

BSFA Black Staff & Faculty Association Newsletter

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BLACK JOY PARADE 2025 - OAKLAND CA

A Message from Our BSFA Leadership Team...

There is no better time than now to celebrate Black History! This month invites us to enhance our reflection of the past, recognize our collective strength and acknowledge the creativity that enriches our community. Let's take a moment to honor the joy, resilience, and brilliance that has shaped the Black experience at Sac State.

Black History Month celebrates triumph over adversity, the importance of collective support, and the enduring power of hope. It reminds us that joy can be an act of resistance, and that positivity grounded in community can move generations forward. Progress is possible because of the courage of those who came before us.

Their legacies guide the BSFA as we continue to uplift staff, faculty, and students.

As we reflect, let us honor the joy that comes from community, the positivity that sparks innovation, and the strength that comes from elevating one another. Our campus is at its best when we celebrate each other's stories and continue building an environment where all voices are heard, valued, and empowered.

Remember - our combined acts of collaboration, kindness, mentorship, and encouragement are exactly what make our campus a place where we will continue to flourish!

With joy, resilience and brilliance,

Patrice Griffith



**BLACK STAFF
& FACULTY
ASSOCIATION**

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Thank You!

BSFA Contact



BSFA Business - Member Committees ****Updates****

"Many hands make light work." - African Proverb

BSFA Committee Roll Call: It's time for members to share with BSFA leadership the progress made towards the work of the listed committees.

- **Empowerment & Growth** — Designs two high-impact experiences that accelerate leadership and purpose for Black staff & faculty.
- **Community & Wellness** — Builds belonging via wellness activities, the Nov 13 Planetarium visit, and a hands-on community service project.

- **Student Connection** — Shows up at student welcome events and curates Black History Month activities so every student can engage meaningfully.
- **Professional Development** — Stewards professional development funding (micro-grants to national opportunities) and hosts at least 1 skill-building event.
- **Marketing & Communication** — Runs web, newsletter and social media - energizing the BlackHive channel, and coordinates monthly tabling.

ACTION ITEM: 

Email updates to bsfa@csus.edu

HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH -ENJOY! 🎉

It's Black History's birthday, let's celebrate! We all know that Black History is truly 365 days a year. So consider February Black History's birthday month. We have an opportunity to learn, share, and elevate history and ancestors known and unknown.

This month we can also recognize the history that is being made currently.

There are countless community events and learning opportunities. We are sharing some to get you started.

Click image to learn more 



Sacramento Black History Month Events & Celebrations



It's so important that we center joy and learning in this challenging time in history.

We will also never wait for anyone else to teach us who we are!

Click images for full event details



Campus Events & Announcements

Contact Ajamu Lamumba - ajamu.lamumba@csus.edu for more information

<p>TAY BRIDGES</p> <p>Nooner with Pianist Deronte Bridges</p> <p>Wednesday, February 4th 12PM</p> <p>Redwood Room Free Event • Popcorn</p>	<p>AFRICAN DANCE CLASS</p> <p>African Dance Lessons Noon with Sac State Alumnus Grace Ballou</p> <p>Wednesday, February 11th 12PM</p> <p>Redwood Room Free Event</p>	<p>BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBITION</p> <p>Black History Month Art Exhibition</p> <p>Thursday, February 12th 2–5PM</p> <p>University Union Ballroom 3</p> <p>Free Event</p> <p>Live Performances following the Art Exhibit</p> <p>7:30PM - Chinyakare Ensemble</p> <p>8:30PM - Zuzu African Acrobats</p> <p>University Union Ballroom Free</p>	
<p>YOUNG ZEL</p> <p>Nooner with Local Hip Hop Artist Young Zel</p> <p>Wednesday, February 18th 12PM</p> <p>Redwood Room Free Event • Popcorn</p>	<p>COMEDY NIGHT</p> <p>Comedy Night with Key Lewis and Dr. Steph Sanders</p> <p>Thursday, February 19th 7:30PM</p> <p>University Union Ballroom Free Event</p>	<p>HAYLA V.</p> <p>Nooner with Local Hip Hop Artist Hayla V.</p> <p>Wednesday, February 25th 12PM</p> <p>Redwood Room Free Event • Popcorn</p>	<p>DR. MARY FRANCES BERRY</p> <p>Guest Speaker Dr. Mary Frances Berry</p> <p>Thursday, February 26th 12PM</p> <p>University Union Ballroom Free Event</p>

Save-these-Dates



The COABSS Spring 2026 Speaker Series brings together thought leaders from across the CSU to explore innovative, equity-centered strategies that advance overall student success. This three-part series highlights transformational approaches to teaching, advising, mentoring and career development. This series welcomes all faculty, staff, administrators and campus partners across the CSU system.

SESSION 1

**TEACHING THAT
TRANSFORMS:
CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE
PEDAGOGY IN ACTION**

**ANNA ORTIZ, PH.D.
CAL STATE LONG BEACH**



**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18
3:00-3:50 P.M.**

SESSION 2

**PATHWAYS AND
PERSISTENCE:
DATA-DRIVEN STUDENT
SUCCESS STRATEGIES**

**EBONI FORD TURNBOW, PH.D.
CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS**



**TUESDAY
MARCH 17
3:00-3:50 P.M.**

SESSION 3

**BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:
EMPOWERING BLACK
FUTURES THROUGH
SKILLS & NETWORKS**

**HAKEEM CROOM, M.A.
VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE**



**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 15
3:00-3:50 P.M.**

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