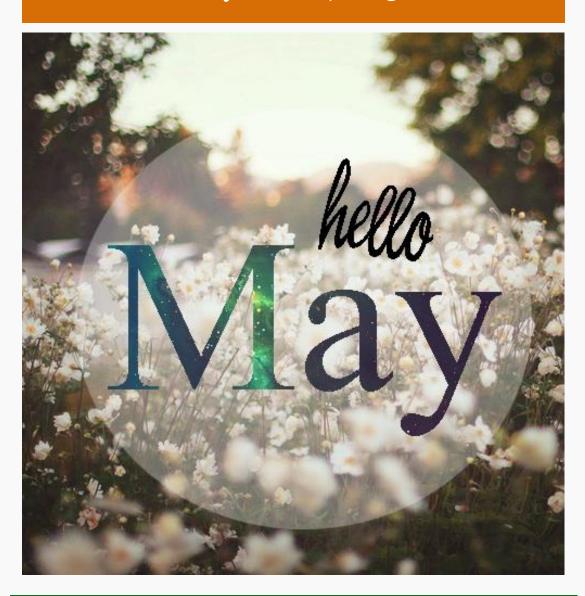
# Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

May 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 Monterrey Bay Area. The idea for the calendar came out of the community forums organized as part of CSUMB's annual super Saturday Black student recruitment events. The Calendar, (originally edited by Steven Goings) is now produced by the Cal State Monterey Bay's Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence and edited by HRE Administrative Support Coordinator Da'ja Robinson with new editions usually being released monthly; sometimes weekly

depending on news and capacity.

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

- 1) To submit an event to the BFC for possible publication, click on this link: **BFC Event Submission Form**
- 2) To submit a "My Take" article, send a word document (NOT pdf!) along with your name and email address to

#### helenruckercenterforblackexcellence@csumb.edu

3) To submit a "In the Spotlight" biography/activities and photo of a community leader, send a word document and digital picture to **helenruckercenterforblackexcellence@csumb.edu** 

#### **Editor's Note:**

Throughout this newsletter, <u>Blue Underlined</u> copy (including above!) indicates a searchable link.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



# In the Spotlight with: **Glodean Champion**



I am a 2x TEDx Speaker and Keynote Speaker and pull from my mother's influence — my first authentic leader – to create stories about life, leadership, and acceptance that connect with people. I'm a master storyteller with thought-provoking ideas about "race" and "difference" that force people to re-examine and often shift their perspectives and belief systems. My approach to everything I do is with honesty, authenticity, and vulnerability and the intent to leave people better than I found them.

With over 20 years of experience as a Lean Six Sigma leader, DEI disrupter, and master educator, I specialize in communication, team building, DEI, and continuous improvement: of self, in leaders, teams, processes, and organizations. I'm a Six Sigma Black Belt with certifications in Laser Coaching, Extreme Leadership, DEI Leadership, DEI Strategies, and Leadership Development,

After 15+ years of leading or participating in DEI initiatives, I realized

most of them failed because they weren't designed to be operationalized into the DNA of the organization with measures and KPIs for continuous improvement. Instead, they unintentionally created shame, blame, and anger. They also missed the opportunity to improve communication, embrace accountability, and inspire self-awareness - the root causes of most failed business initiatives. This realization led me to develop my groundbreaking Kaizen Your Culture organizational program and Lean into Love keynotes, which integrate Lean Six Sigma and DEI principles and methodologies upon a framework of L.O.V.E.:

- Listen with the intent to learn,
- Open-mindedly with
- Vulnerability and
- Empathy.

#### **ORGANIZATIONS HIRE ME TO:**

- Deliver thought-provoking, inspiring, and engaging keynote speeches.
- Teach and implement Kaizen Your Culture and Lean into Love to operationalize DEI and continuous improvement
- Inspire and increase innovation, productivity, and employee retention and engagement.
- Provide transformational leadership development, communication, DEI, and wellness/self-love coaching and workshops.
- Work with new and emerging leaders and teams as a Coach & Teambuilding Facilitator.

I am also the celebrated author of the award-winning coming-ofage novel Salmon Croquettes. I love my Tibetan Terrier, Tashi, my weighted blanket, breakfast for dinner, and Self-love Sunday, my favorite day of the week.

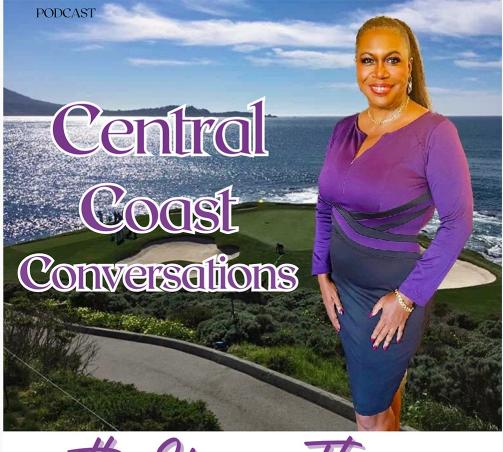


We would like to extend a warm thank you to Glodean Champion for being the Keynote Speaker for the 3rd Annual Monterey County Youth Summit: Race to Equity. Her message about Radical Self-Love was very moving and transformative. Guests are continuously raving and implementing the steps that we taught at this event.

https://www.glodeanchampion.com



# In the Spotlight with: Yvonne Thomas



with Yvonne Thomas

Yvonne Thomas is launching a new podcast, Central Coast Conversations! Episodes will be available on Apple, Spotify, Google, Amazon and other apps in late May! To listen to Yvonne's promotional tease go to:

https://www.yvonnedthomas.com/listen-ccc-with-yt

Yvonne Thomas is a veteran journalist, media professional, and the founder and CEO of both Precision Creative Services and YGolf Magazine. She has also just completed a successful 2-year term as President of the NAACP Monterey County Branch.

#### Yvonne says,

"We are currently seeking sponsors, and we urge you to submit your ideas for topics that you want us to discuss and guests you would like to listen to on the podcast. Leave a message on our website at:

www.yvonnedthomas.com/contactor

send us an email at: <a href="mailto:cccwithYT@gmail.com">CCCwithYT@gmail.com</a>.

Can't wait to hear from you! Stay tuned for details about the launch date of the first episode coming in May!!"

# **Upcoming Events and Opportunities:**





Arts and Cultural Impact Grants are available to nonprofit organizations seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs up to \$5,000 per year.

Deadline: May 10th at 11:59 pm

Don't miss this grant opportunity, apply at <a href="mailto:arts4mc.org/grants/county-grants">arts4mc.org/grants/county-grants</a>





Honestly, who is more excited? Our kiddos or the adults thrilled to get them off a device, out of the house & on a bike this summer! Get your helmets ready for a good time unleashing the largest pump track in the tri-county area (even LA, our *Mongoose Bicycles* ambassador said)! Our fab *City of Marina* team working on giveaways, helmets, bikes, collaborations- so let us know if you are ALL IN! Music, food, friends and a truly historic day - **Sat. May 13** at *Gloria Jean Tate Park Marina* Ca *Monterey Off Road Cycling Association Workhorse Bicycles Little Bellas Transportation Agency for Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew* 

704 B BROADWAY AVENUE, SEASIDE, CA

Spring &
MOTHER'S
MOTKETTHE Hem

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

FROM 10AM - 4PM

SHOP THE HEM + LOCAL VENDORS

ONE MORE BITE BAKERY
FLORANETTI FLORAL DESIGN STUDIO
CARIBBEAN OXTAIL PLATES
SOCO PLANTS

PAINT & SIP FROM 6PM - 8PM

event purchase required

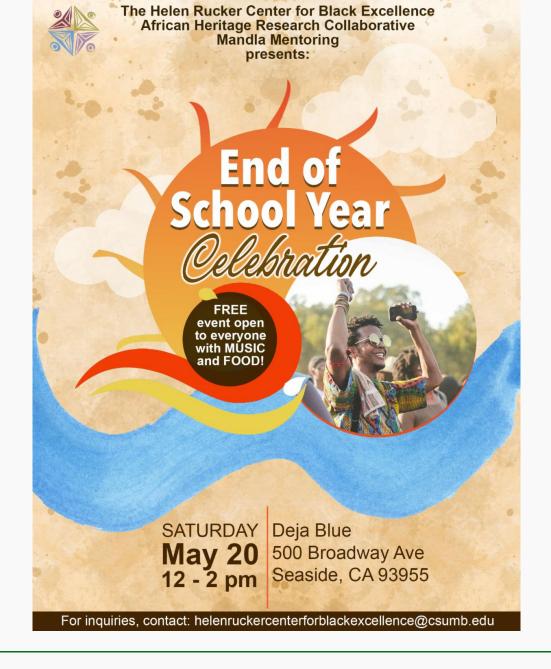


"We will have the public defenders office there to help people with expunging their records. Folks need to know they have a right to expunge their records. There's a lot of information that people need to know about their rights.

This event will be co-sponsored by the city of Seaside and I've asked the NAACP to collaborate with us as well as other groups to co-sponsor and collaborate with us. I just got information back from the public defender's office yesterday that they will be available and collaborate with us on this event.

We must be transparent in our community to help save Black lives and the lives of people to better protect community members and educate them on how to deescalate resolve conflicts and to know their rights and remain silent. This effort will reduce harm in our community."

RSVP Today: tinyurl.com/May23kyr





Register here for this event: <u>https://forms.gle/e7xVjBgyksJSKeQV7</u>



#### 2nd Annual George Floyd Re-imagining Policing, Inclusion, and Diversity Symposium

A community conversation centered on healing, building awareness and continued advocacy for the passage of "The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act"

#### Speakers:

Mel Mason, The Village Project
Dr. Karen Egu, Montage Health
Dr. Gene Holloway, Diversity Atlas
Mayor Ian Oglesby, City of Seaside
Police Chief Nick Borges, City of Seaside
Dr. Renee Penalver, Cal State Univ., Monterey Bay
Yvonne Thomas, Communication Consultant Group

Thursday, May 25, 2023 2-4 PM Oldemeyer Center



#### Emcee:

Jacqueline C. Simon

#### Register Here https://tinyurl.com/477u6wm4

#### **Supporters**









Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton, Cal State Univ., Monterey Bay





Central Coast Conversations Congressman Jimmy Panetta City of Seaside Police & Fire Departments Diversity Atlas Democratic Women of Monterey County



It is my pleasure to share with you an upcoming community event organized by the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence in partnership with the Office of Inclusive Excellence and Sustainability, the Office of Teaching, Learning and Assessment and the Building Community Through Dialogue Co-op. This community healing event will bring the CSUMB campus to the local community to heal from the racial trauma associated with the murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 and other acts of violence against Black and Brown people.

Prepare to experience art, healing and restorative practices, as well as a special guest speaker who recognizes the power of "love." This event is free and open to the public. There will be special activities for youth of all ages.

The event will follow the Second Annual George Floyd Re-imagining Policing, Inclusion and Diversity Symposium. See flyer below.

Please <u>register here</u> for the Collective Healing through Art event by Friday, May 19th to aid in our planning for food and art activities.







Promotions from Juneteenth

## **Coalition:**

# Youth on the course!

We are excited to announce our partnership with <u>@yocgolf</u>

If you know a young golfer ages 13-19 that would benefit from PGA level instruction and community engagement, sign them up at <a href="https://www.juneteenthcoalition.org/obsidian.html">https://www.juneteenthcoalition.org/obsidian.html</a>



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



For this online discussion group about all things Black, go this Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6464225667">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6464225667</a>

### **Promotions**

Mason, LCSW

# from Community Activist Gwen Nash







## **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:

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

- About: 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.
- 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/UCA7zzqlu2bDCfrTmxlcH UiA

#### 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.

#### <u>Updated! CSUMB Black Staff & Faculty</u>

• Just the basic public contact and position info

#### <u> Monterey Bay Historically Black Churches</u>

• Check out the current list of churches, update existing entries or add new ones.

Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar Submit to helenruckercenterforblackexcellence@csumb.edu

#### <u>Update Profile</u> |Constant Contact Data Notice

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