Editor's Note:
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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.

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

NAACP MOURNS
The NAACP mourns the passing of Hank Aaron, Legendary Atlanta Brave and Major League Baseball record holder and a former member of the NAACP Board of Directors.

“Hank did not only break barriers on the baseball field, but also in the civil rights movement,” said NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson. I hope that athletes from all sports will follow in his footsteps to use their platforms for social good and to advance the cause of civil rights.”

Aaron made his Major League Debut and started his 23-year-career with the then-Milwaukee Braves. His first season saw him finish fourth in the rookie of the year voting. Aaron remains baseball’s runs batted in leader with 2,297 and total base leader with 6,856. It was in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium in 1974 that Aaron, in front of a sellout crowd, hit the 715th home run of his career, breaking the mark of Babe Ruth.

Aaron was more than just a baseball player. He overcame racism in the deep south throughout his career and often received death threats while he was making his historic pursuit of Babe Ruth’s record. All the while, he remained humble and continued to power through every hurdle that was in front of him.

In 2002, President George W. Bush awarded Aaron the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his philanthropy and humanitarian endeavors. Hank Aaron represented an era in this nation of Black individuals who broke barriers. He was a close member of our family here at NAACP. We know his legacy will continue to inspire many generations to come.
Steven's Take on the Passing of Hank Aaron

I have never been a sports fan. So in that sense, the passing of Hank Aaron may not hit me as hard as some others. But more than anyone else, Hank Aaron taught me what white supremacy is. That is what I remember him for.

I was ten years old living in Germany with my military family in 1973 when Hank Aaron was tantalizing close to breaking Babe Ruth’s 714 career home run record which had stood for nearly 40 years (1935 - 1974).

Perhaps even more than now, extraordinary examples of Black excellence on this level absolutely electrified the Black Community in the 1970s. Even I was super excited!

But then we started hearing news of the hate mail and death threats.

TRIGGER WARNING: THE FOLLOWING CONTAINS GRAPHIC DEHUMANIZING LANGUAGE.

May 23, 1973

Dear Mr. Nigger,

I hope you don't break The Babe's record. How do I tell my kids that a nigger did it? ...KKK forever!

Aaron ended the 1973 season one home run short of tying Ruth's record. Given the sheer volume of hate mail and death threats, he had serious doubts as to whether he would survive to the next season and another opportunity to finally break the record.

The threats continued even after that momentous day when he broke the
Dear Hank Aaron,

Retire or Die!!! The Atlanta Braves will be moving around the country and I will be moving with them. You will be in [list of then upcoming games]. You will die in one of these games. I will shoot you in one of them. Will I sneak a rifle into the upper deck or a .45 in the bleachers? I don't know yet. But you know you will die unless you retire!! You've been up more than 2000 times more than Babe Ruth and you're not 1/2 the player he was. You will not vandalize his record. See you later.

April 8, 1974 was not the triumphant day for Hank Aaron that it was for the rest of Black America and non-racist Whites of the era. The hate and threats robbed him of that. Years later he reflected:

April 8, 1974, really led to me turning off baseball. It really made me see for the first time a clear picture of what this country is about. My kids had to live like they were in prison because of kidnap threats, and I had to live like a pig in a slaughter camp. I had to duck. I had to go out the back door of the ball parks. I had to have a police escort with me all the time. I was getting threatening letters every single day. All of these things have put a bad taste in my mouth, and it won't go away. They carved a piece of my heart away.

As a little boy before Hank Aaron started closing in on Babe Ruth's record, I understood racism and prejudice simply as a type of mean-spiritedness that infected some White people.

After Hank Aaron, I understood that it was an insane belief system that White people are better than Black people. And that those who believed this foolishness would stop at nothing to keep this belief from being disproven. Attempting to protect that belief is of course what kept Blacks out of the major leagues until Jackie Robinson (re) broke the baseball color line in 1947. (Jackie was not really the first, there were a few in the late 1800s before lynching and Jim Crow ran Blacks out of public national spaces like state legislatures and Congress -- and baseball's major leagues.)

Other than friendship, my favorite thing in all of God's creation is talent. Like God and death, talent is no respecter of persons or their ideologies.

I suppose the sports figure that Hank Aaron most reminds me of is Jesse Owens who, as a Black man and the most successful athlete in the 1936 Olympic Games in Hitler's Berlin, was hailed as "single-handedly crushing Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy."

Similarly, Hank Aaron did not only smash Babe Ruth's home-run record, he smashed the too-American myth of White supremacy. Which is of course exactly what the bigots were afraid of all along.
Thanks to the 200 people who attended Seaside and the National Pan Hellenic Council Monterey Chapter’s 35th anniversary celebration of the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Particular thanks to chief organizer Alice Jordan, hostess Dr. Bettye Lusk, speakers Dr. Roland Walker and Simonia Blassingame, and the CSUMB tech support from Dr. Vanessa Lopez Littleton, George Station and Kenny Garcia.

Because we had the event over zoom, we are able to make the recording available to anyone who missed the event in real time.

Here is the link to the recording:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXZzZXthdbU

Here is a link to the KSBW report:  https://www.ksbw.com/article/legacy-of-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-remembered-during-virtual-celebration/35247481

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**In the Spotlight:** Founders of Educators for Equity and Justice:

Pascuala Herrera was a Professor and Accessibility Specialist at Harper College for 30 years and now is a full-time consultant with a forthcoming publication of a memoir titled “Not Always a Valley of Tears”. She was born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States at the
age of six. Due to childhood polio, she is physically disabled and uses a motorized wheelchair. She received her BA in Sociology and M.Ed in Reading and Learning Disabilities at DePaul University in Chicago. She is a frequent local and national presenter on the topic of disability awareness, motivation, and the importance of education for individuals with disabilities and Latino students. Pascuala has received many recognitions for her contributions, and in 2019, she was selected as Distinguished Faculty, the highest honor given to a faculty member at Harper College. She prides herself on leading by example. As a Latina, disabled woman, she inspires and motivates others to believe that the impossible can sometimes be possible.

Dr. Stephanie Storms is an Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Multicultural Education in the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions at Fairfield University. Stephanie began teaching for social justice over 20 years ago when she co-designed and co-taught a Diversity 101 course with Anita Crawley at William Rainey Harper College in Illinois. That experience inspired her to pursue an EdD in Social Justice Education at the University of Massachusetts. Her research
interests include social justice education, the scholarship of teaching & learning, and faculty development. Dr. Storms has taught courses in multicultural/social justice education, community-engaged learning, and teacher action research. Stephanie is the co-editor of Breaking Down Silos for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) and Teaching through Challenges for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI).

Anita Crawley keeps failing retirement and reinventing herself. She has served in faculty and administrative positions at community colleges in Illinois and Maryland. Her experience has spanned counseling, faculty development, and distance learning departments and has included several statewide positions. She feels particularly privileged to have been in the room at the inception of the Illinois Online Network in Illinois, Quality Matters in Maryland, and the Online Education Initiative in California. In the mid-'90s, she and Stephanie Burrell Storms co-created and co-taught a Diversity 101 course. Her passion for equity began in college and has most recently been expressed as a co-founder of Whites for Racial Equity, an affiliate of SURJ, Showing Up For Racial Justice. Her publications include a book, Supporting Online Students: a Guide to Planning Implementing, and Evaluating Services, book chapters, and articles. Everything Anita has done professionally and personally has prepared her to develop and facilitate online Whiteness courses and collaborate with her E4EJ partners to develop inclusive learning environments.

Anita's Take on Educators
As we remember Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday and the contributions he made towards social justice, I believe the time is now for us to take ACTION. All of us must commit to making our classrooms, organizations, and communities safe, equitable, and just. I have joined Pascuala Herrera and Stephanie Burrell Storms to create a new partnership, Educators 4 Equity and Justice. Our mission is to provide online courses to improve equity and justice within classrooms and communities.

I invite you to view the course catalog at Educators 4 Equity and Justice, sign up for the mailing list, register for a course.

Here are the essentials.

Registration began January 18, 2021
Courses start on March 1, 2021

The fee structure for each class varies with some savings for longer courses.

Forward this email to all your contacts.
Please join us as we achieve equity and justice one course at a time. Thank you.

Best,
Anita Crawley,
Co-Founder, Educators 4 Equity and Justice
Co-Founder, Whites for Racial Equity

In the Spotlight:
Alice A. Huffman is a grassroots leader at the local and national level, a manager, a consultant, a community bridge between government policy makers and the community. She was elected president of the California Hawaii NAACP in 1999 and has won 8 consecutive elections. She is also a member of the National Board of the NAACP. She runs her own consulting firm founded in 1988, AC Public Affairs, Inc.

She is a past appointee of three democratic and republican governors. She currently assists the Governor in a volunteer capacity in his appointment of African Americans in state government and judiciary positions. She is a member of the Advisory Board for the American University of Antigua and a founding member and President of the Board of Directors of the Center for Democratic Participation.

She is a member of the California Democratic Party Executive Committee, and Co-chair of the Rules Committee; and a member of the Democratic National Committee since 1988 and a Super Delegate to the national conventions. She also served as Chair of the 2008 National Convention in Boston.

Huffman formerly served as a member of the current elected Attorney General’s transition team; The State Parks and Recreation Commission; Member of the University of California President’s Council on Campus Climate, Culture, & Inclusion; The Secretary of State’s California Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census; and Grand Marshall of the San Francisco’s Gay Pride Parade.

Huffman, a high school dropout, was admitted to UC Berkeley as an EOP student from which she graduated in 2 ½ years with honors in Social and Cultural Anthropology. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha
Kappa Sorority. She did extensive graduate work in University of Pennsylvania, U.C. Davis in Anthropology and USC in Public Administration.

She has many national and state distinguished awards. The most recent received was the CA Legislative Black Caucus Heritage and Legends Award; numerous awards awarded to her community work, work on behalf of the gay community and efforts to regulate cannabis.

Annually she was included in the 100 most influential California by the Sacramento Observer, and the Capitol Weekly and twice the recipient of The National NAACP Thalheimer Award for the best state conference in the nation.

Huffman, a widower, devotes a significant amount of her time to the NAACP specializing in organizational development and leadership training.

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**Upcoming National Events:**

The 9th Annual CA-HI State Conference NAACP Legacy Hall of Fame Virtual Induction Ceremony - Honoring: 2021 HONOREE - Dr. Alice A. Huffman

[Click Here for Tickets]
Join us February 1st, 2021 as we commemorate Black History Month with our 9th Annual Legacy Hall of Fame induction ceremony. An evening celebration honoring the Legacy Hall of Fame induction of Dr. Alice Huffman, immediate past President of the CA/HI NAACP. The virtual celebration will host the best available visual technology which includes before and after virtual receptions, photo booth opportunities, presentations from theHonorable Willie Brown and many others. Hosts for this sold-out event have included some of California's most formidable and respected leaders including Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and nine former speakers of the California State Assembly. As our signature program, proceeds from this event will fund local unit capacity building, youth leadership programs, CA/HI NAACP Lobby Day, leadership development initiatives and programs for the year. The Legacy Hall of Fame allows us to honor those who work and support the mission of the NAACP which is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination.

**Event Itinerary:**
- 5:30pm VIP Reception
- 6:00pm Induction Ceremony Begins
- 8:00pm After Party
- 9:00pm Event Ends

Please join us to make this historic event a continued success. Together, we will celebrate and express our gratitude to those who have worked tirelessly to create a better California for all.

For Corporate 2021 Legacy Hall of Fame Sponsorship or Friends of the NAACP Sponsorship packages, please contact: Betty Williams, CA/HI NAACP Executive Director, at BWilliams@cahinaacp.org.

We hope that you will join us during the 9th Annual Legacy Event and thank you for your continued support of the CA-HI State Conference NAACP.

For more information on the CA-HI State Conference please visit [cahinaacp.org](http://cahinaacp.org)

**Upcoming**
Community Events:

NAACP Monterey County Branch General Membership Meeting

Thu Jan 28
7 to 8:30 PM

For zoom link check back at the official Monterey County Branch Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/NAACPMCB1049

This will be the first meeting with the newly installed 2021-2022 officers and executive committee.

OFFICERS

- President YVONNE THOMAS
- 1st Vice President MARY CLAYPOOL
- 2nd Vice President CYNTHIA HYATT
- Secretary PAT SPENCER
- Assistant Secretary JEANNE GAVRIN
- Treasurer JAMES BLACK
- Sergeant at Arms BEN COOPER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Edward Armstrong
- Linwood Eady
- Steven Goings
- Rosalyn Green
- Barbara Johnson
- Victoria Lee
- A. Dean Martin
- Annalisa Mitchell
- Lori Black Ogene
- Guadalupe Perez
- John Smith
- Monica Mapp Smith
- Josh Stewart
- Ruthie Watts
This COVID-19 event is organized to connect CSUMB with the Monterey County Black community. [Here](#) is a direct Zoom link for the event. Community members may also contribute questions [here](#).
CSUMB Events:

We Want to Do More than Just Survive

February 3, 2021
12:00pm — 1:15pm

Click Here to Register

Hosted by Otter Student Union, Otter Cross Cultural Center, and Service Learning, Dr. Bettina Love, author of "We Want to Do More than Just Survive," will give a keynote with Q&A to follow regarding educational justice inspired by the rebellious spirit and methods of abolitionists.

The Center for Black Student Success invites you to join the Sustainable Soulfood Cooking workshop with award-winning chef, educator, author Bryant Terry.

February 4, 2021
6:00pm — 7:30pm

Register for Virtual Event

The Center for Black Student Success
invites you to join Eesuu Orundide, a visual artist who creates in various mediums, from painting to sculpture and apparel, as a way to draw attention to the social imbalances inherent to the contemporary world socio-economic construct.

February 11, 2021
6:00pm — 7:30pm

Register for Virtual Event

Otter Talk: Black Excellence

Celebrate Black Heritage Month by attending Otter Talk: Black Excellence! The event will highlight what Black Excellence means and the accomplishments of individuals within the CSUMB Black community.

February 12, 2021
2:00pm — 3:00pm

Register
Environmental Racism

Join us for "A Discussion + Q&A on Environmental Racism with American author Harriet A. Washington." Learn about the injustice that occurs within our country in a racialized context both in practice and policy. Make sure to register.

**February 12, 2021**
**6:00pm — 7:00pm**

Register ([The event is open to CSUMB students, faculty, staff, and alumni.](#))

Participants will be entered to win copies of Washington's acclaimed book *A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind.* You will receive the Zoom link on the day of the event. For updates and more information, follow us @AS_CSUMB

For questions or special accommodations, please email asevents@csumb.edu
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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**Monterey Bay Black Folks Archive**

**2021**
- 18-Jan-21
- 11-Jan-21
- 4-Jan-21

**2020**
- 2020 Holiday Year-in-Review Edition
- 7-Dec
- 30-Nov
- 16-Nov
- NAACP Election Edition
- 9-Nov
- 2-Nov
- 26-Oct
- 19-Oct
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