AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY
AND AMAZON
PRESENTS

43RD ANNUAL

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
LUNCHEON

PRESENTING SPONSOR
amazon

SOUVENIR BOOKLET
JANUARY 16TH 2023
AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY
AND AMAZON
PRESENTS

43RD ANNUAL

MLK

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
LUNCHEON

PERFORMER
VICTORIA THUY VI MCDOWELL

PERFORMER
PRENTICE POWELL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SYMONE SANDERS

EMCEE
JADEN MORGAN

MON.
JANUARY 16TH
12:00PM - 2:00PM
2023

HOLIDAY INN SAN JOSE - SILICON VALLEY
1350 NORTH 1ST STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95112

WWW.SJAACSA.ORG/MLKLUNCHEON

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, SPONSORSHIPS, VENDORS, AND VOLUNTEER VISIT–
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
Erika Albury & Lennies Gutierrez
43rd MLK Luncheon Co-Chairs

NEGRO NATIONAL HYMN
Victoria Thúy Vi McDowell

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY
Vincent McDowell
President, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Eta Sigma Lambda Chapter

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND PRESENTATIONS
Mrs. Linda Alexander & Mia Veal

DRUM MAJOR AWARD
Mr. Huy Tran
Justice at Work Law Group

GENE YOUNG AWARD
Justice Vanguard
Kenan Moos and Kiyoshi Taylor

FACING THE CHALLENGE AWARD
Mrs. Antoinette Battiste
Educational Pathways

SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD
Rabbi Laurie Hanh Harper
Religious Studies & Spiritual Life

PRESENTATION OF HONOREES
AACSA Board Chair Daric Jackson

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Symone Sanders

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / CLOSING REMARKS / PRESENTATION
Milan R. Balinton, Executive Director

BENEDICTION
Pastor Danny Sanchez
City Peace Project
# 43rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon

## Committees

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Operations Day of MLK</th>
<th>Lennies Gutierrez, Erika Albury, Lavere Foster &amp; Milan R. Balinton</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Marketing</td>
<td>Wesley Cox, Egyptsheanna Lundy, Sydney Welch, Marilyn Jones, &amp; Sean Young Studios</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program</td>
<td>Lennies Gutierrez, Erika Albury, Kenne Jackson &amp; Milan R. Balinton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vendors</td>
<td>Myisha Taylor &amp; Monnie Allotey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Volunteers</td>
<td>Taylor Adams &amp; Stephanie Allen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finance</td>
<td>Cynthia Joseph-Magee, Stephanie Menzies, Lavere Foster, Kennedy Myers, Jerome Holloway, Christina Lewis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Officials, Dignitaries &amp; Special Guests</td>
<td>Lavere Foster, Mia Veal, Kennedy Myers, &amp; Beverly Waithaka</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registration</td>
<td>Sean Young Studios, Adrienne Coleman, &amp; Dalal Audeesh, Kennedy Myers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Decorations</td>
<td>Kiana Munoz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>Milan R. Balinton, AACSA Office &amp; Board Members, &amp; MLK Luncheon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Souvenir Booklet</td>
<td>Amber Mopress, Taylor Adams, Monnie Allotey, Cathay Blake, &amp; Sean Young Studios</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Technology / Web &amp; Creative Design</td>
<td>Sean Young Studios &amp; Jamii Technology</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## 2022–2023 AACSA Board of Directors

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Board Member</th>
<th>Lennies M. Gutierrez</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Board Member</td>
<td>J. Bernard Hishamuda, PhD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Board Member</td>
<td>Stephanie Menzies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Board Member</td>
<td>Babatunde “Tunde” Onadele Jr.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Student Board Member</td>
<td>Jaden Morgan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General Counsel</td>
<td>Aileen Casanave</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Board Chair</td>
<td>Daric V. Jackson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Board Vice Chair</td>
<td>Tammy Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Board Secretary</td>
<td>Christina Lewis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Board Treasurer</td>
<td>Cynthia Joseph-Magee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Board Member</td>
<td>Erika S. Albury</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Executive Director’s Letter

Dear Attendees:

We are all gathered to celebrate the legacy of the late Reverend, Civil Rights Leader Dr. King, and to honor those that created the MLK luncheon forty three years ago. This is our time to encourage our guests, honorees, and attendees to reflect on the Dream.

This will be a day, we gather to celebrate Dr. King’s courage, acknowledge his dream — noting the glimpses we witness today as carried on by all of us, and most of all remember that the journey is not yet complete. It is up to us as a people to continue to break away the barriers that shield us from progressing as a community, a city, a county, a state, and a nation free of racism, segregation and inequality.

I’d like to acknowledge the 43rd MLK luncheon committee for their unfailing efforts, the AASCA staff and Board of Directors for their relentless determination to foresee the success of this event, all of our sponsors, volunteers, and each of you in attendance; without your support this event would not be possible, and a very humbling appreciation goes to this year’s honorees.

The Silicon Valley African American Community Service Agency is committed to the well-being of families in the community. As we celebrate 45 years in service this year, we are seeking your involvement and contribution. This is a great opportunity for us to unite as one. We invite you to become involved through membership with AACSA. Membership is available to all; residents, local business and establishments, corporations, and governance.

MLK Luncheon Co-Chairs Letter

Thank you for honoring us with your presence at the 42nd Annual MLK Luncheon. We want to thank everyone whose contributions have made this event successful, including our corporate and community sponsors and the wonderful MLK volunteers and committee members. We would also like to congratulate this year’s award winners for their contributions.

The time is always right to do what’s right. Our theme is embedded in the AACSA's DNA. From our innovative programming, to developing the next generation of leaders, to working with community leaders to create equity solutions, we are committed to creating opportunities for our community to do what’s right.

Dr. King once said, “Whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.” This year’s luncheon theme “The time is always right to do what’s right” speaks to Dr. King’s endless pursuit of justice and equality in the world which has continued to inspire us over the past 65 years. We hope that each of you enjoy this year’s luncheon and use this time to connect with someone new and remember, when we all unite together, we are powerful, unstoppable and truly able to embrace our “Strength in Unity!”

Co-Chairs Lennies Gutierrez & Erika Albury
Jaden Morgan
EMCEE

Jaden is a junior at Stanford University majoring in economics and minoring in data science. After his undergraduate studies, he plans to attend law school. His interests inside and outside of the classroom align with his professional and personal interests. At Stanford, Jaden served as an Undergraduate Senator representing the student body and conducted economic policy research at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. This past summer, he worked as a Summer Associate at the Boston Consulting Group in social impact consulting and is excited to return to the firm this summer. He currently works as a foreign policy research assistant at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, is co-president of the Stanford Pre-Law Society, is an undergraduate fellow at the Stanford Law School Constitutional Law Center, and is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.
Seasoned political strategist, former CNN political commentator, and author Symone D. Sanders is a gifted communicator with a passion for problem solving, social justice, and in-depth analysis of today’s most important issues. Sanders previously served as the national press secretary for U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders’ presidential campaign, the youngest person to ever hold that title. She served as a senior advisor for President Joe Biden’s presidential campaign and was appointed as a senior member of the Biden-Harris administration, and will now bring her nuanced and critical insight to MSNBC as the host of SYMONE, as well as serving as an anchor and hosting a show on The Choice, MSNBC’s digital streaming arm. In her book No, You Shut Up: Speaking Truth to Power and Reclaiming America, Sanders shares her take-no-prisoners approach to life, politics, and career success, advocating for a new generation to be powerful in their own right. A rousing call to leadership, Congresswoman Maxine Waters raved, “Symone’s honest and profound reflection on standing up and speaking out is sure to inspire young people across the country to become the change agents the world needs.”
Victoria Thúy Vi McDowell is a 19 year old artist that can sing in 8 languages, play the piano, and play the violin. She is currently a second-year Vocal Performance Music Major at San Jose State University. She has a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and was named the “Voice of San Jose, Jr.” by the San Jose City Council for singing the US, Vietnamese and African American Anthems at San Jose City Hall, stadiums, and many community events. She was just recently renamed by the San Jose City Council as “The Voice of The Capitol of Silicon Valley”. She is honored to sing often at many events for non-profits that support children, the elderly, the disabled, and the underserved. In 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, she won the Gold Star for the Northern California NAACP ACT- SO competition for Contemporary and Classical Vocals and also won in the Classical Instrumental category with the piano in 2020. In 2018, she won first place in the South Bay Teen Idol competition. In 2019, she was crowned as Miss Teen Vietnam USA. She has been featured in the center fold of Silicon Valley’s Concierge magazine, on the cover and in an article of Bút Tre Magazine. She released two Vietnamese albums in 2014, and released her third album, in 2021, now accumulating over 4 million streams in total over many platforms.

View full bio at: sjaacsa.org/mlkluncheon
With humility uncommon to those of like talent, Prentice Powell approaches every stage from Amsterdam to London and South Africa, knowing that he has a gift, yet allowing his performance to speak for itself.

As the former host/curator of the prestigious open mic Mouth Off Wednesdays in Oakland, CA. for six years, Powell is an educator, a family man, a writer and an accomplished spoken word artist. He has been recognized as a National Slam Finalist, 2006 Oakland and San Francisco Grand Slam Champion, 2007 Spoken Word Artist of the Year by the Black Music Awards, 2011 East Bay Express Best Poet, and 2013 NAACP Image Award Nominee. Recently landing his first role in the Hollywood feature film “She Ball” with Nick Cannon & Chris Brown. He has become a reoccurring performance artist at the Annual Essence Fest Held In New Orleans.
Seasoned political strategist, former CNN political commentator, and author Symone D. Sanders is a gifted communicator with a passion for problem solving, social justice, and in-depth analysis of today’s most important issues. Sanders previously served as the national press secretary for U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders’ presidential campaign, the youngest person to ever hold that title. She served as a senior advisor for President Joe Biden’s presidential campaign and was appointed as a senior member of the Biden-Harris administration, and will now bring her nuanced and critical insight to MSNBC as the host of SYMONE, as well as serving as an anchor and hosting a show on The Choice, MSNBC’s digital streaming arm. In her book No, You Shut Up: Speaking Truth to Power and Reclaiming America, Sanders shares her take-no-prisoners approach to life, politics, and career success, advocating for a new generation to be powerful in their own right. A rousing call to leadership, Congresswoman Maxine Waters raved, “Symone’s honest and profound reflection on standing up and speaking out is sure to inspire young people across the country to become the change agents the world needs.”

View certificate at: sjaacsa.org/mlk/awards
Rabbi Laurie Hahn Tapper’s passion is building values-based communities, places where people with intersectional identities can be their full selves in co-creating meaningful experiences. An Associate Dean for Religious and Spiritual Life in the Stanford University Office for Religious and Spiritual Life, Laurie works with a multifaith clergy team fostering communities of belonging, shaping spiritual wellness, and teaching community organizing. Before coming to Stanford, she was the School Rabbi of Yavneh Day School for fourteen years, where she also served as the Rabbinic Advisor for the Jewish Community Relations Council of Silicon Valley. She is a graduate of Stanford University and the Jewish Theological Seminary.
Huy Tran is a partner with Justice at Work Law Group, a law firm he co-founded in 2013 which focuses on social justice and worker’s rights. In that capacity, Huy was also a Steering Committee member for the Santa Clara County Wage Theft Coalition, which seeks to eliminate wage theft in Santa Clara County and has pushed wage theft ordinances all across the South Bay. Huy is also a board member and former board president for the Vietnamese American Roundtable and has served as an appointed member of the Housing and Community Development Commission and the Charter Review Commission for the City of San José. Huy’s work in advocacy and organizing has been recognized by Representative Ro Khanna, Supervisor Cindy Chavez, former State Senator Jim Beall, and former Assemblymember Kansen Chu.

View certificate at: sjaacsa.org/mlk/awards
Antoinette Battiste is the founder and President of Educational Pathways with Antoinette Battiste, a consulting practice that provides college planning and counseling services to high school students and their parents. With an unwavering passion for equity and access in education, especially for low-income, first-generation and students of color, she also provides workshops and pro bono services in the community.

Operating as a solo entrepreneur, Antoinette has provided individualized college counseling services to nearly 150 students and families. Additionally, she has reached nearly 1,000 students via educational workshops in support of community-based organizations. Her student clients have been accepted into a myriad of higher education institutions including Harvard, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, MIT, UC and CSU campuses, as well as our beloved HBCUs, such as Hampton, Howard, Tuskegee, Morehouse, and Prairie View A&M.

Prior to launching her practice, Ms. Battiste held senior level program management positions with various technology companies in Silicon Valley for 20+ years.
A few years before Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday became a National Holiday, a few individuals from IBM, in the South Bay region of California, began to have lunch in his honor to celebrate his life and legacy. A community event since 1980, the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon has been an important part of the celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday in the South Bay. The MLK Luncheon unites a combination of community and trade organizations, corporations, philanthropists, and students for a one-of-a-kind affair. The luncheon is inspirational, edgy, and serves as a constant reminder that, “the arc of the moral universe is long, but It bends toward justice,” as Dr. King noted in one of his famous speeches. The annual event has continued to ignite the flame for service unto one another; AACSA has developed the luncheon into one of the must-attend events for the observation of the holiday.

With African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) honoring tradition and keeping the dream alive, San Jose and Santa Clara County have been steadfast in celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy in various ways, recognizing members who are impacting the community as well as shedding light on AACSA programs and services. Over the past 42 years, our audience has increased from 25 to over 900 people who have gathered at hotels, community centers, churches, and Lou’s Village. Formerly, the South Bay Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon committee honored two community leaders for the work and service they had provided in this community. Now, four awards will be bestowed to honorees in the categories: the Spirit of Service, Drum Major, Facing the Challenge, and the Gene Young Awards in honor of one of the founders of the South Bay Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon.

The Annual South Bay Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon was formerly jointly presented by the South Bay Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon Committee and the Live the Dream Foundation of Silicon Valley. A partnership was formed in collaboration with the Live the Dream Foundation of Silicon Valley to collectively present at the 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon in 2008. This partnership contributed an extensive team of committed individuals to the values and standards of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 29th Luncheon was entrusted to the African American Community Service Agency and AACSA has hosted every luncheon since then. The proceeds raised from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon go towards AACSA’s programs and services that serve the Santa Clara County community through six pillars of Education, Health and Wellness, Social Services, Economic Development, Family Resource Center (FIRST 5 Santa Clara County), Social and Racial Justice, which include Policy and Advocacy work, the AACSA Leadership Academy, closing the digital divide, homelessness prevention, and more programs and services.

Originally organized by five IBM employees, the luncheon itself has grown from being attended by its original five founders to a crowd as large as 900 people. AACSA is proud to have carried the torch for the founders and committee members who asked AACSA to take the luncheon forward for the purpose of inspiring the dreams that Dr. King envisioned.
African American Community Service Agency
Celebrating 45 Years with our

Gala
1978 - 2023

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
SIGNIA BY HILTON SAN JOSE
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

COMING 2023

AACSA45@SJAACSA.ORG | 408.292.3157

2023

The AACSA Leadership Academy is a year-long cohort program that is designed to empower high school and college students of color through a three-day leadership development training weekend, programming, resources, mentoring, support, and community service.

AACSA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
COHORT VI

LEADERSHIP RETREAT
MAY 5TH - 7TH

We will host an informational session on March 13, 2023 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm to share more information on the program.

PRE-APPLICATION
RETURNING
https://forms.gle/WHqe1EngQ15gjW5CG8

PRE-APPLICATION
NEW APPLICANTS
https://forms.gle/64eWkQkG50yJf4918

For more information email info@sjaacs.org or call (408) 292-3157
The African American Community Service Agency
Wishes you a

Happy New Year

HAPPY NEW SITE!

COMING FEBRUARY 2023

A new refresh of our agency website is coming to the community in February! Check back soon for better navigation and even more resources!

www.sjaacsa.org
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY PRESENTS

REPARATIONS ADVISORY + ACTION COALITION

MONTHLY: TIME TBD

APPLY HERE: BIT.LY/REPARATIONSACTIONCOALITION

REPARATIONS@SJAACSA.ORG  @SJAACSA  @SJ_AACSA

The African American Community Service Agency

PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT:

Employment Services!

GET CONNECTED!

SUPPORT SERVICES:

• Networking with Black Employee Resource Groups
• Mental Health | Therapy | Coaching
• Professional Photos  • Mock Interviews
• Get hired and more  • Resume Critiques

AACSA is a friendly place where you can find help and resources without feeling judged. We have a program to help people in underserved communities find jobs. We can help you find job training, make a resume, and get ready for interviews. Plus, we also have computer classes to help you learn skills you need for work.

CONTACT:

For more information, questions or concerns:
EmploymentServices@sjaacsa.org | (408) 292-3157 | www.sjaacsa.org
S.T.E.A.M ON SATURDAY PROGRAM
Saturdays
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Ages 7 - 18

STEAM on Saturday is a free annual program, hosted by the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) that aims to expose and include youth, and their families, to enrichment and educational opportunities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. We offer self-paced instruction, with the support of instructors, so that students are able to work at their own pace and feel comfortable asking for help when they need it.

PARENTS
Orientation Session
• January – 28th (Virtual)

CLASS DATES
First Session → Feb, 4th
February – 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
March – 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

If at any point you have questions or need more information, feel free to contact us by email at outreach@aacsa.org or calling the AACSA at (408) 292-3157.

African American Community Service Agency
Family Resource Center FIRST 5 Santa Clara County

Therapy Matters
Jan. 23, 2023

MONDAYS
10:00AM – 30 MIN SESSIONS

FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS!
Listen in on a free wellness workshop with Dr. Glennia white at work!

OPEN TO ALL
h/t: ly/oneo.therapymatters
360 N. 4th Street, San Jose, CA 95112
For more information and to RSVP, contact AACSA at (408) 292-3157 | info@aacsa.org | www.aacsa.org

BLACK HISTORY KICK-OFF
FEB. 4TH, 2023
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

OFFER TO REGISTER:
bit.ly/aacsaBLK2023
360 N. 4th STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95112
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP, CONTACT AACSA AT (408) 292-3157
INFO@AACSA.ORG | WWW.AACSA.ORG

2023

24/7 Dad
For All Fathers and Father Figures
Hosted Weekly Every Thursday
from January 19th – February 23rd
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Fathering and the 24/7 Dad topics:
- Children’s Growth
- Sex, Love, and Relationships
- Improving My Communication Skills
- Stress, Alcohol, and Work
- What it Means to Be a Man
- Showing and Handling Feelings
- Working with Mom and Co-Parenting
- The Father’s Role
- Dealing with Anger
- Knowing Yourself
- Family Ties
- Men’s Health
- Discipline
- Fun with the Kids

Register using QR Code
For more information, contact AACSA at:
(408) 292-3157 | info@aacsa.org | www.sjaacsa.org

In an attempt to create space in the workplace for psychological wellness, the AACSA is proud to present...

24/7 Dad
For All Fathers and Father Figures
Hosted Weekly Every Thursday
from January 19th – February 23rd
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Fathering and the 24/7 Dad topics:
- Children’s Growth
- Sex, Love, and Relationships
- Improving My Communication Skills
- Stress, Alcohol, and Work
- What it Means to Be a Man
- Showing and Handling Feelings
- Working with Mom and Co-Parenting
- The Father’s Role
- Dealing with Anger
- Knowing Yourself
- Family Ties
- Men’s Health
- Discipline
- Fun with the Kids

Register using QR Code
For more information, contact AACSA at:
(408) 292-3157 | info@aacsa.org | www.sjaacsa.org
AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY
PRESENTS

SANTA CLARA COUNTY
Juneteenth
IN THE STREETS FESTIVAL
SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023
12 NOON TO 7:00 PM
BAYAREAJUNETEENTH.ORG

AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER FIRST 5 SANTA CLARA COUNTY
PRESENTS

SILICON VALLEY
BLACK Community WELCOME
HAPPY HOUR AT THE GUILDHOUSE!

FEB. 4TH, 2023
6:30PM – 10:00PM
420 S FIRST ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95113
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP, CONTACT AACSAt: (408) 292-5157 | INFO@SJAACSA.ORG | WWW.SJAACSA.ORG
Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in.

- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Notre Dame High School congratulates the African American Community Service Agency for its 43rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon
The Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators (SCCABE) is dedicated to the success and wellness of Black educators to ensure Black children thrive throughout their educational experience.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Please Join Us…

Spring 2023
for our in-person
34th Annual Student Recognition Program

As we recognize the achievements of students of African Ancestry promoting from elementary, middle and high schools in Santa Clara County in seven award categories.

The Application Process opens in February.

For more information and to nominate deserving students, please visit our website: www.sccabe.org

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

We also invite community participation at the following SCCABE events:

**Black History Month Event for High School Students** – March 3, 2023
presented by Tabia African American Theatre Ensemble

**African American College Readiness Summit (at SJSU)** – April 6, 2023

**Parent Circles**
Parent Circles have been initiated and supported by SCCABE to “take care” of our African Ancestry (AA) families; to assist in the provision of input on policies and programs where African Ancestry students are matriculating. Within the circle, there is a safe space for parents to voice opinions, improve capacity to partner with schools, increase confidence about the value of their school involvement, and evaluate activities which build trust and respectful relationships with families. SCCABE members provide knowledge, experience, expertise, and cultural connectivity, in partnership with districts, to empower AA parents and youth participating in a Black Student Union (BSU).

For more information, please email SCCABE: sccabe2014@gmail.com
The Garden City Women’s Club of San Jose
“Serving our Community...One Service at a Time”
Salutes

Dr. Martin Luther King’s Legacy,
That Still Moves Us Forward Today... “Yes We Can.”

Carolyn Green-Walker, President
Dolores Sutton, Secretary
Maggie Fraser, Corresponding Secretary
Dolores East, Auditor
Hellen Sims, Hospitality
Crystal Edmond
Bettie Rose Gant

Carolyn Gilliam-Elzey, Vice President
Helen Ellison, Treasurer
Dorothy Cain, Chaplin
Geri Forte, Scholarship
Kimberly Kenny
Mellilot Vanderhorst

Garden City Women’s Club
P.O. Box 2342
San Jose, CA 95109
gcwc.sanjose@gmail.com

Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation in conjunction with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter Invites you to help us celebrate

35 Years Serving our Community

Finer Womanhood Brunch
MARCH 18 AT 10 AM

Sonesta San Jose
777 Bellew Drive
Milpitas, CA, 95035

Early Bird Tickets $75/Person
After Jan 31st $85/Person

www.casouthbayzetas.org
@casouthbayzetas
CONGRATULATES THE
43RD ANNUAL AACSA MLK LUNCHEON
AWARD RECIPIENTS
UPCOMING EVENTS

5TH ANNUAL MACK FLOYD, JR SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH
JUNE 11, 2023
LOS LAGOS GOLF COURSE
2995 TUERS RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95121

6TH ANNUAL WHITE AND WINE FUNDRAISING FESTIVAL
AUGUST 5TH, 2023
GUGLIELMO WINERY
1480 E MAIN AVE, MORGAN HILL, CA 95937
MUSIC-FOOD-VENDORS
RAFFLE 1ST PRIZE: 5-DAY CRUISE FOR 2

www.livethedreamnetwork.org

Jazz Brunch
& Community Awards

April 30, 2023 • 11 am - 3 pm •
Double Tree By Hilton San Jose

Proceeds benefit our STEM Sponsorship Program (P:SMT) and additional programs

Sponsorship Opportunities: email info@ncbw-sve.org

UNTANGLE AND GROW COUNSELING
Perry D. Clark
408.890.7554
pclark@untangleandgrowcounseling.com
816 N. 1st St., Suite 203, San Jose, Ca 95112

LMFT #110594
The JCRC congratulates Rabbi Laurie Hahn Tapper on her nomination for the Spirit of Service for Outstanding Pastoral Service Award.

jvalley.org | jessicab@jvalley.org

We commend AACSA on their 43rd Annual MLK Luncheon and for helping us all see that the time is always right to do what is right.

Artwork © Michael Noyes

Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

—Martin Luther King Jr.

National Pan Hellenic Council
Silicon Valley Chapter

We thank the African American Community Service Agency for everything they do for others and the community of San Jose. You embody what it means to serve your community. Our community is going to continue to thrive because of you!
IMAGINING A BRIGHTER FUTURE, WORKING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

PROSPERITY LAB

ENTREPRENEURSHIP • DIGITAL LITERACY

www.prosperitylab.org

Congratulations!

The San Jose, California Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is thrilled to support the African American Community Service Agency's 43rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Luncheon. Thank you for serving as a strong foundation for our community.
PROUD PARTNER OF
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY
DELIVERING COLLEGE COUNSELING SERVICES
FOR THE
AACSA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Journey Begins with You...

THANK YOU AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY
FOR HONORING ME WITH THE
2023 FACING THE CHALLENGE AWARD
Visit one of our 35 health centers today. We offer in-person care and, for many services, telehealth visits.

Our Santa Clara County health centers are San Jose, Blossom Hill, Eastside, Mar Monte Community Clinic, Mountain View, and Gilroy.

For appointments, call 877.855.7526 or book online at ppmarmonte.org/appt

Planned Parenthood®
Mar Monte

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte is proud to support the work of the African American Community Service Agency.

Congratulations on your 43rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon, “The Time Is Always Right to Do What is Right!”
SAN JOSE ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
PRESENTS

We are back in person!
Please join us for our annual scholarship fundraiser.

If you would like to make a donation, please make your check or money order payable to DREF. You can mail payments with a memo of Scholarship & Community Service Projects to:
San Jose Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
P.O. Box 6841
San Jose, CA 95150-6841

The Delta Research and Education Foundation (DREF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets online!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The 2023 Scholarship Application is now available.
Please visit our website at www.sjadeltas.org and download the application and guidelines. We highly encourage you to review the guidelines thoroughly while completing your application and before submission. Your application and supporting documentation must be received by Monday, January 23, 2023.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The IMAGES program, a community service project of the San Jose Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., centers on developing strong, confident, and respectful young ladies by striving to prepare them to take active roles in their success and in society at-large.

EMBODI is a national program initiative of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for African-American young men from ages 11-18. The goals of EMBODI are to expand the horizons of young African American males by cultivating a personal vision for their lives.

For more information on our youth programs visit our website: www.sjadeltas.org
San Jose Multicultural Artists Guild/
Tabia African American Theatre Ensemble
Serving the community for 38 years!

Viera Whye, Artistic Director
P.O. Bx 2043, San Jose, CA 95109
408-272-9924 www.sjmag.org

Upcoming Events
SJMAG/Tabia

ColorStruck
by Donald Lacy
Donald activist/comedian, illuminates and uplifts audiences with his solo show about color-consciousness and institutional racism.

A Must-See Performance!
Fri, March 3, 2023
8:00pm
Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose
Tickets $35-$40

“Black Voices Ego Tripping 2”
A Virtual Artists Convening in Celebration of BHM 2023!
A Celebrity Panel Discussion from Black Artists in Film/TV/Theatre
Join us on Zoom

********************************************************************************

Stay Tuned For More Info
Contact SJMAG at 408-272-9924

Viera Whye, Artistic Director
P.O. Bx 2043, San Jose, CA 95109
408-272-9924 www.sjmag.org
We are excited to introduce you to the signature African American Project in Silicon Valley.
The African American Cultural Center Project
2001 The Alameda, San Jose, CA

In 2007, the African American Community Service Agency (AACS) Board of Directors formed the Silicon Valley African American Cultural Center (SVAACC), a separate 501(c)3, for the purpose of creating, developing, and building the African-American Cultural Center Project. A mixed-use development that incudes the “New” African American Community Service Agency, Roots Community Health Clinic, and Ujima Adult and Family Services, a performing arts theatre, museum, athletic facilities, as well as retail and commercial spaces. Additionally, the project will have affordable housing for extremely low- to very low-income residents.

PROJECT SITE

Located at 2001 The Alameda in San Jose, the property is currently home to Momentum for Mental Health and is in the heart of the Alameda West Urban Village. The site was purchased with “Measure A” housing funds from the County of Santa Clara.

The site is near Santa Clara University, a grocery store, parks, and community health centers within a ½ mile. The VTA Bus Route #22 is adjacent to the project site, giving residents and visitors excellent access to high quality public transit. The Santa Clara Transit Center, which connects residents to the Bay Area via Caltrain and soon via BART, is within 1 mile of our site. The site is also easily accessible by car via I-880, which links San Jose to the East Bay Area.

ABOUT THE SVAACC

The Project will be a mixed-use, signature project consisting of three major components: a new home for the African American Community Services Agency with flexible retail commercial space, permanently affordable housing, 22 for-sale homes available to low-income community members, and an on-site health clinic and behavioral health with additional supportive services for the public and residents.

The community facilities, to be owned and operated by AACS, will serve as a hub for people celebrating and experiencing the ongoing contributions of African Americans - in music, theater, dance, science, athletics, business, and many other aspects of American life. It will bring together people from all walks of life and foster mutual understanding and appreciation rooted in the values and ideals that drive the evolution of dynamic cultures worldwide. The development will take into consideration, surrounding neighborhoods, residences and businesses.

POPULATION SERVED

We expect to serve families and individuals that are low-income earning below 60% AMI with 25% of the rental housing units serving households at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The unit count is an estimated 131 units of rental housing, including Studios, 1-bedrooms, 2-bedrooms, and 3-bedrooms. First Community Housing was selected as the development partner due to its experience building and managing as few as 35 units of supportive housing to as many as 246 units. Residents will have easy access to the on-site health clinic as well as supportive services depending on anticipated needs.

BUILDING DESCRIPTION

The African American Cultural Center Project will be designed as a LEED Platinum project. In addition to sustainable building strategies such as selecting healthy building materials, incorporating water and energy efficient measures, and providing each household with free Eco Passes, the AACC and its development partner, First Community Housing, will seek out innovative new technologies to showcase in this signature development, such as roof top gardens and other healthy sustainable methodologies.

The SVAACC/FCH team chose Architects, Moody Nolan, the nation’s largest Black-owned architectural business headquartered in Ohio, and YA Studios, another Black-owned architectural firm from San Francisco for the project.

Recently, preliminary renderings have been submitted to the City of San Jose’s, Housing and Planning departments by our architectural teams.

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

Since November of 2021, with the Architectural team facilitating, there have been over 16 Stakeholder and Community Outreach meetings with a diversity of over 250 African American Ancestry individuals, family members, organizations, religious leaders, business owners, elected officials and many others. These meetings, organized by the AACS, captured the essence and spirit of the community’s wishes and aspirations of what this project should be. Interestingly, it was discovered that the wishes and aspirations that were determined at the project’s inception over 25 years ago, are strikingly similar to those of today’s. The primary differences center around technology and maternal health needs specific to the African American community by adding state of the art lactation facilities.

For additional information please email:
info@svafricanamericanculturalcenter.org or call, 408-561-1007
Donate by clicking here:
http://svafricanamericanculturalcenter.org/393-2/
Can you imagine your child as an entrepreneur? So can we!

Our Youth Entrepreneurship Series (YES!) can help them:

- Build confidence
- Market themselves
- Create a business plan
- Hone their vision
- Focus on Success
- Work with others
- See who they could be
- Find seed money

“What they see is what they’ll be!”

Sign up for our free, 5-week program for ages 13-19 in middle or high school. There are even cash prizes!

The first Zoom session is Wednesday March 29 -2023. @4.30PM Seating is limited, so sign up now.

Sign up

https://www.jotform.com/form/210465255521146

Learn more about us at www.100bmsv.com
TEXT “GIVE” TO (844) 888-1926
OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE A DONATION TO AACSA

304 N. 6TH STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95112

CONTACT AACSA AT: (408) 292-3157 | INFO@SJAAACSA.ORG | WWW.SJAACSA.ORG
Vendors

Belle Noire
Accessories made by artists from Africa and the African Diaspora
Contact: Nicole Williams | 415-420-4738
Website: bellenoireaccessories.bigcartel.com
Instagram: @belle_noire_accessories
Facebook: Facebook.com/bellenoireaccessories

Virtual Hearing Solutions
Hearing Health Services
Contact: Amani Glover | 510-516-9689
Website: virtualhearingsolutions.com
Email: aglover@vhshealthcare.com

KatCares Licensed Professional Clinical Counseling
Therapy and Coaching Services
Contact: Katresa “Kat” Carroll | 415-525-6414
Website: kat@kat-cares.com
Email: katresac@gmail.com
Instagram: @katcares.selfcaretherapist

Department of Family and Children Services
How to become a Foster Parent (Resource Family)
Contact: Miesha Gammage | 408-309-1794
Email: Miesha.Gammage@ssa.sccgov.org

HouseofShee DBA SheeApparel
Clothing & Earrings
Contact: Diedre Curry | 229-296-3435
Website: SheeApparel.com
Email: Diedre@SheeApparel.com
Facebook: Facebook.com/SheeApparel
Instagram: @SheeApparel
#sheeapparel #sheebold

Unlimited Fashions
Unlimited Fashions
Contact: Samantha Wall Laidler | 916-410-1664
Website: theunlimitedfashions.com
Email: samanthawallsw@gmail.com
Facebook: Facebook.com/samantha.walllaidler

Melanin Gang
Apparel, children’s books, bags
Contact: Myesha Shuaibe | 510-387-2037
Website: melaningang.com
Email: info@melaningang.com
Facebook: Facebook.com/themelaningang
Instagram: @themelaningang | #melaningang

Reparations
Informational Booth
Contact: Wesley Cox
African American Community Service Agency

Exhibitor

Center for Excellence in Non-Profits
Guided by our commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, access and liberation (IDEAL) principles, we strive to engage and support all nonprofit professionals through continued learning and authentic community-building. Each of our programs is designed to foster a safe and open space where everyone has a seat at the table and participants can explore opportunities to deepen their work and gain new resources.
Website: cen.org
PHOTO GALLERY
2023 MLK Luncheon Sponsors

Presenting Sponsor

Amazon

Corporate

Alaska Airlines

Dream

Destination: Home

General

Comcast

Dream

First 5

Intel

Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Heising-Simons Foundation

Western Digital

Supervisor Cindy Chavez

Google

Grants

Mayor Matt Mahan, City of San Jose
Councilmember David Cohen, City of San Jose - District 4
Councilmember Dev Davis, City of San Jose - District 6
Councilmember Pam Foley, City of San Jose - District 9

Table

Christina Lewis
100 Black Men of Silicon Valley
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Eta Rho Omega Chapter
Educational Pathways with Antoinette Battiste
Jewish Silicon Valley
AACI

Daric Jackson
Notre Dame High School
San Jose State University
Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators
Santa Clara University
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter
California Strategies

Tammy Sanders
Prosperity Lab
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
San Jose Alumnae
Republic Services
People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
San Jose Alumni

Cynthia Joseph-Magee
Supervisor Susan Ellenberg
Tiffany Steinwert
City of San Jose, Office of Racial Equity
African American Cultural Center
The Nuñez Community Foundation