



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

May 16, 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 being released every Monday. 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 and picture of a community leader, send to 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.

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(check Multicultural Equity Group)

May is...



Asian & Pacific Islander Local Profile: Walter Ryce



Born: August 1971

Profession: Writer/Public Information Officer

Ethnicity: Korean-Panamanian-American

Walter Ryce was born in 1971 in Seoul, South Korea, to a Korean mother who survived the Korean War, and an Afro-Panamanian-American father who was in the U.S. Army. In 1974, Walter's family, including a younger brother, came to the United States.

They lived first on the Fort Ord military base, where Walter quickly learned English and began to integrate into the new culture.

After his father left active military service, the family moved to adjacent Seaside, living in several neighborhoods where Walter attended elementary, middle and high school.

Korean culture, food and tradition in the home blended with the multicultural composition of Seaside, including its different ethnic communities, as well as hip-hop, comic book, military, and skater culture.

He went on to attend Monterey Peninsula College and then San Jose State University, where he majored in Creative Arts with a minor in advertising.

He lived in Portland, Oregon, in the 1990s, then he lived in Miami Beach, Florida, in the early 2000s. He worked in various capacities in customer service and marketing, and then as an advertising copywriter, proposal writer, and freelance magazine writer.

In 2007 he moved back to Seaside and became a writer, journalist and calendar editor at the Monterey County Weekly, covering arts, culture, events, features, profiles, reviews, news and cover stories.

There, among hundreds of stories, he wrote about [Seaside's homegrown Black civil rights movement](#), a [Korean restaurant in Seaside](#), and a profile of the [city of Marina](#). He even wrote a [review of the CSUMB Dining Commons](#).

In July 2020 he came to work at CSUMB as the News and Information Manager and Public Information Officer, where he writes about CSUMB's *diverse community*, serves as a media liaison for regional news outlets, and does emergency communications.

He lives in Marina in campus housing with his wife, CSUMB professor Enid Baxter Ryce, their two kids, and a cat named Cutest Muffin (the kids named her).

In Memoriam: 10 Victims of Buffalo Supermarket Shooting

Ten of thirteen shot on Saturday May 13 at a supermarket in Buffalo New York did not survive. Eleven of those targeted were Black but as with many incidents of anti-Black violence and racism non-Black folk were harmed as well. Three survivors (2 White, 1 Black).

Aaron Salter - 55

Andre Mackneil - 53



Celestine Chaney - 65



Geraldine Talley - 62



Heyward Patterson - 67



Katherine Massey - 72



Margus Morrison - 52



Pearl Young - 77



Roberta Drury - 32



Ruth Whitfield - 86



CSUMB President Eduardo Ochoa's Take on the Buffalo Supermarket Shooting

Dear campus community,

My heart breaks a little more every time I write messages like this regarding incidents similar to the tragic, hate-filled violence directed

towards Black Americans in Buffalo over the weekend. That the gunman's violence in Buffalo was racially based makes the reason behind this message even more disturbing and emotionally wrenching. I am always hopeful, but this endless cycle of racial violence committed against our fellow citizens is disheartening.



As much as our collective hearts break after every senseless, hate-filled act of violence that occurs, while we grieve, we must also redouble our commitment and resolve to use our power as educators to change the heart and minds of this nation. We must courageously and tirelessly use our powers to challenge systemic injustice, hatred, and racism. We must fight to remove barriers that prevent the truth from being taught to children - that we can develop generations of committed citizens who understand we are all precious and equal - that hate based on the color of a person's skin or ethnic origin has no sanctuary within our world.

As humans, we must never retreat from our responsibility to be beacons of respect, compassion, and love. We must model the world we can create together when everyone is valued and cherished. To quote Nelson Mandela: *"As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest."* We cannot rest, and we cannot relent until the scourge of hate, racism, and the violence they generate no longer exist in this world.

We are here to help you process the harm and trauma perpetuated by these events. If you need support, I encourage students to reach out to the ***Personal Growth and Counseling Center***, and faculty and staff may seek support through the ***Employee Assistance Program***.

We must continue to support and care for each other so we can address the challenges of the times in which we live. I wish all of us a world of peace,

love, and respect.

Eduardo M. Ochoa
President
California State University, Monterey Bay

CSU Monterey Bay Black Graduates Celebration



May 20, 2022

6 p.m.

Otter Student Union, Ballroom

- **3118 Inter-Garrison Rd, Marina, CA 93955.**
- **Parking permits will be required for all vehicles to park on-campus.**
- **Volunteers Needed; [Click Here to Volunteer](#)**

**The Black Folks Calendar congratulates
the 2022 CSUMB Black/African Heritage
Affinity Graduates:**

- **Onyinye Aladiume**
- **Valerie Anthony**
- **Bailey Banks**
- **Dominique Barber**
- **Trevor Bogna**
- **Courtnei Branch**
- **Kiyee Brown**
- **Topanga Cheeves**
- **Ashley Clark**
- **Mariah Clemens**
- **Chloe Mae Collins**
- **Valerie Crane**

- **Deirdre Davis**
 - **Cobey Davis**
 - **Jiya Day**
 - **Lauren Dixon**
 - **Aliya Dunbar**
 - **Yolanda Ealy**
 - **Nyah Edington**
 - **Joshua Ewell**
 - **Janessa Fields**
 - **Domonique Hill**
 - **Sydney Howard**
 - **Michael Johnson**
 - **Tyshell Johnson-Hill**
 - **Tucosha Lopez**
 - **Kimberly McKinney**
 - **Nakiya Parker**
 - **Brooke Pope**
 - **Mamie Robinson**
 - **Halee Smith**
 - **Olivia Splane-Wilson**
 - **Tamia Stokes**
 - **Quianna Summerhill**
 - **Durell Thompson**
 - **Kelsey Ferris Tucker**
 - **Kayla Ventus**
 - **Yla Williams**
 - **Rhonda Wise**
 - **Sidni Wise-Wright**
 - **Gwendolyn Woods**
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**This
Week
at**

The logo for 'Deja Blue' features the name in a large, blue, cursive script. Below it, the words 'BLUES, JAZZ & COMEDY CLUB' are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

Deja Blue
BLUES, JAZZ & COMEDY CLUB

Deja Blue

500 Broadway Ave, Seaside:

Jazzy Wednesday Tamas Marias

May 18, 2022

FREE

JAZZ

6 - 9PM

Come Join us for another installment of our jazzy Wednesdays featuring a new artist Tamas Marias and the Jazz Trio, Leon Joyce, David Daniels and Scotty Wright

Free | No Cover

All Ages

The blues Trio

May 21, 2022

FREE

BLUES

3 - 6PM

For This Saturday Line up we have Lady Bianca, Oden Oshumin and Joey Truso.

Come Join us for some Blues!

Free | No Cover

All Ages

R&B Blues Minor Williams

May 22, 2022

FREE

BLUES

3 - 6PM

Come Join us for some R&B Blues with Minor Williams and Leon Joyce for a evening you don't want to miss!

Combined Mother's and Father's Day Celebration!



May 22, 2022

3 to 6 pm

Recognizing Military Service Center 2087 Del Monte Blvd, Seaside CA

RMSC invites you to join us as we pay tribute to both mothers and fathers.
Appetizers provided after the Program

For questions, please contact
Yvonne at 831 393 9865 or
Illona at 831 917 8566

Donations appreciated.

The Only Way Outreach Ministries
invites the Seaside Community to a

COMMUNITY LUNCH

With
MAYOR OGLESBY
MAY 25TH, 2022
AT 11:30 AM- 2:00PM



Oldemeyer Center
986 Hilby Ave.
Seaside, CA.

LUNCH IS \$10 and Payable at the Door: Cash, Credit Card or Check
Make your check payable to : Seaside Mayors Lunch

Mayors Luncheon / PO BOX 2054 / Seaside, CA.93955
RSVP via email: bridgetteallen_murray@yahoo.com or call
Rev. Kenneth Murray at (831) 224-9488

SPONSORS:
The Only Way Outreach Ministries
Seaside Monterey Peninsula Ministerial Alliance

MPC's Imani Group Presents its 27th Annual Rites of Passage Ceremony

Ceremony Details

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: MPC Music Hall, Monterey Campus

Dear Black Folks, MPC Community Members & Friends,

The Imani Group, MPC's Black/African-American Faculty & Staff Association, invites you to join us for the 27th Annual Rites of Passage Ceremony. This annual event honors and celebrates students who identify as Black/African-American that have successfully completed an Associate Degree, a Certification, or will transfer to a Four-Year University.

The Rites of Passage Ceremony recognizes both the students' accomplishments and the community that supported them, while marking the transition from their time at Monterey Peninsula College to their future studies or professional endeavors. You are very much a part of this celebration and we invite you to join us in this ceremonial pre-commencement event that embraces African culture, customs, and traditions.

Please join us in celebrating our students as they continue their journeys and bid farewell to MPC. This year's event will be held in the Music Hall, MU-101, on MPC's Monterey campus. You can expect to hear words of wisdom from notable speakers, student awards and recognition, and musical selections, culminating with the presentation of Kente Stoles, followed by a reception for graduates and guests.

Note: MPC has an indoor mask mandate requiring face coverings to be worn indoors in all public spaces at Monterey Peninsula College, regardless of vaccination status.



MONTEREY PENINSULA
College

27th Annual Rites of Passage Ceremony



6PM
May 26th
MPC Music Hall

Reception immediately following ceremony

*For more information, contact LaKisha Bradley (lbradley@mpc.edu)

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Survey

Monterey County
We want to hear from you!

<https://rb.gy/llzo2e>



Monterey County Community Forum COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

A community conversation about the
COVID-19 vaccine



Saturday, May 14th 10 am - 11 am (Spanish)
Tuesday, June 14th 6 pm - 7 pm

Join us for a small group
conversation about the
vaccine and Q&A with
local providers.

*Join the discussion by signing up here:
<https://bit.ly/3GG5UP4>*

**THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTEREY BAY
OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
JOIN OUR LISTSERV, EMAIL
VANESSA LOPEZ-LITTLETON AT VLITTLETON@CSUMB.EDU**

Recognizing Military Service Center
2087 Del Monte Blvd.
Seaside, CA 93955
(831) 899-3332



CELEBRATE WITH RMSC

DATE: JUNE 18, 2022

TIME: 6 P.M. UNTIL

THERE WILL BE GREAT SOUL FOOD

MUSIC & DANCING

COST OF DINNER : \$15.00 PER PLACE

SALINAS
JUNETEENTH

Celebration



Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022

Time: 12-6 pm

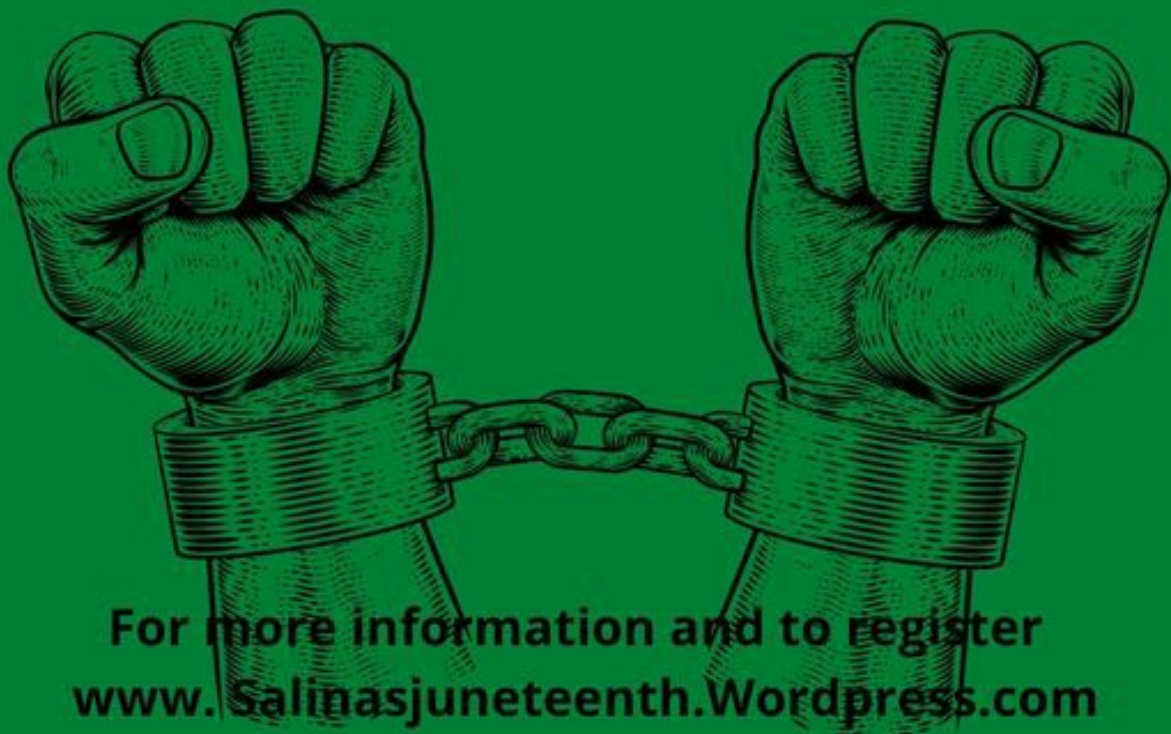
Location: Hartnell Community College

411 Central ave Salinas Ca 93901

Music • Food • Vendors • Giveaways • Fun



FREEDOM DAY



For more information and to register
[www. Salinasjuneteenth.Wordpress.com](http://www.Salinasjuneteenth.Wordpress.com)

**Our
Community
Health**

**Workers
will be
offering
free rapid
COVID tests
on the
following
days:**



Tuesdays & Fridays: 11AM-4PM

Grocery Outlet 1523 Fremont Blvd, Seaside, CA

Thursdays: 11AM-4PM Friendship Baptist Church

1440 Broadway Ave, Seaside, CA 93955

Thursdays: 11AM-4PM

**Parking Lot at 1590 Del Monte Blvd, Seaside, CA
93955**

Saturdays: Grocery Outlet 10AM-4PM

1523 Fremont Blvd, Seaside, CA 93955

Stay Safe, Get Tested!



I'M RUNNING FOR ASSEMBLY!

The state redistricting commission split up the Monterey Bay and combined the majority of our current State Assembly district with San Luis Obispo County. As someone who has lived and worked in all three counties, I bring the most local knowledge and expertise to the table, and I look forward to showing you that I'm ready to hit the ground running on Day One as your next assembly member.

[Please Donate!](#)

Don't forget to register for the virtual candidate forum by [clicking on this link](#). Then, mark your calendar so you don't miss this great event!

Thank you for your continued support of my campaign. I couldn't do it without you!

--- Jon Wizard



NAACP

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

Newsweek: [Key Biden Voters Demand He Cancel \\$50,000 in Student Debt at NAACP Protest](#)

Black voters, a key group for President Joe Biden, demonstrated outside the White House on Thursday morning as part of an NAACP effort demanding that Biden cancel \$50,000 in student loan debt—a figure five times larger than what the president may be considering. The demonstrators arrived at the corner of 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue around 9 a.m. to urge the president to make student loan debt cancellation a legacy of his administration.

BET: [Majority Black Tennessee Town Reaches Agreement To Avoid State Takeover](#)

“They had no right to take over Mason, so we took them to court and we won. Similar injustices are happening all across the country, and the NAACP knows all too well that if we don’t put out small fires across America, they quickly become wildfires. This settlement is a significant victory for all those who believe in justice and fairness,” NAACP General Counsel Janette McCarthy Wallace said in a statement announcing the settlement.

The Guardian: [Protests swell across major cities as US reckons with supreme court decision draft – as it happened](#)

Protests have been building across the country as women demand that their reproductive rights are protected. Barack Obama has said the provisional ruling was “a blow not just to women, but to all of us who believe in a free society,” while Michelle Obama has recognized Americans “fearing that their essential freedoms under the constitution were at risk”. And Elizabeth Warren has taken to the streets of Washington, screaming “I am angry!” Porchse Miller, a community organizer for the Atlanta NAACP speaks in downtown Atlanta.

Variety: [Webby Awards: Laverne Cox to Be Honored for LGBTQ Advocacy Work](#)

“Laverne Cox understands the true power of showing up by example,”

Webby Awards president Claire Graves told Variety exclusively on Tuesday morning. “She is a clear, consistent and powerful voice advocating in defense of Black trans lives, and we are so proud to recognize her as the 2022 Webby Advocate of the Year, selected by a committee chaired by the NAACP and IADAS.”

Colorado Politics: [Federal judge allows voter intimidation lawsuit to proceed against Colorado group](#)

Earlier this year, three civic groups filed a federal complaint asking that a judge order the U.S. Election Integrity Plan — a group that believes there were illegal votes cast in the 2020 election — to halt its alleged harassment of voters. The Colorado Montana Wyoming State Area Conference of the NAACP, the League of Women Voters of Colorado and Mi Familia Vota claimed that USEIP's activities violate the federal Voting Rights Act and the Ku Klux Klan Act's prohibitions on voter coercion.

Windy City Times: [Plaque unveiled in NYC to honor headquarters of NAACP, other progressive groups](#)

No. 70 Fifth Avenue, a 1912 Beaux Arts—style office building, served as headquarters of the NAACP, the nation's oldest and largest civil-rights organization, from 1914 to 1925. This was during the organization's early campaigns against lynching, employment discrimination, voting disenfranchisement, and defamatory representations in the media, including the film *The Birth of a Nation*.

STATEMENTS:

- **[NAACP Statement on President Biden's Plan to Lower Internet Costs](#)**

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year we offer need-based and merit scholarships to outstanding and qualified Black students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees as part of our NAACP Inspire Initiatives. Through the generosity of our donors, we advance efforts to ensure equity in educational opportunity that prepares students for success in school, work, and life.

Our scholarships range in award amount, academic interests, and age. Whether you are a graduating high school senior or early in your professional career, we are pleased to provide financial opportunities and recognition to assist with collegiate and post-educational endeavors. Please be sure to review individual scholarship eligibility requirements and deadlines.

TAKE ACTION: URGE PRESIDENT BIDEN TO CANCEL STUDENT DEBT

There is no plan to close racial wealth gaps that does not include addressing the student debt crisis. Student debt relief is the much-needed policy solution in the midst of this economic crisis.

\$10,000 is not enough. Data suggest that cancellation policies beyond

\$50,000 without means-testing would benefit all demographics, eliminate racial disparities in student debt, and boost our struggling economy. This will:

- Provide Black borrowers with opportunities to pursue homeownership
- Develop economy-boosting discretionary income
- Fuel upward mobility in the Black community and equitable efforts to close the racial wealth gap

SAVE THE DATE: 113TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION

Our collective voice is power. Our community is power. And when we gather? Powerful. The 113th NAACP National Convention is the perfect setting to strengthen civil rights and every form of socio-economic equality. Join us online or in Atlantic City from July 14-20 as we convene to progress policies that impact Black America.

Follow Black Folk on Social Media

(Click on links to follow to sites)

Facebook:

[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

[Seaside Seventh Day Adventist Community Church](#)

- **About Us:** The Seaside SDA Community Church Seaside community SDA church is the first and only Historically Black Adventist church on the Monterey Peninsula. Founded in 1966, Seaside SDA Church is part of a worldwide organization with more than 15 million members around the world. We exists *to share the love and teachings of Jesus Christ to all people*. Through prayer, the word, love, and service, we connect our church and community to Christ. When you come to Seaside, you can expect to be welcomed into a friendly, positive environment by people who are genuinely glad to see you.
- **Saturdays Virtual and in-person-** Sabbath School service on Zoom at 9:30 AM. Enjoy in-person worship service and by live-streaming Seaside Community SDA on Facebook or You-tube at 11:00 AM.

[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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Submit to AfricanQuazar@gmail.com