



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

May 2, 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: <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: <u>BFC Event Submission Form</u>

2) To submit a "My Take" article, send a word document (NOT pdf!) along with your name and email address to sgoings@csumb.edu3) To submit a "In the Spotlight" biography and picture of a community

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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ASIAN&PACIFIC ISLANDER Heritage Month

💽 • Intersectional Love •

Asian & Pacific Islander National Profile: Naomi Osaka

From:



https://www.naomiosaka.com/about/

"AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, PEOPLE HAVE STRUGGLED TO DEFINE ME. I'VE NEVER REALLY FIT INTO ONE DESCRIPTION." As a multicultural, multiracial, Japanese-Haitian-American woman, Naomi represents the modern world on and off the courts. She's not just a tennis champion, but an entrepreneur, luminary and role model for young people across the globe.

At three years old, Naomi and her family moved from Osaka to New York, before settling in Florida. Naomi and her sister began practicing tennis with their father by day and homeschooling by night. It wasn't long before Naomi's grasp of the game, powerful serve and strong forehand became impossible to ignore.

In 2013, Naomi went pro, representing her native Japan. Three years later, the Women's Tennis Association named her "Newcomer of the Year."

She was just getting warmed up.

In 2018, on the back of her first Tour title in Indian Wells, 20-year-old Naomi played her childhood idol Serena Williams in the US Open final. She bested the 23-time Grand Slam champion in a dramatic match that sealed her first major title. The following year, Naomi won the Australian Open, a victory that solidified her as the world's No. 1, a first for any Asian player.

Today, she's only the third person in history to have won all four of her first grand slam finals -- winning the U.S. Open and Australian Open twice.

Naomi's career catapulted her into instant stardom, where she now uses her platform not only to wow the world with exceptional tennis, but also to fight social inequity. At the US Open, Naomi sent a powerful message to the world of tennis and beyond. She wore seven face masks, each of them emblazoned with the name of a different Black American killed by police violence.

2020 also cemented Naomi's name in the fashion world. She appeared at New York Fashion Week for the first time, debuting a collection she codesigned with Japanese-American designer Adeam. The show garnered sparkling reviews from publications like Vogue and Women's Wear Daily. In 2021, Naomi joined the Louis Vuitton Family as a Global Ambassador.

Steven's Take On: Receiving the Monterey County



Branch (MCB) NAACP Medgar Evers Legacy Award

When I told my step dad Lacy, who is coincidentally my best dad, that I was receiving this award, I said I thought it was premature and that I hadn't done enough to earn it yet. Lacy, said that wasn't for me to decide so as I told our secretary Pat Spencer, thank you and I accept.

Of course, no one gets an award at a community event whose accomplishments weren't made possible by their community so I have many people here to thank starting with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who saw fit to spare my life 30 years ago for a higher purpose.

Thank you of course to the Monterey County Branch NAACP for selecting me for this honor but most especially to Edd Armstrong who nominated me for this award, to Helen Rucker who brought me into the NAACP in 2011 and the Mel Mason the first president under whom I have served and who as been my role model ever since.

I want to thank Ann Jealous for donating in my name which paid ended up paying for the evening's videographer Wes White. (A link to the entire program will soon be posted in an upcoming edition of the Black Folks Calendar.) And I offer and elicit thoughts and prayers for Fred Jealous who preparing to have open heart surgery later this month. Thank you to my mom Yyonne Kirkland and my best dad. Lacy Kirkland

Thank you to my mom Yvonne Kirkland and my best dad, Lacy Kirkland who took me in when I returned from San Francisco 20 years ago and especially to my friend Eric Roudabush who is more responsible than anyone for me getting off of hard drugs 15 years ago. All subsequent accomplishments have been built on ending the cycle of addiction.

I have also been extraordinarily fortunate in having been involved in some amazing institutions and to have had some amazing mentors. A shout out to my friends here from CSUMB but especially to Lynne White Dixon who was the clinical supervisor who guided me from intern to Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

A shout out to the Peace Coalition of Monterey County and the Monterey Peace and Justice Center and especially the late great Joyce Vandevere who brought me into the community and Catherine Crockett who has anchored the Peace community since before Joyce's passing.

A shout out to the Monterey County Chapter of the National Coalition Building Institute and the great Sue Parris who led the chapter for 29 years and whom I think is most deserving of a future award from MCB-NAACP for her years of partnership and leadership in challenging all forms of discrimination and oppression.

And finally, a shout out to Monterey Peninsula Pride a local LGBTQ+ nonprofit whose purpose – among others is to "encourage a society in which every ethnicity appreciates their LGBTQ+ members as a vital part of their communities."

Congratulations to MCB President Yvonne Thomas and the Banquet

Committee for a fine program. Congratulations to President's Award Winner Josh Stewart and Spirit of Partnership Winner Greater Victory Temple.

A special personal thanks for the friends and colleagues from various institutions -- especially my friends in the CSUMB's MSW department -who came out to support and celebrate with me and especially to Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton for presenting the award and for her lavishly kind words.

I am deeply moved.

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-- Steven Goings & Quazar

Week

Deja Blue at **Deja Blue 500 Broadway Ave, Seaside:**

Latin Dance Nights

May 6, 2022 FREE 8PM - 1:30AM Enjoy Latin Dance Night at Deja Blue every Saturday. Have a good time out with a group of friends and learn how to salsa for free Free | No Cover All Ages

Deja Blue Weekend **Breakfast**

May 7, 2022 9AM - 2PM

We serve breakfast on the weekends, Come on down and start your day off with some good food! from 9am-2pm every weekend. Come check out of popular Chicken & Waffles Free | No Cover

All Ages

Jay Rich & Friends Comedy

Show

May 7, 2022 TICKET EVENT COMEDY 7PM SHOWING

Comedy is Back! Join us for some Comedy At Deja Blue with Jay Rich & Friends Saturday April 30th 7pm showing *Purchase Tickets* | *RSVP*

All Ages

Saturday Blues / R&B Ft Paula Harris

May 7, 2022

3PM - 6PM

Enjoy some R&B Blues at Deja Blue for a new feature Paula Harris, David Daniels, Leon Joyce, and Darlene Coleman This Saturday for some gooood soul food cookin' and live music.

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Mothers Day Special

May 8, 2022 FREE BLUES 3PM -6PM

Come Join us for a Mothers Day for live music at Deja Blue! Pretty sure your mother would love the sound of our tunes and taste of our delicious soul food .

From MPUSD Superintendent PK Diffenbaum:

MPUSD is in need of full time and part time after school staff



Please help us spread the word in the community,

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- Homework Assistance
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Full time and Part-Time Must have a minimum of high school diploma and be 18 years old.

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The Music & Performing Arts Gospel Choir presents

SPRING GOSPELCONCERT

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 | 8pm

Music Hall Bldg 30, Room 100

*Parking permit required

Admission Free Vac & Boosted | Mask Required Indoors Until Further Notice | For Special Accomodations (831) 582-3009

League of Women Voters of Monterey County Presents: **State Ass**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' OF MONTEREY COUNTY

State Assembly District 30 Candidates' Forum

Dawn Addis Zoë G. Carter John R. Drake Vicki Nohrden Jon Wizard

State Assembly District 30 *Virtual* Candidate's Forum Wed, May 4th, 7 PM <u>Register here</u>

With five candidates in the race for the new Assembly District 30, it can be hard to research which candidate best aligns with your priorities. Thankfully, the League of Women Voters of Monterey County is hosting a virtual candidate forum on Wednesday, May 4, at 7 pm! And the best part is that you get to pick the questions! <u>Register</u> <u>here</u> to sign up and submit your questions, then watch all five of us talk about how we would each address the the challenges in the new Assembly district.

Dear Community,

In 2020, we hosted the Monterey County Youth Summit: Race to Equity to open the pipeline and strengthen the connections between CSUMB and high school to college-age



Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton – Photo by Florenz Tuazon

students in the surrounding Black and Latinx communities. In organizing this year's event, we focused our intentions on the healing of our young Black and Brown females following the highly publicized racial incident at Salinas High School last year. While there has been some progress, we still have work to do.

Why this event is important?

This event will bring together young Black and Brown ladies from the Monterey Bay Peninsula to support one another in overcoming internalized and institutional forms of oppression. We need these young ladies to know we are here for them.

What do we need from you?

It's quite simple. Please share this event with your networks and encourage students (high school - college age) to come and participate in this virtual event as we take a *Journey to Radical Self Love*. This event is being organized by CSUMB students, alumni, staff, faculty and community partners from Monterey Peninsula College Umoja, Hartnell College, Salinas Unified High School District, and many others. This event is free and all are welcome in this space.

2nd Annual Monterey County Youth Summit: Race to Equity "Journey to Radical Self Love"

Register <mark>here</mark>





Featuring



Glodean Champion Leader, Coach, Educator, Speaker & Storyteller! Creator of The L.O.V.E. Method and Kaizen Your Life!!

Special Guest Performance by: Jess Flo



Workshops

Size | Shape | Style: Reimagining Beauty Self Defined (Darchelle Burnett, Lakisha Bradley)

Ready to De-stress?: Tips for Managing Stress (Alicia Gunness, Vivian Waldrup-Patterson)

Shaping the Story of "I" - Who Am I and Who Do I Want to Become? (Da'Ja Robinson, Stephanie Perkins, Vanessa Lopez-Littleton)

Financial Wellness (Judah Young, Alexandria Adams, Victoria Coleman)

#MCYouthSummit

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Survey

Monterey County We want to hear from you!





Monterey County Community Forum COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION



A community conversation about the COVID-19 vaccine

SCAN ME

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



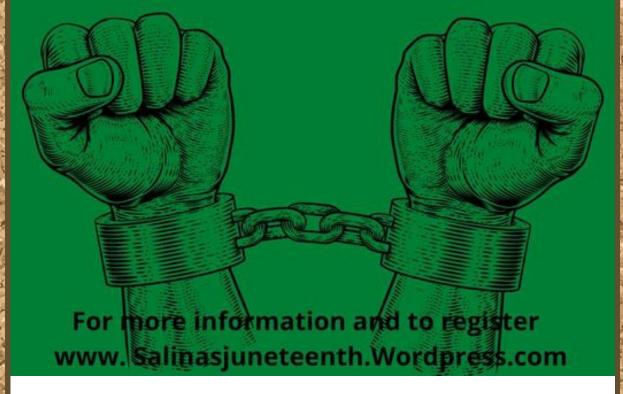


Date: Saturday, June 18,2022 Time: 12-6 pm Location: Hartnell Community College 411 Central ave Salinas Ca 93901

Music • Food • Vendors • Giveaways • Fun



FREEDOM DAY





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.

<u>Please Donate!</u>

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!



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WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

NAACP

The Press of Atlantic City: <u>NAACP to host National Convention</u> <u>in Atlantic City this July</u>

Derrick Johnson, NAACP's National President and CEO, speaks at press conference for NAACP announcing its 113th National Convention in Atlantic City this summer at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall, in Atlantic City, NJ.

The Hill: <u>NAACP calls for Musk to keep Trump off Twitter</u>

The NAACP on Monday issued a statement from its president, Derrick Johnson, calling for former President Trump to remain off the social media platform Twitter following Elon Musk's purchase of the company. "Mr. Musk: free speech is wonderful, hate speech is unacceptable. Disinformation, misinformation and hate speech have NO PLACE on Twitter," the statement said, shortly after it was announced that the Tesla CEO had reached a deal to purchase Twitter.

Inequality.org: <u>Pressure Mounts on Biden to Take Action on</u> <u>Student Loan Debt</u>

Students from the Washington, D.C. area joined advocates from Move On, NAACP, and other groups in chants of "cancel student debt" at a rally in front of the White House on April 27.

CNN: <u>FDA proposes ban on menthol cigarettes and flavored</u> <u>cigars</u>

"The targeting and marketing of menthol flavoring by the tobacco industry have had a devastating impact on our community. Menthol-flavored cigarettes have induced many children and adults, resulting in lifelong addictions, health challenges, and ultimately killing our loved ones," the NAACP said in a statement. "Today is a huge win for equity, justice, and public health concerns."

NPR: <u>How the tobacco industry targeted Black Americans with</u> <u>menthol smokes</u>

Yesterday's move by the FDA was encouraged by the NAACP, which sent

out a statement earlier in the week noting the tobacco industry's "egregious marketing practices," including giving out free cigarettes. "This pattern of activity continues today with expanded marketing strategies like supporting and providing sponsorship funding for events, supporting various Black leaders with financial support, discounting menthol products in Black neighborhoods, and abundant advertising in stores frequented by Black communities," reads the statement, which notes that the NAACP itself received funding from the tobacco industry until two decades ago.

AP: <u>Groups sue over conditions in S. Carolina's juvenile lockups</u>

The NAACP Office of General Counsel and two law firms filed the lawsuit on behalf of the state's NAACP conference, the criminal justice reform organization Justice 360, and Disability Rights South Carolina. Echoing findings by federal and state investigators in recent years, the complaint describes routine youth-on-youth violence and violence by staff against the youths that agency employees often ignore or enable. Children who commit minor infractions are also placed in isolation, spending up to 23 hours a day in small cells without natural light.

Media Village: Email's Essential Role in Successful Marketing

Trovon C. Williams, Senior Vice President Marketing & Communications for the NAACP, is giving a keynote address entitled "Delivering Results Through Diversity" at the 2022 ANA Email Evolution Conference May 16– 18, in Scottsdale, AZ. ANA's Director of Communications John Wolfe recently interviewed him for a pre-conference discussion.

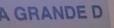
NAACP: Hey Black America

NAACP is celebrating our wins from our 113th NAACP National Convention in Atlantic City, NJ taking place July 14-20, the FDA's ban on menthol cigarettes to protect the Black community, and our presence in the fight to decrease the racial wealth gap with our 50k and Beyond Campaign, led by our Y&C Director Wisdom Cole, urging President Biden's to cancel at least \$50k in student loans.

STATEMENTS:

- <u>NAACP President Derrick Johnson on FDA's Move to Ban</u> <u>Menthol</u>
- NEW: NAACP Files Lawsuit in South Carolina
- <u>NAACP to Hold Introductory Press Conference on its 113th</u> <u>National Convention</u>
- <u>NAACP's Message to Elon Musk</u>
- <u>NAACP Statement on Georgia State Conference Election</u>





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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 preeminent 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.

<u>Black Lives Matter</u>

• 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.

<u>Emmanuel Church of God in Christ</u>

- 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

<u>Friendship Baptist Church Seaside</u>

• 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.

<u>Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Salinas</u>

• 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.

<u>New Hope Baptist Church Salinas</u>

• About: "A Church Dedicated To Servant-hood and Discipleship"

<u>Ocean View Baptist Church</u>

• 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 Monterrey 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.

<u>Recognizing Military Service Center</u>

- 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.

<u>Deja Blue, Seaside</u>

• 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.

Monterey Bay Black Folks Weekly Event Calendar Submit to AfricanQuazar@gmail.com