

Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

January Events Edition, 2024



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.

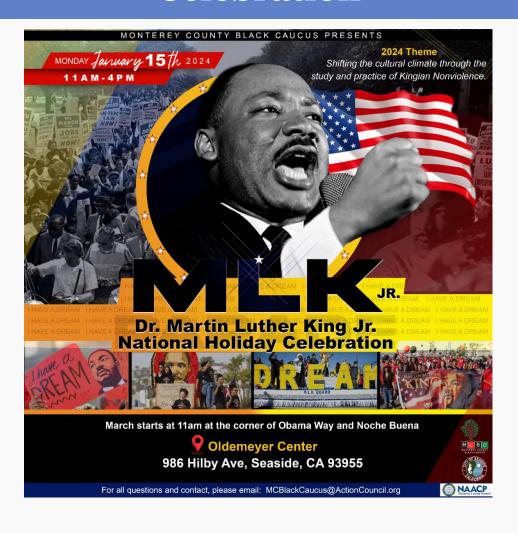
Don't forget there is also a Facebook group: <u>Monterey Bay Black Folks</u> <u>Calendar</u> where you can post anything related to Black Folks directly.

- 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.

Martin Luther King Jr. Seaside Celebration



We invite you to participate in the 37th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on January 15th, 2024. The day commences with a march from Obama Way and Noche Buena St. assembly at 11:00am and march will begin at 12m. Please show up representing your group, school, team, organization. Posters, flags and banners are welcomed. This event will lead to the Oldemeyer Center, where the celebration will take place.

The 2024 theme is "It Starts with Me: Shifting the Cultural Climate through the Study and Practice of Kingian Nonviolence." Nonviolence is a love-centered way of thinking, speaking, acting and engaging that leads to personal, cultural and societal transformation.

Join us to honor the legacy of Dr. MLK Jr., who famously stated: "We need leaders not in love with money, but in love with justice. Not in love with publicity but in love with humanity."



2024 MLK Day, Seaside Celebration's Guest Speaker Dr. Darrell J. Wesley

Reverend Dr. Darrell Wesley is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, andgrew up as the grandson of a Baptist preacher, the late Rev Fred Wesley. Dr. Wesley is an ordained Elder in Full Connection with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and has served as Senior Pastor to five CME churches. In July 2023 he was appointed senior pastor for Redlands First United Methodist in Redlands, CA and is the first African-American pastor in RFUMC's long and esteemed history. He is a strong proponent of social justice. His preaching emphasizes the importance of prophetic witness, which champions a call to aid the "least of these"

Dr. Wesley is also a writer and scholar with an impressive academic record. He holds an A.A. in English from Southwestern Christian College, a historically Black College in Terrell, Texas, where he was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame in November 2014. He received his B.A. in English and a master's degree in biblical studies from Abilene Christian University and, in 2020, was honored with their Distinguished Alumni Citation. His other degrees include a master's degree in theology from Yale University and a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Tennessee. He also has two doctorate degrees, a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Religion from Claremont Graduate University. His publications include a recently book, Toward a Postmodern Ethic of Radical Freedom: Cornel West and Michel Foucault in Discursive Dialogue, a book chapter "Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So: Viewing Rap Music as a Form of African American Spirituality," two articles, "Always Faithful: An Essay on Marine Corps Spirituality," and "Say It Loud: Black Preaching as a Counter Hegemonic

Movement." Dr. Wesley also served as a Navy Chaplain for twenty-three years, retiring at the rank of Captain (the same as a full Colonel) in February 2019.

In his last tour as a senior officer, he supervised over sixty chaplains and chaplain assistants. From August 2013 to June 2014, The Chief of Navy Chaplains selected him to attend the prestigious Naval War College in Newport, RI. During that academic year, he served as a Gravely Fellow concentrating in Military Ethics. From 2005 to 2008, Captain Wesley served as an Ethics Professor and Protestant Chaplain for the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. In addition to his academic, ecclesiastical and military work, Dr. Wesley has served as an advisory board member for the Center for Disaster Relief, an advisory board member for the Riverside Fair Housing Council, and an executive board member of the African American Council of Empowerment for the state of California. He is also a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Our Beloved Community



Black and Brown Solidarity on the Monterey Peninsula

January 16, 2024 | 12 - 2pm **CSUMB | Otter Student Union**

with Guest Speakers Rosa Gonzalez | Glodean Champion

Cathy Gutierres, Behavioral Health Former Deputy Director Chris Barrera, LULAC Council President Lyndon Tarver, NAACP President **Supervisor Chris Lopez, District 3**









Email elcentro@csumb.edu with questions or accommodations

Please share this engaging event with your colleagues, students, and community. All are welcome! Amazing speakers, performers, free food, and community agencies tabling.

Join us on National Day of Racial Healing at Our Beloved Community.

A Transformational Journey Towards Black and Brown Solidarity on the Monterey Peninsula.

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm CSUMB, OSU Ballroom 3118 Inter-Garrison Rd, Seaside, CA 93955

RSVP LINK

This event will bring leaders together from communities across the Central Coast, from diverse backgrounds and identities, to build relationships and work toward a greater transformation.

Hear from amazing guest speakers, *Rosa Gonzalez* and *Glodean Champion* Hear from a diverse panel including:

- Cathy Gutierrez, Behavioral Health Former Deputy Director
- Chris Barrera, LULAC Council President
- Lyndon Tarver, NAACP President
- Chris Lopez, District 3 Supervisor

Moderated by Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton, CSUMB CHSHS Dean

Cultural food and music offered with an opportunity to gather information from community partners tabling.

Sponsored by the Office of Inclusive Excellence & Sustainability and Office of the President.

Community Opportunities



The Monterey County Black Caucus is hiring **FOUR** new positions to join our

team.

MCBC is seeking individuals who possess a deep passion for promoting and furthering the welfare of the Black Community. The ideal candidates must be committed to Black Leadership and Culture, while also prioritizing the cultivation of the Black Community's needs.

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Open Black Power-Building Positions:

- BPB Youth Organizer (part-time)
- BPB Coordinator (full-time)
- BPB Community Health Worker (full-time)
- BPB Economic Justice Organizer (full-time)

Please submit your resume, cover letter and 3 references to:

Naomy@actioncouncil.org and go to

www.actioncouncil.org/careers to see the full job descriptions.











Preschool Teachers

NEW PAY | Starting at \$50,000 Up to \$70,000 *

BONUS | \$5,000 Retention Stipend

- Health care benefits
- Retirement plan
- · Holiday pay and sick pay

Marina Child Development Center | the.mpusd.net/mcdc Monterey Child Development Center | the.mpusd.net/mocdc Seaside Child Development Center | the.mpusd.net/scdc

Apply or learn more information by visiting the webpage links noted above.

Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Alder GSE



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree completed by the end of June 2024
- A grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- preferred

 Eligible to work in the United States

EARN YOUR MASTERS DEGREE & TEACHING **CREDENTIAL IN ONE YEAR**

Cost & Benefits

Cost for Class of 2025

Around \$21,930 tuition

Benefits:

- \$45,000 living stipend
- \$10,000 tuition reimbursement for math, science, Spanish, and Special Education candidates
- Up to \$10,000 in scholarships
- Up to \$40,000 in federal financial aid and loans
- Master's Degree and Teaching Credential
- Priority hiring for a full-time position at MPUSD

HOW TO APPLY

Information:

mpusd.net/apps/pages/alder Application:

aldergse.edu/apply/

Contact:

Brenna Jones | Bjones@aldergse.edu

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline: February 24, 2024 March 22, 2024



SCAN ME

Interview date: TBD









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COMMUNITY MEETING

Local Road Safety Plan

Thursday, January 11, 2024 6-7:30 p.m.

REUNIÓN DE LA COMUNIDAD

Plan local de seguridad vial

Jueves 11 de enero, 2024 6-7:30 p.m.

OLDEMEYER CENTER, 986 HILBY AVENUE

Spanish translation will be provided - Se proporcionará traducción en español



developing a Local Road
Safety Plan (LRSP), a tool that
incorporates collision data
and community insights to

he city. Join us to learn more about collision rends in Seaside, proposed priority project ocations, and strategies to improve safety for Il road users. Come make your voice heard and hare your thoughts on road safety in Seaside.

La Ciudad de Seaside está desarrollando un Plan Local de Seguridad Vial (LRSP), una herramienta que incorpora datos de colisiones y conocimientos de la comunidad para atende los problemas de seguridad en las vias dentro de la ciudad. Unase a nosotros para obtener más información sobre las tendencias de colisiones en Seaside, las ubicaciones de prioridad propuestas para los proyectos y las estrategias para mejorar la seguridad de todos los usuarios de la carretera. Venga a hacer oír su voz y comparta sus opiniones sobre la seguridad en las calles de Seaside.







DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

DR. KING MARCH & CELEBRATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

JOIN US FOR POSTER MAKING AT MLK SCHOOL OF THE ARTS IN THE CAFETERIA 9:00-10:00AM

FOLLOWED BY

AT 10:00AM WE WILL WALK
TO THE CORNER OF
BROADWAY/OBAMA WAY AND NOCHE
BUENA TO JOIN THE MARCH AT 11AM



"Together we can be the dream!"





2ND ANNUAL

MONTEREY COUNTY BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILM FESTIVAL

JANUARY 31ST FEBRUARY 7TH FEBRUARY 14TH FEBRUARY 21ST FEBRUARY 28TH

LOCATION:
MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
IRVINE AUDITORIUM
499 PIERCE STREET, MONTEREY

CONTACT INFO: WWW.BLAAC.ORG/EVENTS INFO@BLAAC.ORG (831) 337-8995

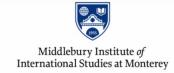


Beginning on January 31st, Black Leaders and Allies Collaborative in partnership with the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey are proud to present our 2nd Annual Free Film Festival celebrating Black History Month held every Wednesday in February at 6:30 PM in the Irvine Auditorium (499 Pierce Street, Monterey).

These events are free for all attendees, and we encourage you to come out and support as we highlight the rich tapestry of the Black experience in the United States and foster community dialogue through Q&A. - BLAAC Monterey

2024 Black History Month Film Festival





Event Details:

When:: January 31st,

February. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Time: Movie begin at 6:30pm

Where: Irvine Auditorium

499 Pierce Street, Monterey

Entry: Donations / Free Parking

The festival will showcase films highlighting the rich tapestry of the Black experience in the United States, followed by interactive Q&A sessions.

January 31 "Bamako"

February 7th "Daddy Hunger"

February 14th

"Boss: The Black Experience in Business"

February 21st "Black Boys"

February 28th
Making Black America
(Henry Louis Gates)



To get your tickets, click here.

Black Leaders and Allies Collaborative (BLAAC), in partnership with the Middlebury Institute of International Studies are proud to present the 2nd annual Monterey County Black History Month film festival.

Special features February 7th & 21st

Award winning "film-makers, Ray Upchurch & Chad Williamson

For more information visit www.blaac/event.org



Join Us in Commemorating Our First Year Anniversary!

For 365 days, Kweens' Kounsel has been dedicated to supporting, empowering, and advocating for equity in Black birthing experiences.

We are excited to welcome guests, AnneLisa Vallery, a doula and the owner/operator of Cosmic Mothering, as well as MO Hill, a singer, songwriter, and actress.

Marina Library

Sunday Feburary 4th 2:00pm-5:00pm

Register here



This event is family friendly and free for all to join!

The first 20 families to register will recieve a \$10 dollar giftcard.

You must be present at the event when we distribute the cards.

Questions? Contact kweenskounsel@gmail.com

Can't attend but want to support?

Consider donating so that we can continue our fight for birth equity.



Donate here





THE BIRTH NETWORK OF MONTEREY COUNTY



Funding provided by: Monterey County Board of Supervisors



LAVERNE MCLEOD WITH GUEST FACULTY JAYSON FANN

A Black History Month Celebration: Exploring and Restoring Our Path to Healing Through Empathy and Music

ESALEN

FEBRUARY 9 - 11, 2024

Esalen Experience for Locals

Esalen Institute is extending an opportunity for locals to participate in the magic of a weekend workshop February 9th-11th, 2024 with community member LaVerne McLeod at a reduced cost.

A Black History Month Celebration: Exploring and Restoring Our Path to Healing Through Empathy and Music

Join LaVerne McLeod and Guest Faculty Jayson Fann for a weekend of exploration and celebration of Black History Month as we express ourselves, connect, play, and honor humanity. Using empathy, visualization, and movement exercises, we will connect and relate to one another, letting go of what no longer serves us and learning effective responses to life's challenges.

To Reserve: Call 831-667-3000 or email info@esalen.org

Workshop Fee: \$300 for program <u>without</u> lodging.

This includes the workshop, open class offerings, meals, access to the Esalen campus, the Baths, & Healing Arts services

Campus Access:

 $Friday-2{:}00\ pm-10{:}00\ pm$

Saturday – 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Sunday - 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

Available to Monterey County residents, please bring identification.



LaVerne McLeod

LaVerne McLeod is a Workshop Facilitator; Author-Corn Hollow and The Crossroads of Social and Climate Justice; Educatorteacher, counselor; TEDx presenter; Esalen Faculty; Big Sur Community Volunteer; Environmentalist as co-chairs Big Sur Advocates for a Green Environment; holds a Master's Degree

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:

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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 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/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.

<u>Black Court Support Volunteer Sign-Ups</u>

 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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