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Len Kiese
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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 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 41st 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 43 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.

Help us reach more and continue to be the driving force in Silicon Valley, and beyond by partnering with us throughout the year on the numerous programs and activities we do to address social injustices within the community. Our target is under-served and marginalized populations and making the commitment to build brighter futures.

AACSA is an agency that continually strives to perpetuate "Strength and Unity" as the basis for CHANGE.

Strength in Unity,
MILAN R. BALINTON
Executive Director



MLK Luncheon Co-Chairs Letter

It is our honor to welcome you to our 41st Annual MLK Luncheon. We want to thank everyone whose contributions have made this event a success from our corporate and community sponsors to the wonderful volunteers and our MLK committee on our MLK committee. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to this year's awardees.

Dr. King once said, "whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." The theme of this year's luncheon, "In The Presence of Justice" speaks to Dr. King's endless pursuit of justice and equality in the world which has continued to inspire us all over the past 65 years. We hope that each one of you enjoy this year's luncheon and take this time to connect with someone new because when we are all united together, we are powerful and unstoppable and truly embrace our "Strength in Unity!"

Strength in Unity,
CHRISTINA LEWIS & ANEITA GAGE

Masters of Ceremony

Len Kiese

MORNING AND NOON ANCHOR FOR KPIX 5 NEWS

Len Kiese was born and raised in Baltimore, MD and knew in high school that his dream was to one day be a journalist. A couple of months before graduating from Towson University in Maryland, Len had already landed his first on-air job at WALB-TV in Albany, GA. He started off as a reporter but was eventually promoted to weekend evening anchor.

From there, Len moved to Jacksonville, FL for another reporting position at First Coast News. But before long, he was anchoring Good Morning Jacksonville on weekends.

Len also spent several years in Columbia, SC as one of the weekday morning faces for WIS Sunrise. That's where he and the morning team won an Emmy for their coverage of the removal of the Confederate flag from statehouse grounds. He was also on the desk for continuous coverage when nine people were killed at a Charleston church. Part of that coverage is what led to him being named Anchor of the Year by the South Carolina Broadcasters Association.

It was then back to Florida for a reporting and anchoring job at WFTV in Orlando, FL. Len's first day was the day after the Pulse nightclub shooting that killed 49 people. Within a couple of hours of walking through the doors, Len was already on the air to help the team guide the city through a heartbreaking time.

After nearly 4 years in Orlando, Len was named morning and noon anchor for KPIX 5 News. He's extremely excited to call the Bay Area home and lives in the East Bay.



Tamika D. Mallory

SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADER, MOVEMENT STRATEGIST
AND CO-FOUNDER OF UNTIL FREEDOM

Tamika D. Mallory is a groundbreaking, award winning social justice leader and movement strategist. Tamika has risen to become the most sought after, influential activist of her generation. Her committed work, advocacy, frontline bravery and heroic servitude continues to fuel a solitary act into a global movement inspiring millions around the world to get involved in the fight for racial and social equality.

Tamika through the impact and gravity of her voice speaks truth to power no matter the consequences. She is hailed as one of the most influential Black voices of our generation. She served as the youngest ever Executive Director of the National Action Network and was instrumental in the creation of the New York City's Crisis Management System, an official gun violence prevention program that awards nearly \$27 million to violence prevention organizations annually. Tamika made history when she helped shepherd the largest single day demonstration, the 2017 Women's March on Washington, serving as one of its four national co-chairs. Most recently, she co-founded Until Freedom, an intersectional social justice organization that serves as a clearing house for organizers, activists, movement attorneys, artists, celebrities, and formerly incarcerated individuals. Tamika also co-hosts alongside "Raptivist" Mysonne Linen the newly launched "Street Politicians" podcast on iHeart Radio's Black Effect Network.

Keynote Speaker

Roland S. Martin

Over the course of a journalistic career that has seen him interview multiple U.S. presidents to the top athletes and entertainers in Hollywood, Roland S. Martin is a journalist who has always maintained a clear sense of his calling in this world.

Martin is the host and managing editor of #RolandMartinUnfiltered, the first daily online show in history focused on news and analysis of politics, entertainment, sports, and culture from an explicitly African American perspective.

Since 2008, Martin has been a senior analyst for the Tom Joyner Morning Show, where his daily segment is heard on more than 100 stations and 8 million people daily.

He is the author of three books: *Listening to the Spirit Within: 50 Perspectives on Faith; Speak, Brother! A Black Man's View of America;* and *The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House* as originally reported by Roland S. Martin.

He has contributed to several others, including *Paradox of Loyalty: An African American Response to the War on Terrorism* by Julianne Malveaux; *Black Woman Redefined: Dispelling Myths and Discovering Fulfillment in the Age of Michelle Obama* by Sophia Nelson; *Faivish Pewzner New York* and *Fatherhood: Rising to the Ultimate Challenge* by Etan Thomas and Nick Chiles.

He has been named four times by Ebony Magazine as one of the 150 Most Influential African Americans in the United States.

When Jet Magazine readers voted in 2012 for who is "King of the Hill" in terms of who they turn to on issues of concern to African Americans, Martin came on top, ahead of the likes of the Rev. Al Sharpton and Donna Brazile. NewsOne.com named as the number one Black pundit in the country; and he has been named several times to The Root 100, their annual list of influential African Americans.

In his career, Martin has been showered with more than 30 awards for journalistic excellence, including being named the Journalist of the Year in 2013 by the National Association of Black Journalists for his extensive focus on voter suppression and other issues of concern to African Americans during the 2012 election.

Martin was also awarded the 2008 President's Award by the National Association of Black Journalists for his work in multiple media platforms. In 2008, he was also inducted into the Texas A&M University Journalism Hall of Honor.

He is a four-time NAACP Image Award winner, including named Best Host for the last two years. Martin spent six years as a contributor for CNN, appearing on numerous shows and earning accolades near and far for his no-holds honesty, conviction and perspective on various issues. In 2009, CNN was awarded the Peabody Award for its outstanding 2008 election coverage, of which Martin was a member of the Best Political Team on Television.

Martin has been named one of the top 50 political pundits by the Daily Telegraph in the United Kingdom, and has appeared numerous times on a variety of American networks, as well as media outlets in Canada, Columbia, Italy, Australia and South Africa. From October 2005 to October 2008, he served as a radio talk show for WVON-AM in Chicago, first as mid-day host and later as morning drive host.

He is the former executive editor/general manager of the Chicago Defender, the nation's most historic Black newspaper. A digital media pioneer, Martin launched the first Black news source audio and video podcast in 2005 and 2006 at the Defender.

He is the former founding news editor for Savoy Magazine under the team of New York-based Vanguarde Media, and the former founding editor of BlackAmericaWeb.com.



HISTORY OF SOUTH BAY

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon

A few years before Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday became a National Holiday, a few individuals from IBM, in the South Bay, began to have lunch in his honor to celebrate his life and legacy.

This idea eventually extended throughout Oakland, Palo Alto and San Francisco. San Jose remains the only city that has continued to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. legacy over the past 40 years. Our audience has been in numbers from 25 to over 900 people. We've gathered at hotels, community centers, churches and Lou's Village over the past 40 years.

Each year the South Bay Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon Committee awards four community leaders for the work and service they have provided in this community. Every fifth year, the Committee awards the Iola Williams Lifetime Achievement Award. One of the honoree will receive the Gene Young Award in honor of one of the founders of the South Bay Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon; the other honoree will receive the Drum Major Award, given to the un-sung heroes, we believe carries on the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The other two awards are the Facing the Challenge Award and the Spirit of Service for Outstanding Pastoral Service Award.

In 2004, we joined a new non-profit organization called AFRISE Institute, empowering opportunities for young people of color through education, leadership development & award incentives. The Annual South Bay Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon was jointly presented by the South Bay Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon Committee and the Live the Dream Foundation of Silicon Valley.

That year for the first time, we joined in collaboration with the Live the Dream Foundation of Silicon Valley to collectively present the 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon. This partnership provides an extensive team of committed individuals to the values and standards of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Now hosted by the African American Community Service Agency, the proceeds raised from the Martin Luther King Luncheon go towards our programs that serve our youth such as the AACSA Leadership Academy, Summer Day Camp, the Toys for Tots Holiday Program and After School Literacy Program.

A community event since 1980, the annual Martin Luther King Luncheon has been an important part of the celebration of the Martin Luther King holiday. The MLK Luncheon unites a combination of community and trade organizations, corporations, philanthropists, and students for a one-of-a-kind affair.

The MLK Luncheon has grown into one of the must-attend events for the observation of the holiday. 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.



GENE YOUNG AWARD

Dontae Lartigue

Native of the Peninsula and was raised in East Palo Alto for the first few years of his life. He entered care at a very early age and has lived most of his life in San Jose in shelters, group homes and various foster placements. Fortunately for Dontae, he had mentors that invested in him. After graduating from high school, Dontae went on to receive his Associates degree in Liberal Arts/Social and Behavioral Sciences from De Anza College. He then went on to receive his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from San Jose State University. Dontae plans to continue furthering his education by attending a local graduate school to pursue a Master's degree in Nonprofit Management.



DRUM MAJOR AWARD

Mary Jessie Celestin



"At the age of 9, I was introduced to civil engineering through the lens of world-building. As a STEM nerd and fantasy writer, most all that I do can be distilled to world-building. I saw a career in engineering as the perfect intersection of my interests. And as a Haitian-American, who saw the 2010 earthquake and preventable cholera epidemic devastate the country, I saw a career in engineering as my way to empower communities to world-build. I was frustrated with the lack of infrastructure designed for and by the Haitian community and became committed to reinventing the modern day city through infrastructure development

Fast forward a decade, through a series of serendipitous events, a guide I made to activism in San José has evolved into a full-blown organization. Together with an amazing team of volunteers, we began to world-build San José. We imagine a San José where you can get anywhere with reliable public transportation. Where at every stop you'd have access to a physical booth with the San José Strong platform--to tap into events, initiatives and collectives in your neighborhood.

We imagine a San José where everything from our schools to housing is properly funded with no one left behind. We imagine a San José where everything from local government to political education is digestible and accessible to everyone in the city. We imagine powerful intersections of technology to build smart cities and empower our community. We imagine all this and more for our home, San José, as we built a family across our committees. A family that is committed to building upon and crediting the centuries work done before and alongside us in the community.

San José Strong has organized Walks for Solidarity that engaged in political discourse and provided care packages to the unhoused, a political education 'Power in Community' workshop, and a SJ FAM FEST live-stream music festival and art auction that showcased Black talent in the South Bay. We launched sois.us to support international students this summer, our official sanjose-strong.com platform this fall, will be launching our mentorship program in spring, and have plans to develop an app for the platform next. We also hosted a virtual queer homecoming, a women's empowerment webinar, merchandise fundraisers, and much more. Cumulatively, we've successfully launched over a dozen projects and programs.



SPIRIT OF PASTORAL SERVICE

Ray F. Montgomery

The Reverend Ray F. Montgomery joined PACT (People Acting in Community Together) in 2019 as Executive Director. Under his leadership PACT organizes within faith-based communities promoting social justice and developing grass root leader who speak truth to power and demand equity and justice for all in Santa Clara County, CA.

His ministry work began at Emmanuel Baptist Church, San Jose Ca, in 1989 and later at Antioch Baptist Church, San Jose in 2005. He was commissioned as an Officer in the United States Navy 2009 as a Chaplain. After his honorable separation, he returned and served as Pastor in local churches.

He faithfully served under the leadership of Pastor Willie T. Gaines as Minister of Education, Youth Minister and in many other ministry capacities. He was ordained June 2007 and began the process of personal ministry development unique and specific to the nature of his vocational call and gifts.

He received his Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Economics from the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, a Master of Divinity Degree from the Berkeley School of Religion (Graduate Theological Union), Berkeley California and currently a 2nd year Doctor of Ministry candidate at the New York Theological Seminary.

He is proud father of Jalen and Sofia 24,21. He was born and raised in Tallahassee Florida.

His desire is to develop grassroots leaders in ways that are relevant and transformational. He seeks to answer the exhaustive questions of life and its impossibility with the help and aid of the spirit of God. Matthew 19:26 "But Jesus, looking on them, said to them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

FACING THE CHALLENGE AWARD

Manju Ramachandran

Growing up in the Bay Area, Manju Ramachandran started giving back when she was in high school. Encouraged by her civics teacher, she became a Rotarian to be in service to others. Today, as Development Director for All Stars Helping Kids, Manju empowers others to give their time, treasure, and talent back to Bay Area nonprofits in a way that matters more. The mission of All Stars Helping Kids is to disrupt the cycle of poverty by seed funding emerging start-up nonprofits in the Bay Area.

Prior to All Stars, Manju's experience includes managing a portfolio of 40+ tech companies to raise \$3MM at Second Harvest Food Bank, launching a \$2MM Capital Campaign at India Community Center and advocating for more robust educational opportunities by serving as PTA President for Noble Elementary, Parents Coordinator at Girls Middle School, and Board Member for MVLA High School Foundation. Manju is a recipient of the 2012 District 4 City of San. Jose Hero Award from Councilmember Kansen Chu, 2018 Silicon Valley Business Journal Women of Influence Award and the 2019 Association of Fundraising Professional's Silicon Valley Chapter Service Award.

Outside of her day job, Manju serves as VP IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access) with the Silicon Valley Chapter of Association of Fundraising Professionals to ensure all voices are included and represented in philanthropy.





THE CHAMPION FOR CHANGE AWARD

Sabrina-Moné Lamontagne

Sabrina-Mone Lamontagne is the Operations and Finance Manager at the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA). She is responsible for AACSA's operations and accounting, which include budgeting, contract & grant oversight and reporting, business planning, facilities management, HR compliance, technology, data, vendor interface, and Board support. Sabrina-Mone holds a BS in Business Administration from San Jose State University and a Fundraising Certificate from UCLA Extension.

Sabrina-Mone has been with AACSA for over 10 years. While she pursued her Bachelors degree, she volunteered at AACSA and served as a Student Ambassador. She continued to volunteer for AACSA's signature events after college. Prior to her current role, Sabrina-Moné was the Office Manager for almost 4 years. Though Sabrina-Mone has lived most of her life in Southern California, she considers San Jose her second home. She's passionate about serving her community and mentoring our next generation of young black leaders. She is a member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women - Silicon Valley chapter and currently serves as its 2nd Vice President, Finance and Fund Development and co-chairs its Public Policy Committee.



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WITH
Angela Davis

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ABOUT ANGELA

Through her activism and scholarship over the last decades, Angela Davis has been deeply involved in our nation's quest for social justice. Her work as an educator – both at the university level and in the larger public sphere – has always emphasized the importance of building communities of struggle for economic, racial, and gender justice.

Professor Davis' teaching career has taken her to San Francisco State University, Mills College, and UC Berkeley. She also has taught at UCLA, Vassar, the Claremont Colleges, and Stanford University. She spent the last fifteen years at the University of California, Santa Cruz where she is now Distinguished Professor Emerita of History of Consciousness, an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, and of Feminist Studies.

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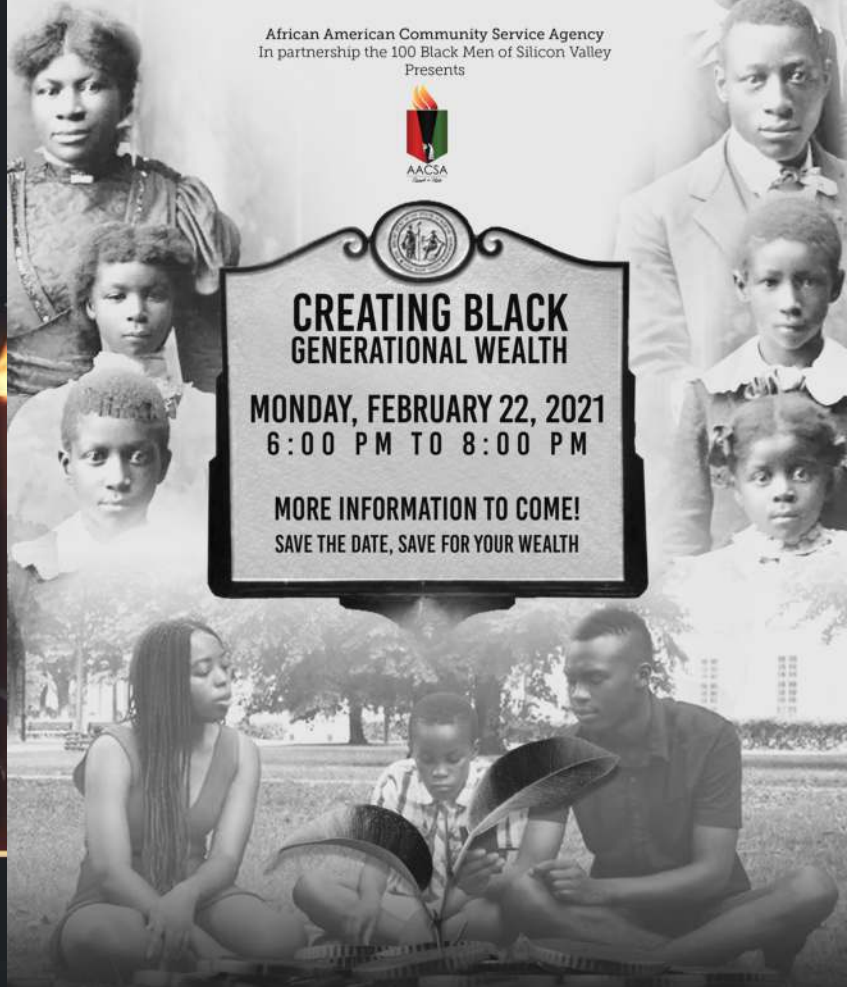
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Ms. Mary Jessie Celestin

San Jose Strong, Founder

Mrs. Manju Ramachandran

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1960s - Tutoring in Ravenswood High School

1970s - Scholarships

1980s – Project Olympus

1990s - Project Alpha, Project Unity (smoking cessation)

2000s – Project Alpha, Rites of Passage, Oak Grove High School, EMBODI

*In reflection of the struggle to arrive here today and our hopes for the future, **we ask the people of Santa Clara Clara County,** and people from all places, to join us in response to Dr. King Jr's letter from the Birmingham Jail with:*

“We will agree to the same goals and methods of direction action. We will no longer wait for a convenient season. It is time for deep understanding, for unity. To making positive peace real.”



Santa Clara County welcomes Tamika Mallory & Roland Martin. Thank you to AACSA and community partners for your commitment to fighting for justice and equality. 41 years! Stay safe and healthy,

-Otto Lee

Otto Lee
DISTRICT 3 SUPERVISOR





African American Community Service Agency
Family Resource Center (FRC)



Family Resource Center

FIRST 5's vision for the Family Resource Center Initiative is that families in Santa Clara County have the skills and capacity to promote their children's development, ensure their children are ready for school, build strong family relationships, and create a connected community. FIRST 5 has established Family Resource Centers (FRCs) throughout Santa Clara County that increase access to services and provide opportunities for parents or caregivers to become more engaged in their children's healthy development, school readiness, and other collaborative efforts to improve their lives and the communities in which they live.

- Medi-cal/ Kids Connection referral and Ages and Stages Questioner ASQ
- Re-entry parenting services for Justice Involved families
- Opening Doors, Triple P, 24/7 Dad, and more
- Fun and educational parent and child activities
- Nutrition, health and wellness programs for the whole family
- Health insurance application assistance: eligible parents and caregivers receive assistance with Medi-Cal applications and other affordable health insurance programs for children
- Developmental screenings for children ages 0-5
- Professional development opportunities, resources, and other support services for licensed family child care providers.
- Family Engagement Advisory Committees provide leadership opportunities for parents, caregivers, and community members.
- Volunteer opportunities for parents, caregivers, and community members to assist with programs and activities.

The African American Community Service Agency (AACSA), founded in 1978, is one of the only African American cultural centers in the Silicon Valley. Our mission-providing quality educational, cultural, social and recreational programs, services and activities in order to perpetuate and strengthen African American identity, culture, values, traditions, knowledge and family life-is at the heart of all programs. AACSA's membership is open to everyone, regardless of race, religion, age or disability. The Agency's diverse activities and services offer a natural gateway to African American life.



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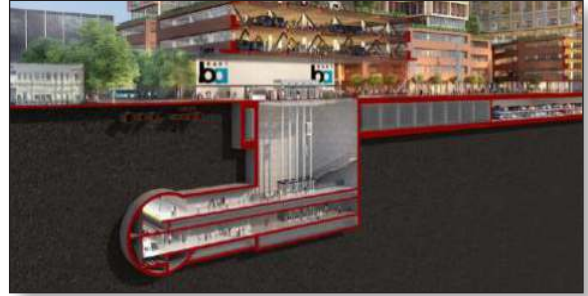
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# MAKING DIVERSITY & INCLUSION REAL

## MBC has been hired to consult on VTA/BART Phase II Project.

Nuria Fernandez, CEO of VTA has introduced policies to make it “a bit easier” for small businesses to contract with VTA. Her commitment to help diversify the contracting pool and bring more small businesses into the VTA contracting environment has been recognized



nationally. John Wesley White, chief procurement officer at VTA underscores that increasing minority participation is important to VTA's CEO.

“The goal of VTA ... is to maximize spending as much money locally as possible,” White said. “We also want to maximize the diversity of the contractors and their staff on these projects...to reflect the rich diversity you see in the population of Santa Clara County, which we serve.”

In addition to setting aside \$150,000 in projects only small businesses can bid on, VTA arranged for small businesses to be paid in full within 15 days of invoicing to accelerate their cash flow.

VTA will also provide the insurance needed for the BART project, which would otherwise be an enormous expense and barrier for small contractors, especially as the project involves a five-mile underground tunnel.

The agency is also creating a small business mentorship protégé program, requiring larger contracted companies to work with small minority and women-owned businesses.

“Bringing MBC to the table, a local company with deep roots in the community, worked out as a good partnership,” White said. “We have the budget. We have the projects. MBC has the contacts to do effective outreach in a variety of minority communities. We're going to make a really effective team as we go forward and look for new ways to embrace the community and tear down barriers.”



*Changing the way business is done in Silicon Valley...*

This article contain selections from San Jose Spotlight News by Lorraine Gabbert (12-22-2020)



“

Life's most persistent and urgent question is...

**What are you doing for others?"**

- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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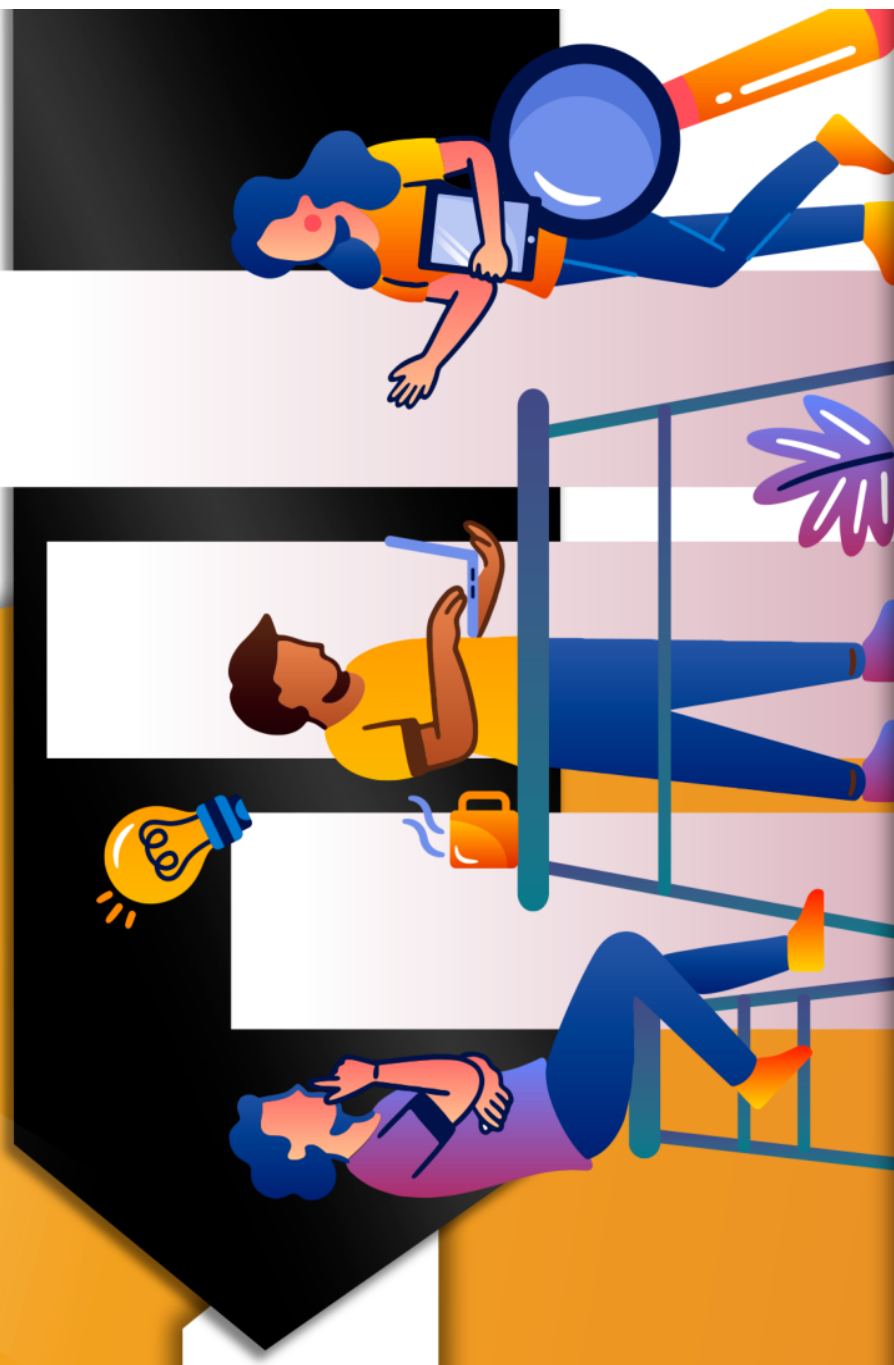
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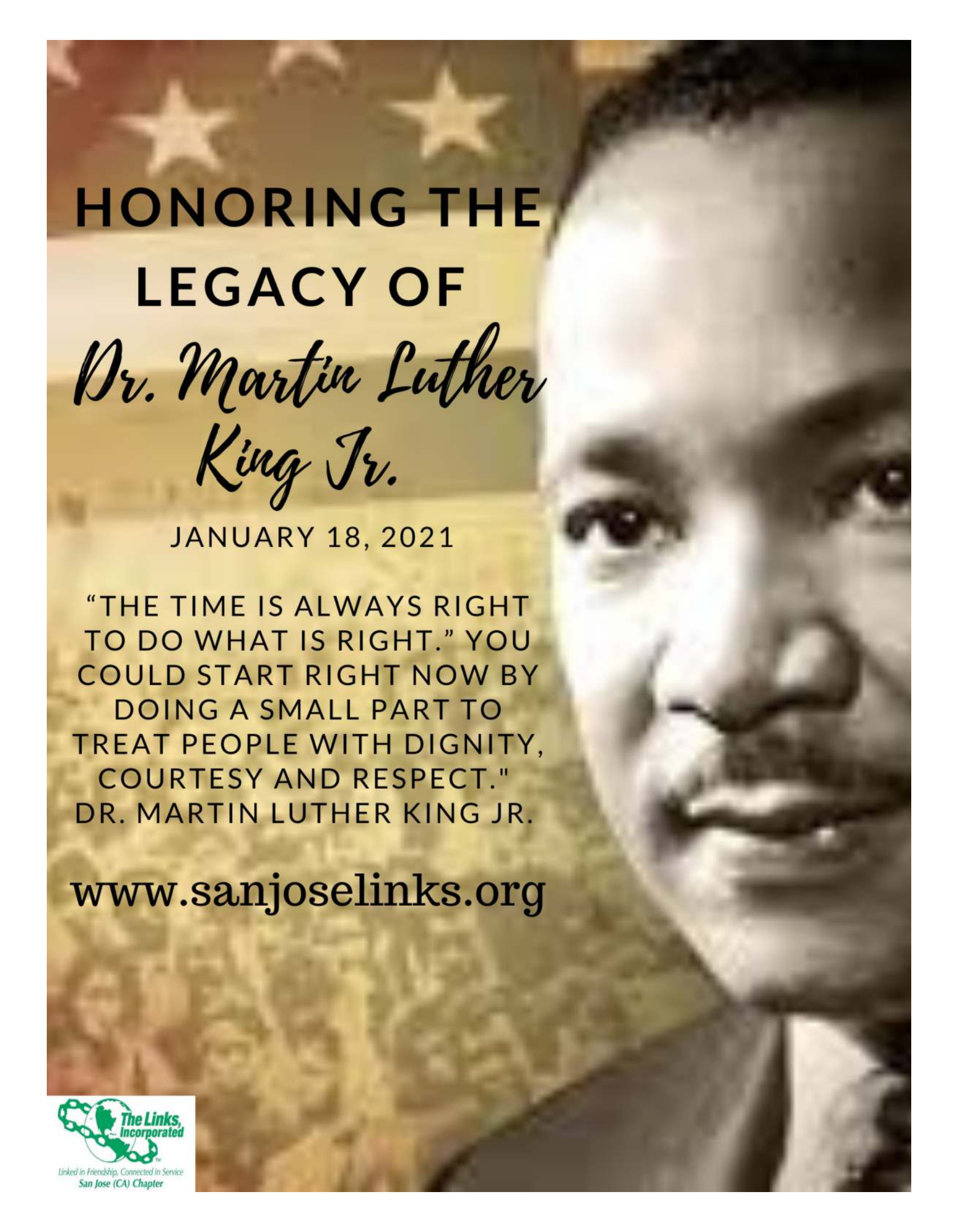
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Parent Circles

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).

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*The Black Legends Hall of Fame
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Saturday February 20, 2021

Location: Virtual Event on Zoom

4:30 PM (PST) Reception

5:00 PM (PST) Award Ceremony

6:30 PM (PST) Networking



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BLACK LEGEND AWARDS

SILICON VALLEY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

For Immediate Release: Silicon Valley, CA - January 4, 2021,

Tickets are now available for the Sixth Annual Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley, a stellar virtual celebration to celebrate the Class of 2021, that will be held on February 20, 2021!

The Sixth Annual Nominees Reception was held on December 19, 2020, to announce the Silicon Valley African American pioneers who will be inducted in February. At the reception, the newest class members were warmly congratulated by the Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley inductees from previous years. There are now a total of 76 African American pioneers who are recognized as Black Legends. We look forward to having you join us for the upcoming ceremony.

THE INDUCTEES FOR THE CLASS OF 2021:

The Banks-Gage Education Award recipient is Bobbie Jean Kawazoe *

This honor is awarded to individuals who had outstanding careers as teachers, administrators and policymakers, who had a significant impact on the quality of educational services for the community and who enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community.



The Brown-Gross Public Service Award recipient is Anthony Alexander

This honor is awarded to those public service employees who provided for the health and safety of the broader community and enhanced the quality of life of people in the Black Community.

The Clay-Williams Business & Entrepreneur Award recipient is Walter Wilson

This honor is awarded to those business owners and entrepreneurs who created successful businesses or services in the community and used their success to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community



The Dean-Greene S.T.E.M Award recipient is Lewis S.G. Braxton, III

This honor is awarded to those individuals who helped produce, enhance and improve today's social network and were instrumental in landmark changes in S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to enhance and improve the lives of the general public and lives of people in the Black Community.

The Hardeman-Sweet Law & Justice Award recipient is W. Steve Stevens *

This honor is awarded to those lawyers, judges and legal representatives who defended the law and the constitution and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community.



The Joyner-Stroughter Community Service Award recipient is Tommy Fulcher, Jr. *

This honor is awarded to businesspeople and volunteers who created and/or volunteered for non-profit agencies that provided essential services to enhance the quality of life for people in the Black Community

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This honor is awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves and have had outstanding careers in art, theater, television, or movies and have used their influence to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community



*** These awards are being bestowed posthumously**

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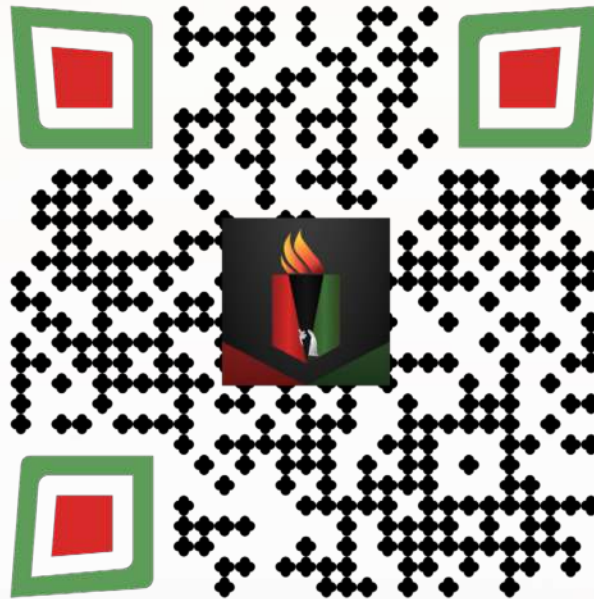
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