



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

March 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 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 dajrobinson@csumb.edu.

Editor's Note:

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



Women of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow...



On the heels of Black History Month, we're given the opportunity to celebrate women.

We celebrate their spirit, their achievement, their strength, their endurance, their love, and their never-ending capacity to expand and become.

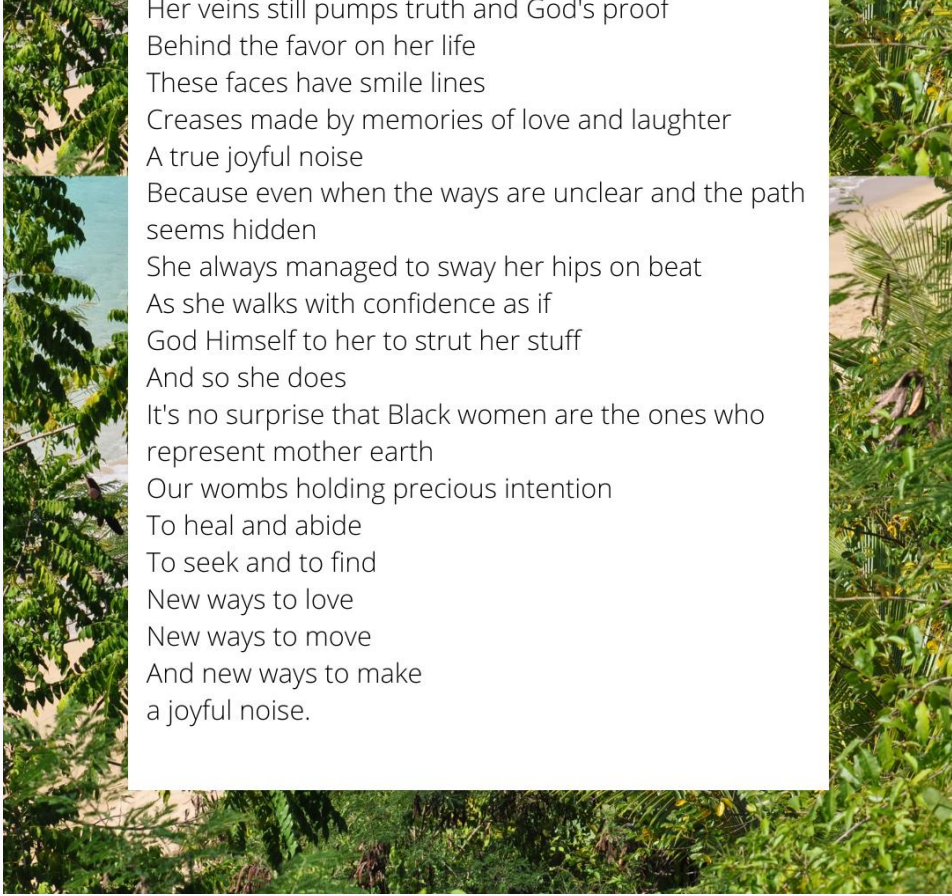
We celebrate her presence, her past, her future, and her legacy.

Here are images of a few Monterey County women, who have shaped our today and are shaping our tomorrow...How many of these women do you recognize?



And She Made A Joyful Noise. (an Ode to Black Women) by Sydney Johnson

When melodies from Heaven
Shower down and breathes on us
Our lungs expand with God's releasing sighs.
This is what it feels like to live life like it's golden
She's around the people she loves and for once it feels
like the world loves her back too
It's a picture perfect purpose
To know
That there's always a blessing
Even in the valley of shadows and death
That she still has the strength to make a joyful noise
As her lips peel back in a smile that touches each ear
Revealing her watermelon smile and her pearly white
teeth
While God's love manifests at the bottom of her soul
And shows within the glow of her skin
And releases
Showing the world that this was all worth it
The curse breaking
The growing pains
The warrior's cry
So familiar and attuned
To her ancestors voices who pushed her forth
Saying "Go 'head and bloom"
Chile, even when it felt like she was buried
God made it clear that she was planted
To grow into the path that she was called to walk in
To be a woman who raises herself and her children
And build the community she so desperately dreamed
of
It's the way the movement moves
Her directed steps all on a path that leads into life and
liberation.
While light angels playfully spin cotton candied coils in
her hair
Reminding her that her crown serves as a halo too
They'll ask her if she noticed how the sun shows the
glitter in her skin
How her glitter is actually gold
And how her life is genuinely blessed
She remains rooted in faith
Though the storms of this world try to tear her down
While the devil tried to whisper his lies



Her veins still pumps truth and God's proof
Behind the favor on her life
These faces have smile lines
Creases made by memories of love and laughter
A true joyful noise
Because even when the ways are unclear and the path
seems hidden
She always managed to sway her hips on beat
As she walks with confidence as if
God Himself to her to strut her stuff
And so she does
It's no surprise that Black women are the ones who
represent mother earth
Our wombs holding precious intention
To heal and abide
To seek and to find
New ways to love
New ways to move
And new ways to make
a joyful noise.

Beautiful words by: **Sydney Johnson** - Law Student, Community Activist,
Spoken Word Artist



Photos: All Black Gala, 2023

**Celebrating Black Excellence in STEM: Leading The Way
Through Science**



Guests were greeted into the hall of the Otter Student Union with refreshments and a video of community leaders, presented and funded by Steven Goings and Videographer Wes White. Soon to follow were the master of ceremonies, President of BSU, Jamie Booth and Vice Chair for OSU, Sean Meeks as their creative and professional chemistry flowed throughout this years All Black Gala. Our ears were graced with harmony as student Peninatautele Faumuina-Eze sang the Black National Anthem. With a powerful welcoming from CSUMB's President Vanya Quiñones driving the point home of the importance of investing into our students echoed by Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton's fundraising efforts to support the students research, mentoring and academic success of the Helen Rucker Center For Black Excellence. With all of this excellence, the event was just getting started. We were then blessed to have witnessed the brilliance of Dr. Calvin Mackie as he spoke through the hearts of the attendees and encouraged us to wake up running as we forward the mission to pour into our students and our community, leaving this earth empty because we have given our all through our gifts and purpose. Administrative Support Coordinator for the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence, Da'Ja Robinson stepped on stage to present the 2023 Awards Ceremony.

Honorees:

Graduate Student - Patterson Emesibe
CSUMB Alumna - Jacqui Smith
CSUMB Alumnus - Josh Cole
Legacy Staff Honoree - Dr. Shanieka Jones-Firek
Legacy Faculty Honoree - Dr. Richard Bains
Community Honoree - Yvonne Thomas
Community Honoree - Darryl Choates
 and surprise honoree **Undergraduate Student** - Jamie Booth

A huge thank you to all of those who attended, as well as our partners and

sponsors: African American Heritage Faculty and Staff Alliance, Associated Students, Black Students United, Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence, Monterey Arts Council, Otter Cross Cultural Center, Office of Inclusive Excellence and Sustainability, Office of the President, Otter Student Union.



Event Spotlight: CSUMB Super Saturday



California State University
MONTEREY BAY

Super Saturday



**March 18, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon
at CSUMB University Center**

- CSUMB President's Welcome
- Guest Speaker
- Support Programs
- Student Panel
- Campus Tour

Register



Confirmed registered attendees who fill out our short survey will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an iPad.

Participants will also be invited to apply for a \$1000 scholarship upon enrollment at CSUMB.

In its continuing efforts to improve the preparation and graduation rates of African Americans, CSUMB is hosting its annual Super Saturday event! As part of this event, Dr. *Vanessa Lopez-Littleton* and *Steven Nelson Goings*, LCSW, will be co-facilitating a community discussion on how

CSUMB can best be part of coordinating the efforts of many K-12 service providers in year round support from Kindergarten to University for students in the area with a special emphasis on Black and African heritage students.

This free event takes place on Saturday March 18, 2023 in the University Center. Dynamic speaker and personality Patterson Emesibe will serve double duty as the Master of Ceremonies and the moderator for the Student Panel. President Vanya Quiñones will open with a welcome speech followed by a very special guest speaker -- CSUMB alumni and Mayor of Monterey Tyller Williamson, a showcase of campus support programs and the aforementioned student panel discussion that will take place concurrently with the community discussion for the adults. We will end with an informational campus tour so bring your walking shoes! We are excited to see you there! As a community leader who has supported the Black Community for many years in the area, please encourage any and all high school age, potentially college bound students (especially Black and other students of color) to attend Super Saturday.

Finally, we are asking your support in forwarding the flier and registration link through your networks. We are hoping you will include Super Saturday in your March Sunday Service announcements. Registering in advance FOR THIS FREE EVENT really helps us in knowing what size venue to use and how much breakfast to prepare! Super Saturday 2023 Registration Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

As an incentive, confirmed registered attendees who fill out our short survey at the event will be entered into a drawing to win an iPad! Not only that, prospective students will be invited to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship immediately upon enrollment at CSUMB!



Upcoming Events:

MPC's Umoja, A2MEND, and Black Student Union
Welcomes all to our Annual Community Play

DOMINIQUE MORISSEAU'S
Pipeline
DIRECTED BY DON WILLIAMS
March 11, 2023
Free Admission 7:30pm

A DEEPLY COMPASSIONATE LOOK AT A
RACIST EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND THE
FEROCITY OF ONE PARENT'S LOVE.

MONTEREY PENINSULA
College
Music Hall
Sponsored by
Umoja,
A2MEND,
BSU

UC SANTA CRUZ | Arts cadrc 40

About the Play...Nya, an inner-city public high school teacher, is committed to her students but desperate to give her only son Omari opportunities they'll never have. When a controversial incident at his upstate private school threatens to get him expelled, Nya must confront his rage and her own choices as a parent. But will she be able to reach him before a world beyond her control pulls him away? With profound compassion and lyricism, Pipeline brings an urgent conversation powerfully to the fore. Morisseau pens a deeply moving story of a mother's fight to give her son a future-without turning her back on the community that made him who he is.

For more information call 831-646-4290

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PRIZES
SOCIAL**



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by Space technology
COVID-19 Air Sanitizers**

**EVERYONE'S
WELCOME**

Only 50

March 13th, 2023

Must Register to reserve seat

\$30.00 ENTRY | COMMUNITY EVENT | DOOR OPEN AT TBN

Oldemeyer Center

**986 Hilby Ave
Seaside, CA 93955**

Book Now

gnashllc.org or Cashapp \$Gnash60

Email: arcbinfo2019@gmail.com Contact: 831.500.3636



TOWN HALLS ACROSS MONTEREY COUNTY DISTRICT 4

With Supervisor Wendy Root Askeu

Seaside Town Hall with Mayor Oglesby

Wednesday, March 15 (5:30 to 7 pm)
Community Center at Soper Field
220 Coe Ave, Seaside, CA 93955



Salinas Town Hall with Mayor Craig

Monday, April 3 (5:30 to 7 pm)
Digital Nest,
210 Salinas St., Salinas, CA 93901



Marina Town Hall with Mayor Delgado

Wednesday, May 17 (5:30 to 7 pm)
Marina Library Community Room
190 Seaside Cir, Marina, CA 93933



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Imagining Our Space



FRIDAY
March 17
2023
5-7:30pm
BLD 12 Foyer & Rm 110



You are invited for a fun and interactive gathering to imagine and creatively design the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence.

**ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED
WITH A SPACE FOR CREATIVE BRAIN DUMPING!**

Welcoming Guests: Althea SullyCole and Glodean Champion

Please bring a friend! Our space will be "by our students, for our students."

Inquiries: helenruckercenterforblackexcellence@osumb.edu

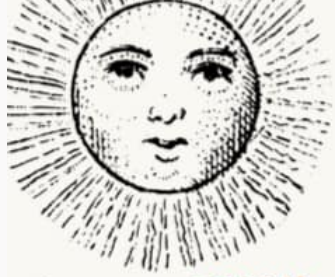


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**"COMPASSION
IS NOT A VIRTUE - IT'S A
COMMITMENT"**
-BENJ. BRON

**FREE "2ND"
MOVIE VIEWING
"AFTER SHOCK"
THIS MOVIE
GIVES A CLOSER
LOOK INTO THE
EXPERIENCES OF
MOST BLACK
WOMEN DURING
CHILDBIRTH**

Saturday

March 18th, 2023
1205 Freedom Blvd
Unit 3B
Watsonville, Ca. 95076
2p-5p

please email us at
kweenskounsel@gmail.com



If you were unable to make it to the 1st community viewing and conversation we will have another community event March 18th, 2023 from 2p-5p in Watsonville thanks to our friends at @rcfam

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**

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

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

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



Volunteers

Please Volunteer (ONE) Friday a Month

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

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:

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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, 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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