



Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

Welcome to CSUMB Edition, Fall 2022

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 generally being released at least monthly and sometimes weekly (time permitting!) on Mondays.

The Black Folks Calendar (BFC) primarily serves as an event bulletin board of activities on and off campus that may be of particular interest to members of the Black Community. Other recurring features of the BFC include:

In the Spotlight: Article profiles of prominent local individuals and organizations with important connections to the Black community.

My Take: Editorials on topical issues of importance to the Black Community by the BFC editor and other local community members.

Heritage Month Themes: Like all communities, the Black Community is made up individuals with many other intersecting identities. Heritage Month Themes such as Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month, Women's History Month and LGBTQ+ Pride Month provide opportunities to highlight the contributions of local and national Black Folk from these intersecting communities.

Social Media Sites and Useful Links: Near the bottom of every issue is a link to the websites or social media pages of local and national Black organizations including local Historically Black Churches

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

The Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar

warmly
welcomes

[*Dr. Vanya Quiñones*](#)

and congratulates her on
becoming the 4th President of
California State University of
Monterey Bay!



Editor's Note:

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

**New
Student**

Reception

**Monday,
August
22, 2022
4 to 6pm**



Photo of the NAACP@CSUMB from 2017

Otter Student Union, Bayview Terrace

[Register to Attend](#)

New Student Reception sponsored by the African Heritage Faculty & Staff Alliance and the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence

Come join us on August 22, 2022, for a reception to welcome incoming students! It is a concerted effort to connect with incoming African Heritage students and to ensure they get off to a successful beginning to their career here at CSUMB.

Steven's Take On... Welcoming Students to CSUMB



Steven Goings with Black Students United for AmeriCorps Make-a-Difference Day, 2010

Incoming students, faculty and staff may not know this, but by bridging the cities of Marina and Seaside via the former Ft. Ord military base, CSUMB straddles the most diverse of the 28 cities of Monterey Bay (Marina, 12th most diverse in the state of California) and the most historic Black population between Oakland and San Francisco (Seaside).

At its peak, Seaside boasted a Black population of perhaps 38%. That was before the 1994 decommissioning of Ft. Ord and the opening of Cal State University Monterey Bay. Since then the Black population of Seaside has collapsed to a mere 7.3%. Nevertheless, the City of Seaside remains the

heart of local Black cultural and political power with a wealth of leading elders who have been continuously active locally since the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s! Some of our institutions were established even further back such as the Monterey County Branch NAACP (1932) and 1st Baptist Church of Pacific Grove (1909).

The upshot of this for the Black students, staff and faculty of CSUMB is that the Black leaders and communities of the greater Monterey Bay area are hugely invested in the success of Black Folk who come to the area via their relationships to our hometown university.

At one point -- after concerted effort -- CSUMB managed to get its Black student population up to 8%. However, due to a number of factors, including a declaration of impaction in 2016, our Black student population is closer to 3% at present.

The declining Black and African heritage enrollment has set off major alarm bells for those of us town and gown folk who have been here for decades! This has resulted in an explosion of resources developed for this population over the last few years including the Black Folks Calendar, the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence, the Mandla Mentoring program, the Africana Scholars Residence Hall, the African Heritage Research Collaborative and the Historically Black Church Tour.

We know that our Black students at Monterey Bay will have many, many cross-cultural experiences -- as they should! But with such a tiny percentage of the overall student population, students, staff, faculty and community members have to be intentional about creating a sense of Black cultural belonging and connection.

We hope that you will take advantage of the resources developed with you in mind such as this event calendar and the voluntary Mandla Mentoring Families as well as off-campus institutions such as The Village Project, Inc. (culturally appropriate mental health services, educational support, and social advocacy), Deja Blue (Black owned restaurant, comedy and jazz club) and Michelle's Soul Food Kitchen at the Recognizing Military Service Center (RMSC).

Welcome to CSUMB! We hope to see you at the New Student Reception organized by the African Heritage Faculty and Staff Alliance and the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence on Monday Aug 22 from 4 to 6pm at the Otter Student Union Bayview Terrance and we hope that you will enjoy this and many more editions of the Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar!

Steven Goings, LCSW

- **Counselor/Faculty (Personal Growth & Counseling Center)**
- **NCBI Diversity Trainer**
- **CSUMB alum (BA: Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2010; MA: Social Work, 2017)**
- **Life Member, Monterey County NAACP**

**In the
Spotlight:
Black
Students**

United

For over 20 years, Black Students United has been the leading Black student organization. Like all student organizations, Black Students United is open to students of all backgrounds.



Mission:

The purpose of Black Students United is to provide a voice for Black students at California State University Monterey Bay.

We aim to promote social and cultural awareness on campus, while improving and maintaining relations between Black students and students of other cultural backgrounds. Our initiative is to take an active role in the activities of the University and the surrounding communities.

CSUMB Website: <https://myraft.csumb.edu/bsu/home/>

Organization CSUMB.edu email: blackstudentsunited@csumb.edu

2022 Officers:

President: Jamie Booth

Vice President: Peninatautele Faumuina-EZE

Secretaries: Daniel Clayton

Inter Club Council Representative: Zoe Townshend

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Daniel Summerhill

2021-2022 Academic Year Club Highlights:



Black Students United Presents

BLACK HAIR

AND THE
CROWN ACT

BLACK STUDENT'S UNITED PRESENTS

RACISM AND BIAS IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

LET'S TALK ABOUT

BLACK MENTAL HEALTH

In the Spotlight: Africana Heritage Scholars:

Living Learning Programs

Africana Heritage Scholars is one of the many Living Learning Programs at CSUMB. Living Learning

Programs at CSUMB are communities where students of similar interests and/or academic studies live together and participate in intentional learning about their chosen program as a collective. Within a community, students are actively engaged in programs like field trips, dialogue groups,



Residential Life Coordinator, Victoria Mills

faculty dinners, and increased exposure to opportunities on and off campus.

What are the benefits of living in a living-learning program?

- Increasing your academic success, a statistically higher GPA, involvement in study groups, a statistically higher probability of graduating on time, an overall higher satisfaction with the CSUMB experience, and the resources to finding internships and jobs in your field of study.
- Developing relationships with peers who have similar interests and faculty members in your field of study.
- Participating in community programs geared specifically towards your interests/goals and connect to what you learn in class.

86% of student believe LLPs have helped them connect with resources at CSUMB

76% of students in LLPs had a positive experience being a part of the LLP community

Africana Heritage Scholars

Residence Hall - Avocet Hall - Floor 2

Staff Residential Life Coordinator: Victoria Mills

Student Residential Advisor: Lyrik Hampshire

Website: <https://csumb.edu/housing/living-learning-programs/africana-heritage-scholars-explore-your-identity/>

An Experience for Any Student - In collaboration with Human Communication's Africana Studies Concentration, this LLP will explore the world through an Africana lens. All students in this LLP will be able to connect with identity, history, and culture. Participants will be encouraged to form a tight-knit community through monthly family meetings and the opportunity to participate in a mentor program. Faculty from the Africana Studies Concentration along with the African American Faculty and Staff Heritage Alliance will be involved in programs to support and mentor students in this LLP.

Africana Heritage Scholars is an opportunity to be a part of something progressively great at CSUMB.

— Student from Africana Heritage Scholars

In the



Spotlight: CSUMB

Black Space; a Support Group for Black Students

**Mondays starting Sept 12
from 3:30 to 5pm on Zoom at**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/steven.goings.meet.room>
Passcode: 387047

Black Space is one of many counseling and support groups at the Personal Growth and Counseling Center. It is a weekly semester-long support and community building group for the benefit of Black undergraduate and graduate students facilitated by Steven Goings, LCSW.

This counseling group is based on the model of an African Maasai Village with students (the "scholars") at the center supported by staff and faculty through the Mandla Mentoring Program (the "mentors") with occasional guest speakers from the off-campus Black communities of Seaside and Monterey Bay (the "elders").

During the Fall 2022 semester, students will help design exactly what they want out of a culturally competent support group for Black students. By the end of the semester we will have explored a range of community support and counseling models and have developed a group structure to fit the needs of Black students going forward.

The group will meet weekly by Zoom. We may meet in-person occasionally (masks required) when we host guest speakers or host celebratory events. The only criteria for attending is that you are 18 or older, enrolled at CSUMB and identify as part of the Black & African Heritage Community.

If you are a Black or African Heritage community member and would like to be a Black Space Guest Speaker, contact Steven Goings at sgoings@csumb.edu

To express interest in attending Black Space or other Personal Growth and Counseling groups and workshops fill out the [**PGCC Services Interest Form**](#).

Black Space

Other groups expected groups this semester include:

- AAPI Support (for Asian, Pacific Island and Indian Students)
- C.A.L.M. (Calming Anxiety, Living Mindfully)
- Conquering Moods
- Depression Support
- Grief and Loss Support
- LGBTQ+ Processing Group
- Self-Care Workshop

- Surviving to Thriving (sexual abuse and trauma therapy)
- Undocu-Student Support
- Women's Support

In the Spotlight: Mandla



Mentoring 2.0

Dear CSUMB Students of African Heritage:

In partnership with the Office of Inclusive Excellence and Sustainability and the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence, the African Heritage Faculty and Staff Alliance is offering small group mentoring opportunities for students who wish to participate. In fact, all new Black and African Heritage students have already been assigned a mentorship family if they wish to take advantage of it. Each mentor family is under the leadership and direction of a faculty or staff professional of color or designated ally.

Some benefits are:

- Connections to others
- College guidance and support
- Networking
- Problem-solving and resources
- Career development
- Long-lasting relationships and more!

Overall, the goal is to reduce stress, anxiety, and isolation to increase academic productivity, retention, and graduation rates.

For more info about joining a Mandla Mentoring Family, contact Dr. Vivian Waldrup Patterson at vwaldrup-patterson@csumb.edu or Rhonda Mercadal Evans at rmercadal@csumb.edu. You should also keep your eyes open for an email from your Family Mentor (see bulleted list below). And don't forget to join us at the New Student Reception on Monday August 22 from 4 to 6pm at Otter Student Union Bayview Terrace.

Mandla Family Staff & Faculty Mentors by Majors:

- Kim Barber: Biology
- Yolanda Anglin: Business Administration
- Dr. Stephanie Johnson: Cinematic Arts / Humanities & Communication
- Steven Goings: Computer Science
- Ibrahim Shelton: Computer Science
- Willie Lee: Environmental Science & Technology / Environmental Studies / Kinesiology
- LaTanya Wilson: Liberal Studies
- Dr. Daniel Summerhill: Marine Science
- Idonis Hughes: Marine Science
- Renee Penalver: Psychology
- Renie Rondon Jackson: Social Work

- Tasneem Mohamed: Social & Behavioral Sciences and Undeclared

In the Spotlight: African Heritage Research Collaborative

African Heritage

RESEARCH
COLLABORATIVE

EST.
2020

The African Heritage Research Collaborative (AHRC) works with the Helen Rucker Center for Black Student Excellence and the [Undergraduate Research Opportunity Center](#) to provide intentional research opportunities and matching both on and off campus.

Student researchers interested in joining the African Heritage Research Collaborative in Fall 2022 should contact AHRC faculty advisors:

- Vanessa Lopez-Littleton: vlittleton@csumb.edu
- Dennis Kombe: dkombe@csumb.edu
- Renie Rondon Jackson: rrondonjackson@csumb.edu
- Nate Jue: njue@csumb.edu
- Vanessa Jones: vajones@csumb.edu

AFRICAN HERITAGE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (AHRC)

ALL CSUMB STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE
2022-2023 AHRC COHORT

What's in it for you:

- \$5,000 in scholarships
- Learn about the research process
- Deepen your connection with faculty mentors
- Increase your knowledge of African and African American culture
- Participate on a research team (all skill levels invited)
- Connections with diverse students from across the campus



APPLICATIONS DUE
SEPTEMBER 2ND



**HELEN
RUCKER** Center for
Black Excellence



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DR. DENNIS KOMBE (DKOMBE@CSUMB.EDU) OR
DR. NATE JUE (NJUE@CSUMB.EDU)

In the Spotlight: Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence:



Helen Rucker, Photo by Enid Baxter Ryce

Mission

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

2021-2022 Highlight Academic Year Highlight:

Seaside's longtime librarian, teacher, civic leader and civil rights activist Helen Rucker, at age 89, has been receiving her much-deserved flowers. In February this year, she was given an honorary key to the city of Seaside by Mayor Ian Ogelsby for her years of work in the community. On Feb. 26, she was a guest of honor at the virtual 2022 CSUMB All Black Gala, receiving literal flowers in the form of a bouquet.

And on Sunday, April 24, CSUMB reprised the All Black Gala in person in the Otter Student Union ballroom, reaffirming, in her presence, the dedication of the university's Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence. The center's stated mission is that it "engages and empowers African Diaspora students at CSUMB by providing academic, professional, and personal/cultural support and enrichment programming."

The future location of the center, which was formerly named the Center for Black Student Success, is expected to be a hub of Black student life and a convergence of the local and CSUMB community.

President Ochoa told the assembled audience that the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence represents a commitment to community, that he was excited to have been able to announce the name, and thanked the CSUMB faculty, staff and professionals who made it happen.

"I look forward to following the work of the Center in the coming years and will always remember this wonderful event that launched the newly named Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence," Ochoa said. "Congratulations to all of the honorees and to Helen Rucker."

Former CSUMB staffers and alumni shared anecdotes and accolades about Rucker. One student talked about how she benefitted from the Platoon Sergeant James Rucker and Helen B. Rucker Scholarship. Others talked about their hopes for the newly named Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence.

Seaside mayor Ian Ogelsby said, "This is just a wonderful event in honor of Mrs. Rucker for decades of service to education and Black excellence. It's such an honor to be here to see this recognition finally for the work she's been doing."

Steven Goings, a counselor and faculty with the Personal Growth and Counseling Center, called Rucker the "epitome of community service." "When I got here on campus in 2006, people were telling me about her. She's been a part of establishing this university," Goings said. "She's probably one of the most respected people in Monterey County. She's the most wonderful person I know."

A native of Louisiana, since arriving in Seaside in 1968, Rucker has served in her adopted home as an educator, city councilmember, school board and MPUSD trustee. She's been a champion of voter rights and has registered countless people to vote over the years.

After the in-person All Black Gala's musical performances by the CSUMB Gospel Choir and the Leon Joyce Jr. Trio, both of which were well appreciated, **President Ochoa ended the evening with the news that Rucker would receive an honorary doctorate from CSUMB during the May commencement.**

A fitting tribute to a person who has championed education for many decades, and continues to do so.

Turning 90

On Saturday, September 3, 2022, Mrs. Helen Rucker will turn 90 years old. In lieu of presents, she is requesting donations to the Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence at

[donate.csumb.edu.ruckercenter](https://donate.csumb.edu/ruckercenter)

Academic/Professional Funding Request Form

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

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

[Click Here for Funding Request Form](#)

In the Spotlight: Gospel Choir Course at CSUMB

As students prepare to

physically return to campuses, professor Carlos A. Tottress of the Music and Performing Arts department is encouraging new and returning students to consider taking the Gospel Choir Course at CSUMB; MPA 310.

"Come and join in...its open to anyone! Meet new friends. Enjoy great gospel music, contemporary, urban, traditional and more. Meet new friends. Emphasizing the study and preparation of professional level materials for performance."



MPA 310 - Gospel Choir

Performance and study of the historical evolution of contemporary gospel music in America culminating in public performance. Off-campus and/or outside-of-regular-class-time performances may be required.

Meets Mondays & Wednesdays 6 to 7:20 pm in the World Theater, Room 116 on the CSUMB campus.

2022 Fall Semester • *Enroll Today!*

MPA 310: GOSPEL CHOIR

Instructor **Carlos A. Totters, MM** • *Voice, Chorale, Musical Theater, Songwriting, Music for Children*
Meets Mondays & Wednesdays 6 -7:20pm • World Theater
Email: ctottress@csumb.edu

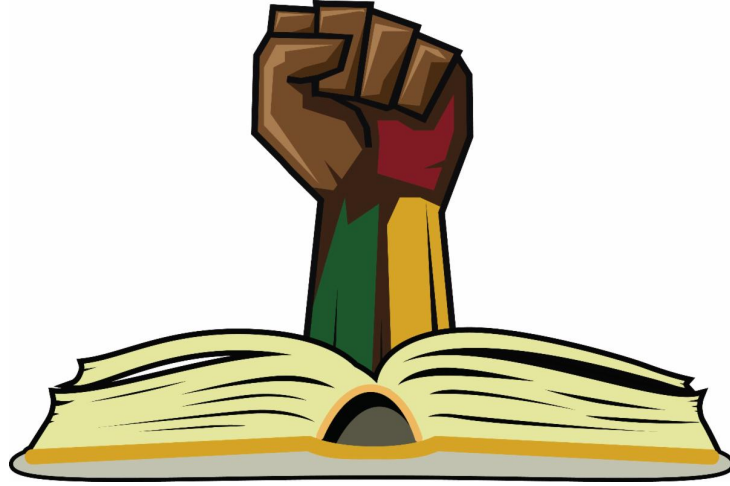


Studies the performance, practice and historical evolution of contemporary Gospel Music.
Enjoy great Gospel Music, contemporary, urban, traditional and more. Meet new friends.
Come and join in ... its open to anyone! Emphasizing the study and preparation of professional level materials for performance.

MPA
The Department of Music and Performing Arts

 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Monterey Bay

Courses Related to Black Culture



**For more
information
about these
and other specific courses visit**

<https://csumb.edu/planning/class-schedule/>

HCOM 226: Afro Cuba Hip Hop - Music and Dance in the Black Atlantic (Fall/Spring - 3 units)

HCOM 324: African American Narratives (Fall Odd Years - 4 units)

HCOM 346: Intro to African American Life/History (Fall/Spring - 4 units)

HCOM 348: Race, Colonialism, and Film (Fall Even Years - 4 units)

HCOM 443: Black Feminist Theory & Praxis (Spring Odd Years - 4 units)

HCOM 445: Slavery & Race in the Americas (Spring - 4 units)

MPA 209: African Drumming (Periodically Offered - 1 unit)

MPA 229 - African Dancing (Periodically Offered - 1 unit)

MPA 310: Gospel Choir (Periodically Offered - 2 units)

MPA 345: Jazz Improvisation (Fall - 1 unit)

SBS 382: History of Modern Africa (Periodically Offered - 4 units)

SBS 383 - African Civilizations (Periodically Offered - 4 units)

SPAN 428 - La Literatura Afrolatina (Periodically Offered - 4 units)

VPA 347 - Chicana/o-Black Art (Periodically Offered - 4 units)

**In the
Spotlight:
African**

Heritage Faculty & Staff Alliance

The African American Heritage Faculty and Staff Alliance is a group of dedicated CSUMB faculty and staff purposed with providing community for one another and supporting the University's students. Re-established in 2009, the Alliance continues to grow as the demands for diversity and inclusion widen and deepen. It seeks to be an integral part of the community as the campus continues to grow and works with various campus partners including the Otter Cross Cultural Center and the Office of Inclusive Excellence.



African Heritage Faculty & Staff Alliance Co-Chairs
Dr. Vivian Waldrup-Patterson and Rhonda Mercadal-Evans

African American Heritage Faculty Staff Alliance - Meets the third Friday of Month on zoom at <https://csumb.zoom.us/j/89867770776> (For CSUMB Employees)

For more information email

- aahfsa@csumb.edu or co-chairs
- Vivian Waldrup Patterson: vwaldrup-patterson@csumb.edu &
- Rhonda Mercadal-Evans: rmercadal@csumb.edu

Know Your Black Staff & Faculty:

[Brian Corpening](#),
Associate Vice
President for Inclusive
Excellence & Chief
Diversity Officer

[Carlos Tottress](#),
Lecturer in Music and Performing Arts Department

[Christopher Burkett](#),
Lecturer in Psychology Department

[Daniel Summerhill](#),



Assistant Professor in Humanities and Communications Department

Daramola Cabral,

Professor in Health, Human Services and Public Policy

Denise Wineglass,

Director of Prospect Research and Advancement Services

Dennis Kombe,

Assistant Professor in Education and Leadership Department

George Station,

Lecturer in First Year Seminar and Teaching, Learning & Assessment

Halliegh Farley,

Assignments and Customer Service in Residential Life

Ibrahim (Glenn) Shelton,

Lecturer in Service Learning Institute

Idonas Hughes,

Student Conduct Administrator

Imhotet Amen-Ra

Top Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball

Jacqui Smith,

Community Health Engagement Senior Manager

John Wineglass,

Assistant Professor in Music and Performing Arts

Juanita Cole,

Dean of College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Kamilah Majied

Professor in Social Work Department

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La Tanya Wilson

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Director of National Coalition Building Institute Campus Affiliate

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Victoria Mills

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Vivian Waldrup Patterson

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Associate Director of Operations & Finance in Residential Life

Yhasika Lee

Lecturer in First Year Seminar and Cinematic Arts & Technology
Departments

Yolanda Anglin

**Off-
Campus Community
Institutions
& Events:**

**CSUMB Alum Tyller Williamson
runs for Mayor of Monterey!**

TYLLER WILLIAMSON

MONTEREY MAYOR

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Moving Monterey Forward




**CAMPAIGN
KICK-OFF
EVENT ON
SATURDAY
AUGUST 27, 2022**

**MONTEREY CITY HALL
11AM TO 2PM**

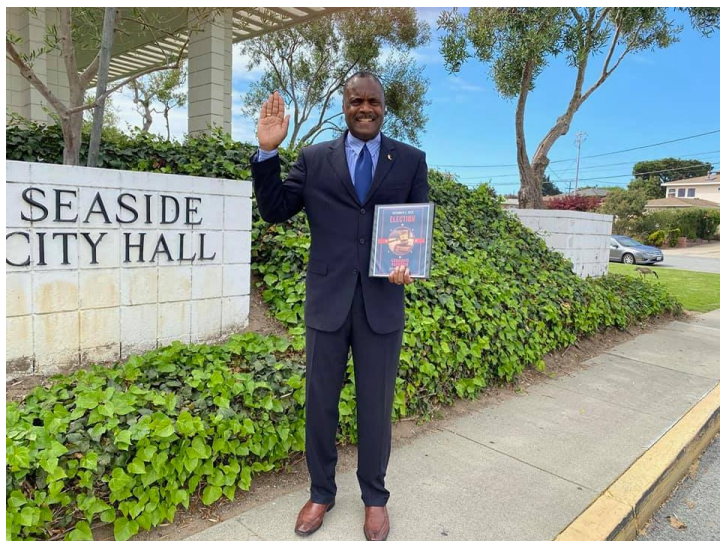
"I'm running for Monterey Mayor to continue bringing new ideas and a fresh perspective to our city. Together, we can ensure that our city government works for everyone, not just the wealthy or well-connected."

Meet Tyller and hear his many strategies to continue bringing local, transparent, and accountable leadership to the city council.

Tyller is looking forward to publicly announcing his candidacy on the steps at the birthplace of California.

**RSVP, LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
CAMPAIGN AND HOW TO GET
INVOLVED AT
TYLLERFORMONTEREY.ORG**

Meet the Mayor of Seaside, Ian Oglesby



(From californialocal.com)

- ioglesby@ci.seaside.ca.us
- [TWITTER](#)
- [FACEBOOK](#)
- [MAYOR'S WEBSITE](#)
- TERM ENDS: Nov. 1, 2022

First taking the office of mayor in 2018, Ian Oglesby won reelection in 2020. The longtime Seaside resident previously served eight years on the council. “I’m running for reelection to keep the city moving forward and get things done,” Oglesby told [KSBW](#) before the election. He touted the council’s successes, saying, “The Costco gas station and American Tires is coming forward. Campus Town is moving forward, and then a lot of other small businesses throughout the community were able to open up this year even though during the COVID crisis.”

Twitter bio: “Mayor of #SeasideCA, husband, father, Papa, and army veteran. Fighting for the people focused on strengthening our middle class & creating jobs. #seasidefirst”

Notable quote: “I will push to create a community-led Blue Ribbon Task Force. The task force will be responsible for establishing a new model for Community Safety and Violence Prevention in Seaside.”
(Source: [IanOglesby.com](#))

In the Spotlight: Historically Black Church Tour



Sundays starting Sept 11, 2021
Times and Locations Vary

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

Looking to get more connected to the local Black Community or to a local Church Community? Why not do both at once by joining the Historically

Black Church Tour

Tour Guide Steven Goings, is committed to attending services for which CSUMB Students have registered to attend by Saturday at 5pm the night before service. [*Click Here to Register*](#)

Click Links below for Church websites or social media pages. Addresses and car pool options are listed on the registration link above.

Fall 2022 HBC Tour Schedule

September 11, 11 AM

[*Emmanuel COGIC, Seaside*](#)

September 18, 10:45 AM

[*Friendship Baptist, Seaside*](#)

September 25, 11 AM

[*Ocean View Baptist, Seaside*](#)

October 2, 11 AM

[*Greater Victory Temple COGIC, Seaside*](#)

October 9, 10:45 AM

[*New Hope Baptist Church, Seaside*](#)

October 16, 11 AM

[*Lighthouse Full Gospel Church, Seaside*](#)

October 23, 11 AM

[*Hays Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Seaside*](#)

October 30, 11:15 AM

[*Holy Assembly Missionary Church, Marina*](#)

November 6, 11 AM

November 13, 1 PM

Christian Memorial Tabernacle, Pacific Grove

November 20, 11 AM

Bethel, Seaside

Saturday, November 26, 11 AM

Seaside Community Seventh Day Adventist Church, Seaside

November 27, 10 AM

First Baptist Church, Pacific Grove

December 4, 11:30

New Hope Baptist Church, Salinas

December 11, 11 AM

Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Salinas

**Black
Space
Mondays
from
noon to
1pm.**



**Facilitated by Mel Mason,
LCSW.**

Contact Mel Mason at mel@villageprojectinc.org to be added to this online discussion group about all things Black.



NAACP

MONTEREY COUNTY BRANCH

Mission

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination

Objectives

- To achieve equality
- To eliminate discrimination
- To remove barriers of racial discrimination
- To seek enactment of civil rights laws

Vision

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.

The history of the National Association for The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Monterey County involves the founding of two Branches of the NAACP – the Monterey Peninsula Branch and the Salinas Branch. The Monterey Peninsula Branch was founded in 1932 and its primary founder was the Reverend Wellington Smith, Sr. then Pastor of First Baptist Church of Pacific Grove, the oldest Black church in the Central California Region. The Salinas Branch was formed seven years later in 1939 and its primary founder was Mr. William Greenwell. The two branches were responsible for bringing awareness to the fact that racism and racial discrimination in all their forms were rife, virulent and institutionally entrenched. Under the leadership of these two bold Presidents barriers for Blacks and other minorities in housing and employment began to break down. Both branches took strong stands against racist police practices directed toward Blacks and others that often culminated in taunts, threats, beatings and wrongful incarcerations. Leaders of both branches, especially the two Presidents, endured long periods of threats to their persons as well as the lives of their families, but they and the members of the branches never faltered in their struggles to rid this county of its most abject forms of racism and discrimination.

While each branch admirably served the interests of their two parts of Monterey County, over the years, the two branches began more and more to work in tandem to confront and resolve increasingly similar issues. For many decades, these two NAACP Branches were seen as the two foremost organizations that were consistently at the forefront of all struggles and movements to defend and extend the political, social and economic rights of all those who were the victims of injustice. It became clear that it made

more sense to have one large branch to carry out the mission and work of the NAACP for the entire county. In 2006, after much discussion and deliberations, the membership of both branches unanimously voted to merge the two branches into one Monterey County Branch of the NAACP . Over the years, both branches received numerous National NAACP awards for their outstanding work in fighting for equality in all aspects of society for all people, especially Blacks. Most recently, in 2012 the Monterey County Branch won the Claude Hudson Award, an award given to a local branch that demonstrates the NAACP standards by speaking out on the six-point issues in the National Plan and Mr. Jim Black. Treasurer, won Treasurer of the Year. In 2013, the Branch won the Ruby McKnight Williams Award, an award given to the branch with the largest percentage increase in membership.

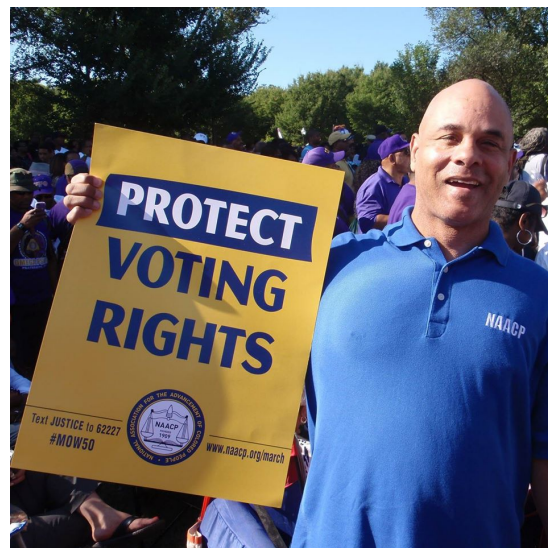
The Executive Team donates hundreds of hours to ensure the business of the NAACP is handled in an efficient manner. Thank you to the members of the Executive Team for your dedication and to each committee member for your time, knowledge and support. Together, we make the Monterey County Branch NAACP one of the most effective civil rights organizations in Monterey County and the State.

NAACP General Membership Meeting



**Thu Aug 25, 7pm,
Oldemeyer Center
986 Hilby Ave, Seaside**

**Steven Goings, NAACP
former Membership
Chair, asks you to
please join the
Monterey County
Branch at**



<https://montereynaacp.org/membership/>

Why Join?

The famous case that ended legal segregation in this country – Brown vs. Board of Education – was brought, argued and won by NAACP lawyers. Rosa Parks' famous act of civil disobedience was not a chance occurrence as many erroneously believe. It was a coordinated action she undertook as secretary of the Montgomery NAACP.

It was the NAACP that first sounded the national alarm regarding voter suppression that began in earnest in 2010 as a backlash to the election of Barack Obama as our first Black president in 2008. Our record-breaking voter registration efforts in 2012 overcame those suppression tactics and ensured a second term for the incumbent president.

Fast-forward to 2022 and we are now experiencing a great rise in identity-based hate crimes and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation along with a resurgence of anti-democratic white supremacy, the greatest roll-back of civil rights and the most coordinated attack on voting rights since the 1960s.

The NAACP is leading the fight against all of these trends and your membership funds these efforts.

Deeper Involvement

Simply purchasing a membership is very helpful to the organization. But the work of the NAACP is done in committee and to be frank there is more work than workers! So if it works in your life to roll-up your sleeves and dive in, here are some of the standing committees that can always use support (you can find committee descriptions on our website at:

<https://montereynaacp.org/committees/>)

Thank you for supporting our local NAACP!

In the Spotlight: The Village Project, Inc.



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

Address: 1069 Broadway Ave # 201, Seaside, CA 93955

Contact: 831-392-1500

Mission

The Village Project, Inc, provides vulnerable adults, children, and families from historically underserved communities in Monterey County with culturally appropriate mental health services, educational support, and social advocacy so that they can become self-sufficient, self-directed and self-determining members of the community.

Our Story

The Village Project, Inc. (TVPI) was founded to help meet the needs of the under-served African American Community. TVPI was able to come to life as a result of the passage of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) of 2004. This Act was passed by the voters in CA and placed a special tax on millionaires in the state to fund special programs so that historically under-served and unserved communities could access mental health services. Our services are based on community defined practices. Prior to TVPI becoming a reality, focus groups were held with a myriad of community members, such as grandparents, social workers, therapist, relative caregivers, civic organizations, pastors and grassroots individuals. The initial focus group was held at the offices of the Monterey Peninsula Branch NAACP (now known as the Monterey County Branch NAACP as a result of the Salinas and Monterey Peninsula Branches merging). The focus group was co-sponsored by Monterey County Behavioral Health Department and headed by Jesse Herrera, Monterey County Behavioral Health Division's Ethnic Services Manager. As a result of input from individuals in the focus group, it was clear that the community wanted a place where Black people could go to work through the challenges they faced and do so with the help of trusted practitioners in the community who looked like them and understood their cultural dynamics.

Prior to TVPI becoming incorporated and receiving its 501c3, the agency's fiscal sponsor was the Action Council of Monterey.

An important fact about TVPI is that while the agency was founded to help meet the needs of the under-served African American community, we provide services to any individual or family in need. Additionally, providing services from one's cultural identity is paramount to the philosophy of the agency board of directors, staff, founders and clinicians.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY SERVICE CENTER (RMSC)

GAME NIGHT!

Sept 24, 2022, From 6 to 11 PM

HAVE A DRINK AT THE BAR!

ENJOY A HOT LINK W/CHIPS- \$5.00

OR

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

PLAY THE GAME YOU LIKE!!



In the Spotlight: Recognizing Military Service Center



2087 Del Monte, Blvd. Seaside,
831 899-3332
On Facebook as: Retired Mens Social Club (no ').
The direct link is
<https://www.facebook.com/RMSC2087/>

Formally known as the Retired Men's Social Club, RMSC is one of the few predominantly Black Seaside institutions left standing in the wake of the closure of Ft. Ord.

"RMSC had its beginnings in 1958. A group of retired men and their families (mostly Black military retirees) got together to organize a club to provide social and recreational services for themselves. This was done because social and recreational outlets for retired persons and their families were limited on the Monterey Peninsula.

When the Vietnam War was over, many of the RMSC members who had departed the area for overseas and elsewhere returned to the Monterey

Peninsula and became permanent residents.

From 1974 until the present, the club has been a viable force in the community. It was also in 1974 that brought forth the creation of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Together RMSC and the Ladies Auxiliary provided numerous programs and services to the community such as

- Food baskets for the needy
- Christmas toys for needy children
- Scholarships for deserving students"

**--E Walker James,
former RMSC President**

By 1992, the members reached a landmark goal by making the final payment to own the building and property outright!

Over the last few years, members have made extensive renovations to the club and its programs.

Longtime Entertainment Chair, Mrs. Yvonne Kirkland has presided over annual holiday fashion shows, various MLK and Black History Month dinner programs, Karaoke Contests and more.

Although not officially part of the club, it is also the site of Michelle's very popular Soul Food Kitchen every Friday from noon to 8:00 PM.

In the Spotlight: Darryl Choates, Owner of Deja Blue



The local businessman also has the distinction of the being the longest serving ELECTED official in the City of Seaside.

From interview of Darryl Choates by Steven Goings

Seaside City Council

Choates, a graduate of Seaside High School, was 27 when he first ran for office at a time when younger people really didn't have much of a voice in the community. As Choates tells the story, in the late '80's, he was involved in Pony Baseball. Choates led efforts to fund-raise -- including a \$5,000

loan from the City of Seaside -- in order to pay expenses for the team's trip to be part of the sport's World Series in Tacoma, Washington. His team came in second place -- something unheard of from a team coming from such a small area as the City of Seaside.

Upon returning, a group of local community members approached young Darryl saying, "Darryl, you are probably the one young person we would love to see run for office." So he did.

As it turns out, he was the highest vote-getter in his first election! He won 4 consecutive four year terms starting in 1990, making him the longest serving elected Seaside official. (Former Mayor the late Ralph Rubio also served 16 years but was originally appointed -- not elected -- to the Seaside City Council).

Ord Market

It helped that Darryl was so well known for his work in the grocery business. By 1990, he had already been in grocery business for 10 years, having been hired right out of high school. He excelled in every store he worked at quickly climbing from bagger to manager. He started at Super Save before moving over to Seaside Market.

"I just learned everything. And one day, [2001] the opportunity came up about the Ft. Ord property [now Ord Market] and I started asking questions. In fact, I went over there and saw that the building was open, so I went and bought some locks and I locked it myself! Because I didn't want anybody to damage anything in side it!" Ultimately, Choates purchased the property and opened up Ord Market, which he still owns and operates.

In 2003, tragedy struck: his wife died and Choates was left to raise their two children (5 and 6 years-old) as a single father. Choates hired a nanny to help him with the kids for about seven or eight years until they were old enough to take care of themselves. He now has four adult children.

One of the things that made Ord Market so successful, was the relationship that Darryl developed with the students of CSU Monterey Bay. His prices were often cheaper than what they had to pay on campus in addition to which he often ran specials specifically for the students.

Community Involvement

Darryl Choates was also an early financial supporter of the grassroots efforts of students of CSUMB to put on a Black Graduation Ceremony committing \$1,000 each year to improve the celebration. In appreciation for his efforts, Black Students United, made Councilman Choates an honorary member of the student organization!

In addition to his work as a city councilman and store owner, Choates was very involved in community, serving in various capacities in over a dozen non-profit board of directors and committees, including the Blues Festival and the **Boys and Girls Club**. Since retiring from politics in 2006, Choates has paired down his involvement. He is currently the president of Del Monte Manor and is coordinating its renovation.

RMSC to [RMSC](#)

He was also instrumental in renovating the Retired Men's Social Club (RMSC) after joining the club and being elected as its business manager. He oversaw major physical improvements (contributing some of his personal funds in the process), brought in comedy acts, and helped the club transition from a social club (501 (c) 7) to non-profit (501 (c) 3) with the new name Recognizing Military Service Club.

[Deja Blue](#)

Shortly after completing his project at the RMSC, in February 2020, Choates opened up a new business, the bar-restaurant/blues, jazz and comedy club, Deja Blue. It is an absolutely magnificent place at 500 Broadway near the corner of Del Monte Blvd.

Unfortunately, the club opened up just a month before the COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders hit Monterey County. Nevertheless, the club persevered and continued to offer curb side pickup from its restaurant menu.

Presently, the club is open Wed - Sun. Every Saturday, Deja Blues has live entertainment, with karaoke every Thursday. The club has recently opened up an outdoor patio area.

"I think we are doing well, I am very pleased with the place. It's coming along."

Yes it is!

**Coming
Soon at
Deja
Blue**

Deja Blue
BLUES, JAZZ & COMEDY CLUB

500 Broadway Ave, Seaside:

**Wednesday Jazz &
Dinner by the Bay**

August 24, 2022

TICKET EVENT

JAZZ

6-9PM

Darlene Coleman is back for another Jazz and Dinner! Come enjoy a delicious evening whilst enjoying live music

[Purchase Tickets](#) | [RSVP](#)

All Ages

R&B Funk Sunday

August 28, 2022

TICKET EVENT

R&B

3-6PM

Minor Williams is back at it again with R&B Funk Sunday at Deja Blue In Downtown Seaside

[Purchase Tickets](#) | [RSVP](#)

All Ages

Wednesday Jazz & Dinner With Bruce Foreman

August 31, 2022

TICKET EVENT

JAZZ

6-9PM

Come enjoy a plate of delicious soul food a live music featuring Bruce Foreman

[Purchase Tickets](#) | [RSVP](#)

Soul Food BBQ

September 17, 12 - 3 pm -

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

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

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

COVID-19 VACCINE & MONTEREY COUNTY'S BLACK COMMUNITY

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

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



Register Here



<https://forms.gle/XCQT6uCp1Xn23dvj7>

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, 174 members)

- About: Our mission for the Monterey County Black Caucus (MCBC) is to heal and empower the Black Community by cultivating leadership, by providing a safe space for Black residents to unwrap and reflect, by advocating for equity and inspiring Black culture through arts and community development
- Site Administrators: Tay Elaine, Tinisha Dunn, Robert Daniels, Rosalyn Green

Marina BIPOC & Allies (Private Group, 63 members)

- About: A group for BIPOC & allies in Marina, CA to support the BIPOC community. We support #blacklivesmatter & will center black voices on needed local changes.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

- Rev. Harold Hollingsworth Lusk Sr. Pastor
- The Church today REACHING TO PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE!!

Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ

- Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ is under the Pastoral Leadership of Dr. Samuel E. Gaskins Sr.

Emmanuel Church of God in Christ

- About: Stay updated about the great things God is doing at Emmanuel

COGIC here in Seaside, CA. Our Pastor is Dr. E.B. Jones and our Founder is Dr. Welton McGee!

- YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA7zzqlu2bDCfrTmxlcHUiA>

Friendship Baptist Church Seaside

- About: Friendship is one of the first Baptist Churches on the Monterey Peninsula. Many other Baptist Church's have branched off this congregation.

Greater Victory Temple Church of God in Christ

- About: Dr. Ronald Britt, Senior Pastor
- Lost souls are our priority! Each one, win one!

Hays Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

- Rev. La Tanya Barr

Holy Assembly Missionary Baptist Church

- Founded in 1974 by Reverend Slade, HAMBC is a moving church being led by God in Marina, CA.

Lighthouse Full Gospel Church

- Through this Seaside branch, many lives have been influenced and souls saved. Great men and women have been equipped and sent out into the harvest field to promote the gospel and to help advance the kingdom of God.

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Salinas

- In 1965, a group of devout Christians, finding a need for a Baptist Church in the area, assembled in the home of Sister Richardson at 1112 Del Monte Street, Salinas, California.

New Hope Baptist Church Seaside

- New Hope Missionary Baptist Church was organized February 12, 1959, in Seaside California at the home of Reverend James W. and Sister Bertha L. Paige.

New Hope Baptist Church Salinas

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

Ocean View Baptist Church

- Rev. Kenneth Murray

Recognizing Military Service Center

- Formerly "Retired Men's Social Club"
- About: We are a Social Club. Our goal is to add to the betterment of this community and the people of the community, by providing Scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors, Service Learning Programs and affordable Entertainment to our members and 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
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[Useful Links:](#)

[New! County Employment Opportunities:](#) Monterey County Supervisor Elect Wendy Askew encourages community members to "register for job announcements from the County - and to apply for anything that seems interesting so that your resume gets into the system."

[Black Business Directory](#)

- Here is something the Monterey County Branch NAACP is working on. You can **send your entries directly to lbogene@yahoo.com**

[Black Community Leader/Activist Archive](#)

- Check out the list and add your bio and photo to it.

[Black Court Support Volunteer Sign-Ups](#)

- We all know the so-called criminal justice system treats our folks much more harshly than others, sometimes just having community members show up at court can make a difference in how things turn out.

[Black Web Sites](#)

- Check it out or add your favorite to the list

[Black Speakers Bureau for Classroom Presentations](#)

- With so few African Americans working in our K-12 and higher education systems, our kids have too few opportunities to see professionals and role models who look like them. We are looking for Black community members and professionals who can be called on to be occasional guest speakers in local classrooms.

[Updated! CSUMB Black Staff & Faculty](#)

- Just the basic public contact and position info

[Monterey Bay Historically Black Churches](#)

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