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PERFORMER

VICTORIA THUY  
VI MCDOWELL



KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER

SYMONE  
SANDERS



EMCEE  
JADEN MORGAN

PERFORMER

PRENTICE  
POWELL



MON.

JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

2023



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# 43RD ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LUNCHEON

PRESENTED BY AMAZON

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Erika Albury & Lennies Gutierrez  
43rd MLK Luncheon Co-Chairs

## OPENING

## PRESENTATIONS

49ers | Alaska Airlines | Amazon | Internet Essentials | Prentice Powell

## 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

|                                                |                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OPERATIONS DAY OF MLK                          | Lennies Gutierrez, Erika Albury, Lavere Foster & Milan R. Balinton                                      |
| MARKETING                                      | Wesley Cox, Egyptsheanna Lundy, Sydney Welch, Marilyn Jones, & Sean Young Studios                       |
| PROGRAM                                        | Lennies Gutierrez, Erika Albury, Kenne Jackson & Milan R. Balinton                                      |
| VENDORS                                        | Myisha Taylor & Monnie Allotey                                                                          |
| VOLUNTEERS                                     | Taylor Adams & Stephanie Allen                                                                          |
| FINANCE                                        | Cynthia Joseph-Magee, Stephanie Menzies, Lavere Foster, Kennedy Myers, Jerome Holloway, Christina Lewis |
| PUBLIC OFFICIALS, DIGNITARIES & SPECIAL GUESTS | Lavere Foster, Mia Veal, Kennedy Myers, & Beverly Waithaka                                              |
| REGISTRATION                                   | Sean Young Studios, Adrienne Coleman, & Dalal Audeesh, Kennedy Myers                                    |
| DECORATIONS                                    | Kiana Munoz                                                                                             |
| FUNDRAISING                                    | Milan R. Balinton, AACSA Office & Board Members, & MLK Luncheon                                         |
| SOUVENIR BOOKLET                               | Amber Mopress, Taylor Adams, Monnie Allotey, Cathay Blake, & Sean Young Studios                         |
| TECHNOLOGY / WEB & CREATIVE DESIGN             | Sean Young Studios & Jamii Technology                                                                   |

## 2022-2023 AACSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                      |                               |                  |                      |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| BOARD MEMBER         | Lennies M. Gutierrez          | BOARD CHAIR      | Daric V. Jackson     |
| BOARD MEMBER         | J. Bernard Hishamuda, PhD     | BOARD VICE CHAIR | Tammy Sanders        |
| BOARD MEMBER         | Stephanie Menzies             | BOARD SECRETARY  | Christina Lewis      |
| BOARD MEMBER         | Babatunde "Tunde" Onadele Jr. | BOARD TREASURER  | Cynthia Joseph-Magee |
| STUDENT BOARD MEMBER | Jaden Morgan                  | BOARD MEMBER     | Erika S. Albury      |
| GENERAL COUNSEL      | Aileen Casanave               |                  |                      |



# 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

# MASTERS OF CEREMONY



## 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.

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



## SYMONE SANDERS

GUEST SPEAKER, POLITICAL STRATEGIST

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."

# 2023 MLK PERFORMERS



## VICTORIA THÚY VI MCDOWELL

SINGER & MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST

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](https://sjaacsa.org/mlkluncheon)

# 2023 MLK PERFORMERS



## PRENTICE POWELL

SPOKEN WORD PERFORMER

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.

# 2023 MLK AWARDEES

## GENE YOUNG AWARD



## JUSTICE VANGUARD

KENAN MOOS AND KIYOSHI TAYLOR

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# 2023 MLK AWARDEES

## SPIRIT OF SERVICE OUTSTANDING PASTORAL AWARD



### **RABBI LAURIE HAHN TAPPER**

#### **STANFORD ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL LIFE**

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.

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# 2023 MLK AWARDEES

## DRUM MAJOR AWARD



**HUY TRAN**

**PARTNER WITH JUSTICE AT WORK LAW GROUP**

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:  
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# 2023 MLK AWARDEES

## FACING THE CHALLENGE AWARD



### ANTOINETTE R. BATTISTE

#### FOUNDER & PRESIDENT OF EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

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.

Full bio & certificate at:  
[sjaacsa.org/mlk/awards](https://sjaacsa.org/mlk/awards)

# 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 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



**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**  
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**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**COMING 2023**

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**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.

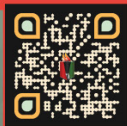
**AACSA**  
**LEADERSHIP**  
**ACADEMY**

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**LEADERSHIP RETREAT**  
**MAY 5TH - 7TH**

PRE-APPLICATION

**RETURNING**



<https://forms.gle/WXqc1EnpQ13gY4CG8>

PRE-APPLICATION

**NEW APPLICANTS**



<https://forms.gle/64cWqPxkGSGyT4318>

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



For more information email [info@sjaacsa.org](mailto:info@sjaacsa.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](http://www.sjaacsa.org)



THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY PRESENTS



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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

CONTACT:

For more information, questions or concerns:  
[EmploymentServices@sjaacsa.org](mailto:EmploymentServices@sjaacsa.org) | (408) 292-3157 | [www.sjaacsa.org](http://www.sjaacsa.org)

FOLLOW US!



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.



African American Community Service Agency  
Family Resource Center (FRC)  
Virtually Presents



# 24/7 Dad

Receive 24/7  
Dad Certificate



For All Fathers  
and Father Figures

Hosted Weekly Every  
**THURSDAY**

from  
January 19th  
- February 23rd

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

24/7 Dad is a voluntary, comprehensive fatherhood program designed to help men improve their parenting skills and fathering knowledge. The program focuses on building self-awareness, self-care, parenting, fathering, and relationship skills through a 6 week, two-hour group. AACSA strives to build up fathers and father figures in the community and bring them into the fold of services that we offer.

## 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 Myself
- Family Ties
- Men's Health
- Discipline
- Fun with the Kids

# 2023

← Register using QR Code

For more information, contact AACSA at:  
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# BLACK HISTORY KICK-OFF

GUEST SPEAKER  
**AYO TOMETI**

ONE OF THREE CO-FOUNDERS  
OF BLACK LIVES MATTER

GUEST ARTIST  
TYLER GORDON

VENDORS | LIVE MUSIC | ARTISTS | FAMILY RESOURCES | SCREENINGS

## FEB. 4TH, 2023

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

IN-PERSON EVENT | TO REGISTER:

BIT.LY/AACSABLK2023

304 N. 6TH STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95112  
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African American Community Service Agency  
Family Resource Center FIRST 5 Santa Clara County  
Presents

# S.T.E.A.M

ON SATURDAY PROGRAM

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ART | MATHEMATICS

## Saturdays

1:00 — 4:00 pm

## Ages 7 - 18

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← To participate,  
register with QR Code

STEAM on Saturday is a free annual program, hosted by the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) that aims to expose and indulge 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 (Virtually)

### CLASS DATES

First Session → Feb. 4th

• February — 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th  
• March — 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

All Sessions are In-Person!

If at any point you have questions or need more information, feel free to contact our team by email at [steamonsaturday@sjaacsa.org](mailto:steamonsaturday@sjaacsa.org) or by calling the AACSA at (408) 292-3157.



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

# Therapy Matters

WITH DR. GLENNA

## Jan. 23, 2023

MONDAYS

10:00AM — 30 MIN SESSIONS



MONDAYS

FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS!

Listen in on a free wellness workshop  
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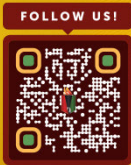
# Juneteenth

IN THE STREETS FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023  
12 NOON TO 7:00 PM

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FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER FIRST 5 SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
PRESENTS

AFTER 5  
WEAR

SILICON VALLEY

## BLACK Community WELCOME

HAPPY HOUR AT THE  
GUILDHOUSE!

FEB. 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

6:30PM - 10:00PM

420 S FIRST ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95113

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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 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon



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SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
ALLIANCE OF  
BLACK EDUCATORS

**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.**

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*Please Join Us...*

*Spring 2023*  
*for our in-person*  
**34<sup>th</sup>** *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](http://www.sccabe.org)*

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***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](mailto: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

Delores Sutton, Secretary

Maggie Fraser, Corresponding Secretary

Dolores East, Auditor

Hellen Sims, Hospitality

Crystal Edmond

Bettie Rose Gantt

Carolyn Gilliam-Ellzey, Vice President

Helen Ellison, Treasurer

Dorothy Cain, Chaplin

Geri Forte, Scholarship

Kimberly Kenny

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We commend **AACSA** on their 43rd Annual  
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## Silicon Valley **AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER**



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# The African American Cultural Center Project

## 2001 The Alameda, San Jose, CA

In 2007, the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) 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 includes, 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 AACSA, will serve as a hub for people celebrating and experiencing the on-going 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/African Ancestry individuals, family members, organizations, religious leaders, business owners, elected officials and many others. These meetings, organized by the AACSA 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:**

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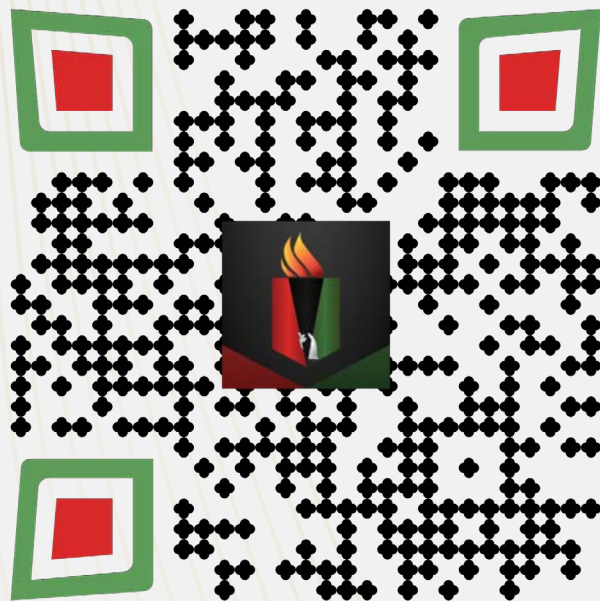
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