



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

Labor Day, 2022 Edition

About the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

The purpose of the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar is to connect the Black Community of CSU Monterey Bay with the local Black Communities of the Greater 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 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.

Steven's Take On...

The Extraordinary Mrs. Helen Rucker as she turns 90!



What a blessing it is to be in the presence of greatness! What a miracle to call the Great One friend! One of the remarkable things about Mrs. Rucker is that when she opens her home to you and looks favorably upon you, you truly feel like you are in the Inner Circle, when rationally you know you are just a bit player in her ever-expanding world.

Someone (I think it was Seaside Mayor Ian Oglesby) remarked publicly at her 90th birthday celebration that the hundred-or-so of us invited to celebrate her at the Embassy Suites on Sat Sept 3, 2022, were mere representatives of her multitude of admirers. That someone was right.

And yet, despite the best efforts of her legion of admirers who showered her with well-deserved and earnest praises, Mrs. Rucker still managed to give more than she received. After all, it was Mrs. Rucker (with perhaps the help of family and benefactors) that paid for the hotel and lunch! Furthermore, Mrs. Rucker insisted that she receive no gifts in the form of material presents but instead asked attendees to donate to CSU Monterey Bay's Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence. Although preliminary, I do have first hand knowledge that tens of thousands of dollars were raised at her 90th birthday celebration for the Center that bares her name! ([Click Here](#) if you would like to contribute in her honor)

Outside of the donation request on the invitations and presence of donation slips in envelopes at each table, the fund-raising element of her celebration was barely mentioned as the focus was entirely on recognizing Mrs. Rucker and her extraordinary accomplishments, accolades and contributions over a life masterfully lived.

There were some highlights from the afternoon that were my personal favorites:

- James Rucker III, her son, served as the emcee. It's always a delight see the only child, Mrs. Rucker raised...and how like his mother he is!
- Friend and live-in-assistant, Dinice Maiden, read a portion from Mrs. Rucker's (unpublished?) autobiography that detailed much of her life before she became famous and beloved on the Monterey Peninsula. We learned of her being raised by a single father in

Louisiana, of her love of reading -- and the pain of not being able to go to the public library due to Jim Crow segregation. We learned that she graduated high school at 15 and college at 18! We learned of her initial fear and later admiration for the Black Panthers while she was in Berkeley in the 60s. We learned of her fight and triumph against employment discrimination here on the Monterey Peninsula when she first attempted to break into the Monterey Unified School District.

- Speaking of school districts, P.K. Diffenbaugh, Superintendent of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District announced that Seaside High School's library is being re-named after Mrs. Rucker.
- Mel Mason, co-founder of The Village Project, Inc. (TVPI) with his wife Regina, spoke of how Mrs. Rucker volunteering at the front desk in the early days of TVPI provided the budding non-profit with the clout, credibility and good will to become the amazing institution it is today (14 years later). In other words, because of the community's trust in Mrs. Rucker and her good judgement, if she backed The Village Project, so would they.
- Current Monterey County Branch President Yvonne Thomas on behalf of the Thomas sister spoke with appropriate pride at how their father -- the area's first Black banker -- was able to loan the Rucker Family the money for their lovely home on Mescal in Seaside, thus also making them neighbors in the process.
- Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta spoke of first meeting Mrs. Rucker when he served as legal consul to the Monterey County Branch NAACP. He spoke of her door-to-door campaign support when he originally ran for the U.S. Congress in the late 70s. But he also spoke of how Mrs. Rucker pulled no punches in holding people in power accountable and advocating for the issues of the Black Community. In essence, Secretary Panetta told the crowd, having God on your side doesn't mean a damn unless you can fight! And Helen can fight! He knew Helen Rucker would always give it to you straight.
- I was able to unveil the framed portrait of Helen Rucker painted by local artist/activist [Paul Richmond](#) that my family purchased and that will find its ultimate home at the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence (see image above).

Happy Birthday Helen Rucker, Thank you for the Gift that is YOU!

About the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence

The Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence engages and empowers African Diaspora students at CSUMB by providing academic, professional, and personal/cultural support and enrichment programming. HRCBE serves as the central hub and campus home for Black student life, working with campus and local community members to ensure Black collegiate success at CSUMB.

CSUMB Website: <https://csumb.edu/blackstudentsuccess/>

Academic/Professional Funding Request Form

The Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence (HRCBE) provides funding to support the academic and professional success of students at CSUMB. Funding may be requested for up to \$250 per academic year. In particular,

HRCBE requested funds can be used to support:

- Textbooks: HRCBE provides textbook support.
- Academic Conferences: HRCBE supports conference participation related to student academic fields and research.
- Graduate School Preparation: HRCBE provides graduate school support in the form of counseling, school visits, test preparation and fees, and application fees.
- Professional Organizations: HRCBE provides professional organization memberships (e.g. National Society for Black Engineers, Black Doctoral Network, etc.).

[*Click Here for Funding Request Form*](#)

JOIN US FOR NAACP LABOR WEEK

- **IG Live: To Be Young, Black and Employed?**

Tuesday, Sept. 6 | 7 p.m.

- **Webinar: The National Teacher Shortage: Causes and Consequences of the Crisis**

Wednesday, Sept. 7 | 7 p.m.

- **IG Live: A Day in the Life of a Black Woman Working**

Thursday, Sept. 8 | 7 p.m.

#NAACPLABORWEEK

NAACP

The 2nd Annual NAACP Labor Action Week will bring together union leaders, civil rights change-makers, young professionals, and activists to provide an advocacy framework and solutions for addressing and prioritizing the needs and interests of Black America, while also addressing long-standing issues around the racial wealth gap and systemic racism throughout the nation's employment industries.

This year's theme - The State of Black Labor: Wealth, Wellness, and Worth will be an opportunity to promote wealth equity, ensure wellbeing, and recognize the value of Black workers throughout the nation.

[RSVP for NAACP Labor-Action Week!](#)

Editor's Note: Times above are Eastern Time, that means 4 PM here on the West Coast!

Upcoming Event:



Title: Fight 4 HBCUs

Organization: Whites for Racial Equity

Date/Time: Sat, Sept 10; 10 to Noon

Where: Online/Zoom

[Register Now](#)

Description: Historically Black Colleges and Universities have made the world better, not just for the students who attend them or the professors who teach at them, but for us all in one way or another. Had it not been for HBCUs, our society would look much different than it does today. HBC(YOU) is an initiative to spread awareness of HBCUs, how they impact YOU, why YOU should care, how YOU can support them, and some surprising things YOU likely never knew!

Presenter Marquise McGriff is the Founder of [Rdevia](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that unites people and groups in the #Fight4HBCUs. Rdevia has Members and Friends in 20 states plus China and Ghana. Rdevia provides resources and opportunities to HBCU Prospects, Students, and Graduates.

Whites for Racial Equity Saturday meetings provide a safe place for White folks to examine white privilege and racial dominance more critically. We can begin to build a new culture of white anti-racism, learn the skills needed to transform the larger community, and support one another in the process.

There is no cost to attend but you must [pre-register](#) in order to receive the Zoom link.

In the Spotlight: **Marquise**

McGriff, **Guest Speaker: Fight for HBCUs**



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Marquise attended Florida Memorial University where he graduated with a B.A. in Criminal Justice in July 2016. In August 2016, Marquise started his M.A. in Higher Education at Lincoln University (MO) and earned said graduate degree at just 21 years old. The program, with an emphasis in HBCU Leadership, is the first and only of its kind in the nation and Marquise was one of the few to finish the pilot year as part of the inaugural cohort.

Marquise serves on the founding Advisory Board for the Florida Memorial University (FMU) Social Justice Institute. He is also an Honorary Staff Member of the White House Initiative on HBCUs (WHIHBCU), the first-ever Vice President for Young Alumni Development of the Florida Memorial University National Alumni Association (FMUNAA), and an AmeriCorps Alumnus.

Marquise has completed educational and leadership fellowships with Breakthrough Miami, the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame (NBCA), Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and the Walton Family Foundation. He is a registered Red Cross Volunteer certified in Disaster Preparedness.

Marquise has spoken at the White House, been interviewed by CNN and the South Florida Times, been cited in The Chronicle of Higher Education, published on HBCU Digest, and has visited more than 30 HBCU Campuses.

Marquise is the author of "[The Dad I Had](#)," a book for kids and dads based on his relationship with his dad.

Save the Date!



NAACP
MONTEREY COUNTY BRANCH

**What: NAACP Monterey County
Political Candidate Forum**

**When: Thursday, September 22,
2022**

Time: 6PM

**Where: Unitarian Universalist
Church of the Monterey Peninsula**

**Address: 490 Aguajito Road
Carmel, CA. 93923**

More Details Coming Soon!

**In the
Spotlight:
Mary
Claypool,
Candidate
for Monterey
County
Board of
Education**



Serving The Community

She served on the Monterey County Board of Education for nine years.

United By A Common Goal

Mary is an advocate for education, she will continue to focus on the health of our public education system.

Get Involved

We can't win this race without your help. Volunteer and donate to help us achieve our goals together.

In her own words:

I worked for the City of Seaside for 20 years & County of Monterey for 17 years in Redevelopment, Community/Economic Development, Finance & Budget/Management. Served as Executive Director of the Monterey County Business Council for 5 years.

I have worked 30+ years with businesses, K-12, community colleges and universities developing the skills businesses require for quality employees. Served on numerous non-profits/public agencies/chambers for over 40 years and numerous committees at schools in the Monterey Peninsula Unified District.

As a parent, grandparent, 51-year Monterey County resident and advocate for education, I will continue to focus on the health of our public education system, will ensure all students are offered equal access to an excellent education, keep my community informed and engaged, work to provide programs to help students improve their individual test scores, promote extracurricular activities, engage parents in the education of their children and bring awareness.

[Donate Here](#)

[Website](#)

**In the
Spotlight:
Tyler
Williamson,
Candidate for
Mayor of
Monterey**



Committed to Service

In his own words:

Like many young people in Monterey, I grew up in a military family. My mom served in the Navy for 20 years so we moved around the world and never lived anywhere long enough to grow roots. The central role the military played in our lives was a formative experience, but also an isolating one. That feeling of isolation led me to seek long-term connections and community in beautiful Monterey, where I have been honored to serve as a city councilmember since 2018.

For the past 12 years, I have worked at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). As a human resources specialist, I support the recruitment of top talent to Monterey where the Navy provides defense-focused graduate education. As a Human Communication, Pre-Law graduate from Cal State Monterey Bay, I was inspired by other local graduates motivated to make our home a better place to live for all. As a Master of Business Administration graduate from NPS, I was honored to study critical-thinking and analysis with military officers serving in defense of our country.

When I arrived here on the Central Coast, I didn't know how much this area would mean to me. I had finally found a community that accepted and loved me, and I knew I'd never want to live anywhere else. My partner Ivan and I bought our first home together in Monterey because of the beautiful environment — from the climate and landscape to the amazing community activists I've grown to love as my family. Through my community work on the Monterey Peninsula, I have truly found a lifelong home. My ongoing work with fellow community members was fundamental in my decision to run, and with your support, serve as your next Monterey Mayor.

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[*Website*](#)

In the



Spotlight: Kim Barber,

Candidate for Monterey City Council

In her own words:

Hello,

I'm more interested in hearing from you than talking about myself, but let me give you an idea of who I am:

I grew up in Maryland, received my Bachelor's Degree from Hampton University, Master's Degree in International Business from the University of Maryland, and Doctorate with a focus on Public Policy and Social Change from Union Institute and University. Having lived in other parts of the country, I never forget how grateful I am to call Monterey home.

My professional life has centered around education and business, specifically helping students succeed in college. To work toward that goal, I founded and served for 16 years as Founder and Executive Director of the nonprofit, The Color of Education. For the past five years, I have worked at California State University Monterey Bay currently as the Director of Pre-College and Early Outreach Support Programs.

I am a tenacious problem-solver; a compassionate listener and communicator, a collaborator, and an organizer. All these qualities translate directly to Monterey's City Council work, balancing the needs of residents, visitors, and businesspeople, protecting what's great about our city and improving for the future.

My priorities are:

- Providing appropriate affordable housing
- Ensuring affordable water
- Including all segments of our population in city government

My husband and I have two adult sons and one granddaughter. I look forward to meeting you. Great things are possible when we all work together.

[*Donate Here*](#)

[*Website*](#)

**In the
Spotlight: Stacie
Andrews, *NEW*
Executive Director of
The Village Project,**

Inc.

(From the 8/31/22 Edition of the The Village Project Inc. Newsletter)

"After 14 years of serving in multiple capacities, Co-Founder and Clinical Director, Mel Mason has decided to step down from his role as Executive Director to focus on training therapists in a culturally congruent, community-defined approach that fits the needs of those we serve.



After much consideration, The Village Project, Inc.'s Board of Directors unanimously approved a recommendation by a consulting team to appoint Stacie Andrews as the agency's next Executive Director. The Masons were in full support of this decision.

Stacie is committed to continuing the impactful work of the organization over the last 14 years of its existence, and bringing on staff who are equally as dedicated and passionate in uplifting the community."

-- The Village Project, Inc.

The Black Folks Calendar congratulates Stacie Andrews for taking over this essential role in our community and expresses our deepest gratitude to Mel & Regina Mason for co-founding this extraordinary organization!

**The
Village
Project,
Inc.
(TVPI) is
HIRING!**

**ATTN: Tutors and/or
Mentors, WE ARE
HIRING!**



[Click Here to Apply](#)

The Mae C. Johnson Education and Cultural Enrichment Academy, a

program of TVPI, is looking for tutors and/or mentors to help students succeed.

Hours: Monday - Friday 1PM-6PM and Wednesday's 12PM-6PM

The Village Project, Inc

Website: <https://www.villageprojectinc.org/>

Address: 1069 Broadway Ave., Seaside

Phone: 831 392 1500

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageProjectSeaside/>

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MAE C. JOHNSON EDUCATION & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ACADEMY



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HOURS:
MON-FRI: 1 PM-6 PM
WEDNESDAYS: 12 PM-6 PM

We're looking for dedicated individuals with a passion to help students succeed

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**Space:
Mondays
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**Facilitated by Mel Mason,
LCSW.**

Contact Mel Mason at mel@villageprojectinc.org to be added to this online discussion group about all things Black on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6464225667>

**In the
News:
"Gov.**

EdSource

**Newsom quashes bill to
provide more funding for
Black students"**

(September 2, 2022 article from [EdSource](#) by John Fensterwald, edited for length. For full article click here.)

"The sponsor of legislation that would have provided \$400 million in additional funding to raise the academic achievement of Black students pulled the proposal hours before likely passage Wednesday, after Gov. Gavin Newsom raised objections.

Newsom advisers did not say what those objections were, although four years ago, in a similar bill, Assembly legislative analysts [suggested that the legislation would violate Proposition 209, a 1996 constitutional amendment](#). It bars preferential treatment by state and local governments in areas of public employment, education, and contracting based on sex, race and ethnicity. Two years ago, California voters reaffirmed Prop. 209 [by voting down an initiative to rescind it](#).

[Black Folks Calendar Editor's Note: Providing funding to a chronically under-funded population is NOT preferential treatment!! It is a necessary attempt at more equitable treatment!]

Both the 2018 legislation and [Assembly Bill 2774](#), sponsored by Assemblywoman Akilah Weber, D-San Diego, would have added funding for the first time for students in the lowest performing student group, which for decades has been Black students. Because the bill focused on student performance, not race, Weber and proponents said the bill would not violate Prop. 209.

Weber said she withdrew the bill after lengthy negotiations with the Newsom staffers. Both she and the Newsom administration were upbeat but circumspect in statements in which they agreed to work together on a commonly held goal.

Supporters of the bill were reported to be angry with the terms of a three-page agreement that Weber and the administration reached, and some would have preferred to send Newsom the bill to sign or veto.

The bill would have completed a five-year campaign initiated by Weber's mother, Shirley Weber, who held Akilah Weber's Assembly seat before Newsom appointed her secretary of state. Similar versions of the first bill also failed to become law despite substantial support.

"We have been failing Black kids for years," said Akilah Weber said earlier this year. "No one should bring that to the state, it should be something that the state has recognized and wants to fix on its own because you want the best for the kids."

In 2018-19, the last year before the pandemic, only 33% of Black students met or exceeded English language arts standards, and only 21% met or exceeded math standards on the state tests, compared with 51% in English language arts and 40% in math for all students in California.

Proportionally, twice as many white students passed the tests, and the gap was widest with Asian students; 79% of Asians met or exceeded standards in English language arts and 77% did so in math. In math, low-income white students outperformed non-low-income Black students.

"The data show that long-standing academic underperformance and systemic neglect have been chronic and not addressed," said Margaret Fortune, president and CEO of [Fortune School](#), a group of 10 charter schools concentrated in the Sacramento area, serving primarily Black students. Fortune School and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond co-sponsored the bill.

The bill would have amended the Local Control Funding Formula to add a new category of students qualifying for extra funding: the lowest performing student group not already covered by the law. Doing so would distribute an estimated \$400 million to 785 districts, starting in 2023-24, based on Black student enrollment.

Black students constitute 5.6% of the state's 5.9 million students. Since an

estimated 70% of Black students are low-income, the \$400 million would cover the 80,000 of 285,000 Black students enrolled in 2021-22 who are not low-income, foster or homeless students."

Historically Black Church Tour



This Week:

Emmanuel Church of God in Christ

CSUMB Students and Faculty: Please register to attend at [Fall 22 Historically Black Church Tour Registration](#)

Registration includes carpool options and you can register in advance for future churches we will be visiting.

In-Person Service Time: 11:00 AM

Address: 1450 Sonoma Ave, Seaside

On line options: <https://www.emmanuelcogic.org/live>

Church Phone Number: (831) 394-7200

Name of Pastor: Dr. Eugene B. Jones

- [Click Here](#) to view a special CSUMB Welcome Message from Pastor Eugene Jones of Emmanuel Church of God in Christ!

Click Links below for Church websites or social media pages:

Sept 2022 HBC Tour Schedule

September 11, 11 AM

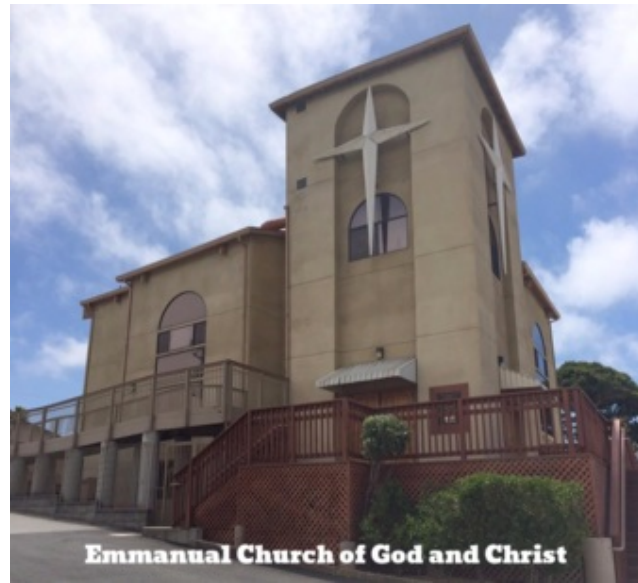
[Emmanuel COGIC, Seaside](#)

September 18, 10:45 AM

[Friendship Baptist, Seaside](#)

September 25, 11 AM

In the Spotlight: Emmanuel Church of God in Christ



When the McGee family, moved to Monterey Peninsula they sought out a church home and became faithful working members of the Victory Temple COGIC, under the pastoral leadership of Bishop S. R. Martin. Pastor McGee remained there until he received and accepted the call of the Lord to become a Pastor.

As the founding pastor of the Emmanuel COGIC, Elder McGee, required the guidance and direction of the Lord. As he yielded to the calling God placed on his life he submitted himself to the Lord with much fasting and praying that the right decisions would be made. As Pastor McGee sought the Lord for a location, he relied on Hebrew 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen". Pastor McGee continued in fasting and prayer to God and encouraging himself. The Lord directed Pastor McGee to Reverend Johnson, pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. They were in the process of relocating the church to its current location, Elm Avenue and Imperial Street, Seaside, CA. Reverend Johnson put him in contact with the property owner of Emmanuel COGIC first location, on the corner of San Lucas and Broadway.

July 1959, the little building on the corner of at San Lucas and Broadway, became the location of the Emmanuel COGIC

Many great leaders, pastors, teachers, preachers, missionaries, district, state and national workers began their work for the Lord as a part of the Emmanuel COGIC, Seaside family.

In 2013, Pastor McGee passed the vision of the Emmanuel COGIC to Elder Eugene B. Jones, a faithful member of the ministry and a blessed preacher who was raised up under Pastor McGee. Pastor McGee's legacy will be upheld as God continues to be Faithful to this ministry and all generations that have come through.

[Click Here](#) to Read Full History on the Emmanuel Church Website

In the Spotlight:

Rev. Eugene Jones



Dr. Eugene B. Jones is the 9th of 11 children born to the late Pastor of the Emmons Memorial Church of God By faith located in of Cocoa, FL.

Raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord, Pastor Jones was saved at an early age and accepted his calling into the ministry. After serving as the Assistant Pastor of the Emmanuel Church of God In Christ, in Seaside, California for over 20 years. On June 8, 2014, he was officially installed as the Pastor and Shepard of the Emmanuel Church of god in Christ, where Superintendent Emeritus Welton McGee, the founder and father, passed on to him the shepherd's staff.

During his pastoral installation service Pastor Jones received a Doctor's of Divinity degree from the Living Faith School of Ministry, Champaign, Illinois, conferring upon him all the rights, privileges, and honors of Doctorate.

Pastor Jones serves as the Superintendent of the Monterey District Church of God In Christ. Under the leadership of Bishop N. A. Bullock, Pastor Jones also serves as Chairman of the Ordination Board, Chairman of the General Assembly and the Treasurer of the Pastors and Elders Counsel for the Church of God in Christ California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Pastor Jones has been married to his wife, Missionary Mary Grace Lewis Jones, a native daughter of the Church Of God By Faith, for 37 years. They have three children, Dominique (Kemar), Detrek (Christina), and Danielle (Michael); one granddaughter Kennedy and two grandsons Miles and Manoah.

He retired from the California Department of Corrections in 2012, as a Correctional Administrator with 30 dedicated years of service.

Pastor Jones has been a longtime supporter of the CSUMB Harambee African Heritage Men's Support Group and Community Gathering at the Personal Growth and Counseling Center. Pastor Jones has also served on the CSUMB's Super Saturday Committee.

Pastor Jones' constant request is found in 2 Thessalonians 3:1 "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you."

NAACP General



RECREATION SERVICES | 831-899-6800 | 986 HILBY AVENUE

Membership Meeting

**Thu Sept 22, 7pm,
Oldemeyer Center
986 Hilby Ave, Seaside**

NAACP

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

Yahoo News: *NAACP pushes for \$50k in student loan debt cancellation to address racial debt divide*

The NAACP is pushing for elected officials to go beyond the new federal student loan debt forgiveness program to help minority students. Federal data shows Black students are one of the fastest growing groups borrowing money for education over the last two decades and experts say minority students often borrow at much higher rates too. “We need it [debt] canceled completely or at least at \$50,000 minimum,” said Aiden Thompson, a sophomore at Howard University.

STATEMENTS:

- **[NAACP President Derrick Johnson’s Statement on Jackson, MS Water Crisis](#)**
 - **[NAACP President Johnson Statement on Shooting Death of Donovan Lewis](#)**
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Soul Food
BBQ at
Deja

Deja Blue
BLUES, JAZZ & COMEDY CLUB

Blue

500 Broadway Ave, Seaside

September 17, 12 - 3 pm -

In association with the *Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence*, Deja Blue invites the CSUMB community to a special afternoon of Soul Food BBQ!

Deja Blue Website

RECOGNIZING
MILITARY
SERVICE
CENTER (RMSC)



**GAME
NIGHT!**

Sept 24, 2022, From 6 to 11 PM

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!

HAVE A DRINK AT THE BAR!

ENJOY A HOT LINK W/CHIPS- \$5.00

OR

A GOOD OLD FASHION HOT DOG W/ CHIPS \$3.00

PLAY THE GAME YOU LIKE!!




California State University, Monterey Bay
Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence


JOIN THE CONVERSATION

COVID-19 VACCINE & MONTEREY COUNTY'S BLACK COMMUNITY

We are looking for participants for upcoming discussion groups on the COVID-19 vaccine in Monterey County. If you or someone you know has concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine, we want to hear from you. The groups will take place in September 2022.



Register Here



<https://forms.gle/XCQT6uCp1Xn23dvJ7>

For more information, contact
Vanessa Lopez-Littleton at vlittleton@csumb.edu

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[Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar](#) (Public Group, 396 members)

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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

[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
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[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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