have worked with youth. I have begged for them and fought for them and lived for them and in them. My story is their story." This is to be my legacy...what will yours be?

In the Spotlight:

**Cedric
Nash**

**2023 Dr.
Martin
Luther King
Program
Keynote
Speaker**



*"Contributing
to the
community is
very important
because we*

*have all benefitted from the labors of past
generations. Therefore, it is our responsibility to do
the same for the generations to come." - Cedric E.*

Nash

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Cedric E. Nash, founder of Oakland Consulting Group, Inc. (OCG), has

served as its President and CEO since inception. Established in 1997, under the strategic leadership of Mr. Nash, OCG quickly made its mark as a force to be reckoned with in the field of information technology (IT) consulting. Mr. Nash is the driver behind OCG's strategic planning, business development and marketing endeavors.

Prior to founding OCG, Mr. Nash spent eight years in the Army as a Transportation Officer. His over 20 years of information technology and project management experience began at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory where he worked as a Software Engineer. Later, Mr. Nash joined Deloitte & Touche and Ernst & Young as an SAP consultant for two of the “Big Six” system integration firms and provided consulting services to a number of Fortune 500 corporations.

Mr. Nash has received national and local recognition for both his professional achievements and his community service. *Black Enterprise* magazine recognized his rapid rise to success in the IT consulting industry and he was named a finalist for their Emerging Company of the Year award, recognizing individual and professional achievements of African Americans that serve as an inspiration and guidance to others. Mr. Nash and Oakland Consulting have also been profiled in *Corporate Corridors* magazine for his success in forming strategic alliances. Locally, Mr. Nash was named as one of East Bay Business Times’ “2002 Forty under 40”, spotlighting local overachievers under the age of 40. He was a recipient of an Oaklandworks Academy Award for his work with inner-city Fremont High School, to which Mr. Nash and Oakland Consulting have been providing up-to-date technology including hardware, software, a LAN environment and Internet access since 1998. In 2003, Mr. Nash was awarded the “Entrepreneur of the Year” award for the Oakland Chamber of Commerce for his dedication to serving his community while fully supporting the Chamber of Commerce business community.

Mr. Nash holds a degree in Computer Science Engineering from California Polytechnic State University and an MBA from Pepperdine University in Southern California.



**From the
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Gwen Nash:**

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- 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 policy-makers 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, 174 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: Tay Elaine, 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/UCA7zzqlu2bDCfrTmxlcHUia>

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. La Tanya Barr

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.

Monterey Bay Black Folks Weekly Event Calendar
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