



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

April Edition, 2023



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 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 [**helenruckercenterforblackexcellence@csumb.edu**](mailto: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

Editor's Note:

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



...to all who believe.



In the Spotlight with: Dominique Davis

She will persevere...

Dominique L. Davis was born and raised in Seaside, California and is the eldest child of Eugene

B. and Mary Grace Jones. Dominique attended schools of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and left the area to begin her collegiate matriculation at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a life long member of the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ where her father now serves as the Senior Pastor and Superintendent of the Monterey District Churches of God in Christ. In September of 2018 she married her husband, Kemar R. Davis and together they raise their 7 year old daughter Kennedy Grace. Professionally, Dominique is a dedicated public servant with years of Board Clerk, government administration, and community relations experience.



Dominique recently accepted a new professional challenge and is thrilled to bring her expertise, enthusiasm, and accessibility to work for the City of Santa Clara in the newly created Public Records Division Manager position. In this role she will be responsible for fulfilling public records requests, developing and promoting citywide public records disclosure systems, and providing citywide public records education and training.

Born and raised on the scenic Monterey County Pacific coast, where she developed her dedication to public service, continuing education, and community engagement. She began her public service career at the City of Seaside in 2013 and quickly became a resource to staff and the public through her genuine interest, knowledge and accessibility. While at the City of Seaside, Dominique found success distilling complex public agency procedures into user-friendly processes for improved community engagement. More recently, Dominique put her talents to work at the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, a regional public agency responsible for the oversight of Monterey Bay area economic recovery from the closure of and reuse of the former Fort Ord military base. As Deputy Clerk/Executive Assistant, Dominique maintained official records, actively supported open data policy, and led efforts to improve records management and retention processes.

She holds a Bachelors of Art degree from Ashford University in Organizational Management. Dominique is a Notary Public and a California Special Districts certified Board Clerk/Secretary. She served as the 2017 President of the Association of Board Clerks and Executive

Assistants of Monterey County. Dominique has a strong work ethic and commitment to supporting open government.

Dominique also enjoys enriching the lives of young women through mentorship and teaching dance. **She is driven to contribute to community in any way she can.**

**LOCAL GOV'T CHAMPION
DOMINIQUE DAVIS
CITY CLERK, CITY OF SEASIDE**



DOMINIQUE SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND TO EDUCATE CITY STAFF AS WELL AS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC IN TRAININGS AND WEBINARS. SHE SINGLEHANDEDLY RUNS THE CITY CLERK OFFICE BY HERSELF AND HAS TAKEN ON A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY IN HER FIRST YEAR IN THE ROLE. SHE HAS TRANSFORMED THE CITY CLERK OFFICE AND HAS FORGED RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, AND CITY ATTORNEY TO ENSURE THE CITY IS RUN COHESIVELY.



Great Work!



MPUSD honors Mary C. Owens with a naming and dedication ceremony.

May her legacy live on...



On May 3, 2023, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District celebrated the naming of the Central Coast High School culinary kitchen and classroom in honor of the late Mary C. Owens, a long-time educator and prominent community member. Students, teachers, staff, community members, and Mary's family took part in the dedication. Students in the school's culinary class catered the event.

Mary Cruz Owens
April 3, 1935 - January 18, 2022





The community demands accountability from SUHSD.

United we stand!



There has been a continuous outcry from the Black community within and surrounding Salinas Union High School District for those in systems to see us, to hear us and to take these recent racist events serious; serious enough to do something and use their power to uphold the oath of office that they took. But after various back-to-back blatant racist encounters ([black babydoll](#), [Black History Month 23' incidents](#)) those cries seem to land on death ears. So what happens next? We show up and organize because people have power. On March 14th, 2023, local racial justice and equity organizers Pastor Artis Smith and Tamisha L. Allen Smith, to name a few,

led the Black & Brown community to collectively speak up at SUHSD's board meeting to make their voices heard against fighting racism & discrimination. But it doesn't end here. So how can you support? Please read a letter from *Lyndon Tarver, President, NAACP Monterey County Branch #1049*:

"The next Salinas Unified High School District board meeting will be held on April 11 at 6:30pm - District Office 431 W Alisal St in Salinas. The NAACP encourages attendance at this meeting. If you wish to address the Board, please complete the Speaker Request Form prior to the commencement of the meeting, available at the door, and return it to the Administrative Assistant.

Individual speakers shall be allowed 3 minutes to address the Board. Speakers will be recognized under the "Individuals Desiring to Address the Board" portion of the agenda."

For those of you who would like to communicate with individual board members about specific concerns, please find their names and email addresses by selecting this link.

The support for our Black and Brown Students, Faculty, and Staff who are targeted with racism, inflammatory words and action that doesn't address the inequities within the Salinas school district/board. We are advocating for the guardian of equality to attend the school boards meetings and voicing on concerns and displeasure of the ongoing demands to adequately address the traumatic morale of minorities attending and employed by the Salinas school district.

Additionally, the EPIC Failure of the Diversity and Inclusion Training demonstrates the management and leadership isn't interested in the education, health, and welfare of the minority Students, Faculty, and or Staff within the district."

We must name it to change it. Will you stand with us?





Photos by Robert Daniels Jr.



Event Spotlight: **3rd Annual, Monterey County Youth Summit**

We are less than 30 days away from our 3rd Annual Monterey County Youth Summit taking place on Saturday, April 29th from 10a-12p. This year's theme is titled: **Sistas Take Charge of Your Health**. If you are reading this, you are invited, along with your youth and your network. We would love to fill our space with as many young ladies as possible and collectively represent the Monterey County. Everyone who brings a guest will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win some great prizes. *All ages are welcome!*

MONTEREY COUNTY youth summit presents RACE TO EQUITY

SATURDAY APR 29 10A-12P #MCYouthSummit

RSVP link below

<https://tinyurl.com/ym4p8586>

Sistas TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH

3RD ANNUAL, MONTEREY COUNTY YOUTH SUMMIT

Keynote by *Glodean Champion*

Student led Workshops and Presentations to teach you how to love yourself, be more confident and take ownership of your life! Campus and Community Relationship Building, Entertainment and Health Resources...

Scan to RSVP

High School and College Students (16-24)

CSUMB University Center
4314 6th Ave, Seaside, CA 93955

For Inquiries: mcyouthsummit@gmail.com

Monterey County Youth Summit: Race to Equity focuses on opening the pipeline and strengthening the connections between CSUMB and high school to college-age students in the surrounding underrepresented communities.

What to expect: Entertainment, Quality Information, Networking, Giveaways and more.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Please encourage those who are interested to register. This will help us identify the amount of youth we can prepare to serve.




Upcoming Events:



FARMER'S Market

Please join the discussion on bringing back the Farmer's Market to the city of Seaside!

**Thursday, April 6th
at 5:00PM**

 440 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955



The Marina Lions Club, Marina Youth Arts, Marina Kiwanis Club, in partnership with the City of Marina
Present:

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023



2023 FAMILY TRADITIONAL EASTER ACTIVITIES

FAMILY EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sponsored by Marina Kiwanis Club
Rocky Han Community Center
(211 Hillcrest Ave)
9:00AM to 10:30AM

**EASTER BAGS & EGG DECORATION
AND ENTERTAINMENT**
Sponsored by Marina Youth Arts
Rocky Han Community Center
(211 Hillcrest Ave)
9:00AM to 10:30AM

EASTER BUNNY MARCH
Sponsored by Marina Lions Club
From the Rocky Han Community
Center to Los Arboles Sports
Complex
10:30AM

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
Sponsored by Marina Lions Club & Marina
Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
Los Arboles Sports Complex
For Children 10 yrs and younger
11:00AM

KIDS WILL BE DIVIDED UP IN THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS
*UNDER 3 YRS *3-4 YRS *5-6YRS *7-8 YRS *9-10 YRS

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REGISTER TODAY FOR YOUR 2023 STOLE CEREMONIES!



Stole Ceremonies, formally known as Affinity Graduation Celebrations, honor the accomplishments and experiences of CSUMB graduates from historically underrepresented communities.



There are nine CSUMB Stole Ceremonies:

**APIDA • Black/African Heritage • Chicanx/Latinx
Family Friendly • Native American • Rainbow (LGBTQ+)
Students with Disabilities • Undocu-Otter • Veteran**

**Registrations are due April 9th
csumb.edu/oc3/stoleceremonies**



OC3

Questions?
Email affinitygrads@otterstudentunion.org



Presented by:
The Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence
Africana Heritage Scholars Living Learning Community
African American Heritage Faculty and Staff Alliance
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Chapter
Black Students United

Black Queens' Week



"Bloom where you are planted"
April 10-16, 2023

Join us for a week of learning, growth and empowerment.
Celebrating Black women of all shapes, shades, sizes,
sexualities, and gender expressions.

Black Queens' Week

"BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED"

We are celebrating Black women of all shapes, shades, sexualities, sizes, and gender expressions here at CSUMB! Allies are welcomed to most events.



"I Am My Sister's Keeper"

We will be collecting feminine hygiene products all week. All products will be donated to a local organization. No opened or used products will be accepted.

April 10-14, 2023 All day

Location: Basic Needs Hub and Housing Office Lobby (Building 12)



"I See The Queen In You"

Recognize another queen on campus! A crown making station will be set up in the OSU lobby. Come make a crown to give to a queen you appreciate on campus.

April 10-14, 2023 All Day

Location: Otter Cross Cultural Center



PLEASE EMAIL
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Black Queens' Week

"BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED"

"I Am Not My Hair"

Come learn ways to care for your natural hair. We will be raffling off natural hair care products!

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @6:00 PM
Location: Avocet Hall Lobby

"Goal Digger"

You can never learn too much about managing your money! Join us for this financial literacy event.

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @12:00 PM
Location: Student Center Room 120
(Building 12)

"Girls Talk"

This event is for STUDENTS ONLY! Come chill with us while we watch an episode of "Girlfriends" and have a discussion about friendship and sisterhood.

Thursday, April 13, 2023 @6:00 PM
Location: Avocet Hall Lobby



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Black Queens' Week

"BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED"

"Paint and Sip"

Join us for a night of vibes! We will be painting an Afrocentric inspired piece. All materials will be provided.

Friday, April 14, 2023 @6:00 PM

Location: Student Center (Building 12)
West Lounge

"Black Girls Hike"

Join us for a morning hike on the coast. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Saturday April 15, 2023 @9:00 am

Location: Fort Ord Dunes State Park
(meet in parking lot)

"Spill The Tea Sis"

Join us for a Sunday brunch and tea party! You don't want to miss this social networking event. We will be joined by a special guest! Space is limited so please RSVP!

Sunday, April 16, 2023 @12:00 PM

Location: Alumni Visitor Center



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CSUMB LIBRARY'S Ethnic Studies Research Paper Award

The winner will receive:

- **\$500 award**
- An invitation to serve on the award jury the following year.
- A spot in CSUMB's Digital Commons to archive their paper or presentation.

DEADLINE: April 12, 2023

Please note: CSUMB students may submit papers centrally focused on issues of race/ethnicity written for any of their classes.

**For questions or more information
scan QR code:**



DEJA BLUE COMEDY CLUB

WE GOT NEXT

VOLUME 3

CJ STARR

HOSTED BY "Q"



THOMAS CRAIG



SKINNY BUFF



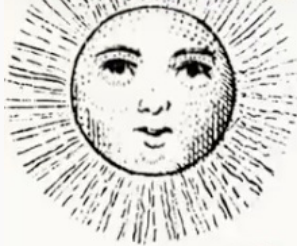
\$35 Entry Ticket

SAT. APRIL 15

Doors Open At 7:00 PM - Show Starts At 8:00pm

@DejaBlueLive DejaBlueLive.com (831) 324-0044

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of monterey county

better birthing through education, resources & advocacy

"COMPASSION IS NOT A VIRTUE - IT'S A COMMITMENT"

FREE "3RD" MOVIE VIEWING/COMMUNITY CONVERSATION. "AFTER SHOCK" THIS MOVIE GIVES A CLOSER LOOK INTO THE EXPERIENCES OF MOST BLACK WOMEN DURING CHILDBIRTH

Sunday

April 16th, 2023
3-6p @ Marina Library

please email us @ kweenskounsel@gmail.com



MONTEREY COUNTY BLACK CAUCUS PRESENTS

THE 4TH ANNUAL

JUNETEENTH

MONTEREY COUNTY

SINCE 1865

Saturday, June 17th, 2023
showtime is 1:00 pm

Come out to support the fourth year of your commUNITY
with your local Black Businesses,
Food Vendors, Black History, Speakers, Music,
Endless Entertainment, Kids Zone and
the 2023 Crowning Ceremony.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS


 Laguna Grande Park
 1249 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.
 Lakeside 1 & 2
 Seaside, CA 93955

 @JUNETEENTH831
 @MONTEREYCOUNTYBLACKCAUCUS





FOR ALL INQUIRIES: JUNETEENTH.MONTEREYCOUNTY@GMAIL.COM

Salinas Juneteenth 2023

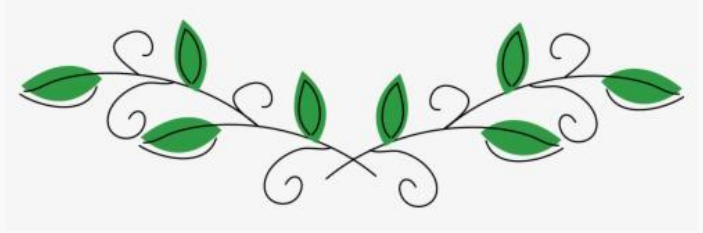
SAVE THE DATE
HARTNELL COLLEGE
SAT ~ 6-17~ 1PM

REJOICE WITH US AT THE 3RD ANNUAL SALINAS JUNETEENTH
HONORING OUR FREEDOM + CELEBRATING CULTURE

HOSTED BY SJCA 501C7 & SPONSORED BY HARTNELL COLLEGE & L.C. LILLIE COX'S HAVEN OF HOPE

EMAIL: SALINASJUNETEENTH@GMAIL.COM WEB: SALINASJUNETEENTH.COM

SCAN ME



**Promotions
from**

Juneteenth Coalition: Youth on the course!

We are excited to announce our partnership with [@yocgolf](#)

If you know a young golfer ages 13-19 that would benefit from PGA level instruction and community engagement, sign them up at <https://www.juneteenthcoalition.org/obsidian.html>



OBSIDIAN GOLF CLUB & ACADEMY

youth on course

Play rounds of golf for \$5 or less!

Special invitation for Obsidian Golf members to join Youth on Course for FREE to take advantage of affordable golf and unlock even more benefits:

- Rounds of golf for \$5 or less at nearly 2,000 courses nationwide
- A FREE 1-year subscription to GolfPass Video where you can view thousands of instructional videos
- Access to leadership and work opportunities through our Careers on Course program
- A community of 140,000 members
- The ability to post scores, keep track of handicaps, and sign up for local events

Don't miss this special offer to join Youth on Course FOR FREE!

Click here or Scan the QR code to sign up now using Discount Code: Juneteenth



They are offering free annual membership to all of our Obsidian Academy members! Youth on Course is a great way to introduce the game and get kids playing golf for \$5 a round.

Scan the code on the flyer or visit YOC website to sign up for your free annual membership.

Sign up now, spots are filling up fast!

Weekly Black Space Mondays, from noon to 1pm. Facilitated by Mel Mason, LCSW



For this online discussion group about all things Black, go this Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6464225667>

Promotions

from
**Community
Activist**
Gwen Nash



Feeding Programs
Bag *or* Box
Every 3rd
Friday



Volunteers

Pick-Up Hours
9:30-11:00 am
Sign Up By

Please Volunteer (ONE) Friday a Month

Every First Friday
wosinfo2006@gmail.com
Website: wos2006.com

wosinfo2006@gmail.com
720.965.9213

Location

Greater Victory Temple COGIC
1620 Broadway Ave.
Seaside, CA 93955

Hours

7:00-8:00am - Cooks
8:00-9:00am - Kit Packers
9:00-10:30am - Drivers

Also
FEEDING
Unhoused Community
7:00-10:30 am
Breakfast
Delivery

Drivers- (2) Vehicles distributes: in Seaside, Marina,
Sand City, Monterey, Pacific Grove, etc....

Thank you in advance for your consideration



Networking Partners

Cardinale Group
Hays CME
Greater Victory Temple
Seaside Community SDA Church



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 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, 378 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/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. 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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