



CSU East Bay's 58th Annual

BLACK GRADUATION CELEBRATION

CEREMONY

Class Of 2026



May 9, 2026



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CLASS OF 2026
CONGRATULATIONS
REIMAGINING
**BLACK
FUTURES**



BLACK GRADUATION CELEBRATION

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2026 BLACK GRADUATION CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

RICHIE HAYFRON, PRESIDENT

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DR. COOKIE GARRETT, CO-ADVISOR

LARON MCCOY, CO-ADVISOR



PROGRAM

WELCOME: MS. MONIKA BROOKS , MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO THE ANCESTORS: DR. COOKIE GARRETT

BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM: LYRIC STAFFORD

INTRODUCTION OF ELDERS

UNIVERSITY REMARKS : PRESIDENT CATHY SANDEEN

STUDENT SPEAKER: ANIYA BANKSTON, GRADUATING SENIOR

PERFORMANCE - DONTÉ CLARK

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. JAMAL COOKS

FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS: JENNA PIERRE, SABRIA HINTON,
GRADUATING SENIORS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: HEATHER GRADLEY
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT CONDUCT

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES:
TOMMY REED

BOARD RECOGNITION

CLOSING REMARKS: BLACK GRAD COMMITTEE

Lift Every Voice & Sing

By: James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land
Our native land

ENTERTAINMENT

DONTÉ CLARK

DONTÉ CLARK IS A PROLIFIC COMMUNICATOR, FILMMAKER, AND TRAILBLAZING SPOKEN-WORD POET, ACTOR, AND WRITER FROM NORTH RICHMOND, CA, BASED IN THE BAY AREA. HE EXPLORES THE HEART OF GOD THROUGH POETRY, STORYTELLING, AND SONG, USING BODY LANGUAGE AND VOICE AS INSTRUMENTS TO UPLIFT STORIES OF THE PAST, PURIFY THE PRESENT, AND REIMAGINE THE FUTURE. A PLAYWRIGHT, DIRECTOR, AUTHOR, AND PUBLISHER OF FOUR POETIC ANTHOLOGIES, DONTÉ IS ALSO THE WRITER AND DIRECTOR OF THE POETIC SHORT FILM BLÚ HONEY, A POWERFUL TELLING OF THE BLACK MALE EXPERIENCE ACROSS FOUR GENERATIONS IN RICHMOND.

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY AND DRIVEN BY PURPOSE, DONTÉ CO-FOUNDED THE ARTIST COLLECTIVE RAW TALENT (RICHMOND ARTISTS WITH TALENT) IN 2008, CREATING SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN WRITING AND PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS. IN 2013, HE HELPED LEAD THE CREATION OF TÉ'S HARMONY, A PLAY DOCUMENTING THE SHARED EXPERIENCES OF RICHMOND YOUTH WHILE DRAWING PARALLELS TO ROMEO AND JULIET, LATER FEATURED IN THE 2017 DOCUMENTARY ROMEO IS BLEEDING. HE HAS SINCE TRAVELED ACROSS THE UNITED STATES SPEAKING AT HIGH SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, AND COMMUNITY FORUMS ABOUT HIS WORK WITH YOUTH AND THE ARTS.

HIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO MENTORSHIP HAS HAD A LASTING IMPACT, GUIDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN HIS COMMUNITY TO BECOME MENTORS AND EDUCATORS THEMSELVES. HE CONTINUES THIS WORK AS A POETRY SERIES PROGRAM LEAD WORKSHOP ARTIST AT JUVENILE HALL IN MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA, AND AS A YOUTH ARTS CONNECTION WORKSHOP ARTIST, SUPPORTING PROGRAMS THAT SERVE YOUTH AGES 12–18 ACROSS CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARIES.

CLARK'S ARTISTIC REACH ALSO EXTENDS TO FILM AND TELEVISION, WITH APPEARANCES IN KICKS (2016) AND CODE SWITCH (2018), AND A CO-STARRING ROLE IN TWO SEASONS OF THE NORTH POLE, A POLITICAL COMEDY AND DOCU-SERIES EXPLORING GENTRIFICATION AND ITS EFFECTS ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN NORTH OAKLAND. IN 2018, HE PUBLISHED HIS FIRST COLLECTION OF POETRY, KNOWFREEDOM. A LOVER OF WORDS AND LIFELONG DREAMER, DONTÉ SEES SPOKEN WORD AS A PATHWAY TOWARD COLLECTIVE HEALING AND GENERATIONAL FREEDOM.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. JAMAL COOKS

DR. COOKS BRINGS OVER 30 YEARS OF TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE TO THE CHABOT COLLEGE PRESIDENCY. HE HAS SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC SERVICES AT CHABOT SINCE 2022, ALTHOUGH HE ASSUMED THE ROLE ON AN INTERIM BASIS IN 2021. PRIOR TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION, DR. COOKS SERVED AS A FULL PROFESSOR AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE WAS ALSO THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR THE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP DOCTORAL PROGRAM. DR. COOKS HAS TAUGHT IN THE K-12, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEMS. IN 2017, HE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH'S HALLE ADOLESCENT LITERACY EDUCATOR AWARD.

ORIGINALLY FROM EAST OAKLAND, COOKS ATTENDED SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL. HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL ECONOMY OF INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY. HE WENT ON TO EARN A TEACHING CREDENTIAL IN SOCIAL STUDIES FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, HAYWARD. DR. COOKS OBTAINED A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLETED A PH.D. IN LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND CULTURE, BOTH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

"FOLLOWING A NATIONAL SEARCH, DR. COOKS EMERGED AS THE TOP CHOICE TO TAKE THE HELM AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF CHABOT COLLEGE," STATED CLPCCD CHANCELLOR RONALD GERHARD. "HIS EXTENSIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN ACADEMIA AND EQUITY WORK—COMBINED WITH HIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO MAKING EDUCATION MORE ACCESSIBLE—WILL NO DOUBT ALLOW HIM TO GUIDE OUR COLLEGE TO NEW HEIGHTS."

AN AVID BELIEVER IN PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS, DR. COOKS CO-CONVENED CHABOT'S BLACK EXCELLENCE COLLECTIVE. THIS INITIATIVE USES DATA AND A BROAD NETWORK OF SUPPORT SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE FOR THE COLLEGE'S BLACK STUDENTS. DR. COOKS HAS PUBLISHED HIS RESEARCH ON THE TOPICS OF CULTURALLY RELEVANT PEDAGOGY, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY IN SEVERAL JOURNALS AND BOOKS.

"IT IS AN HONOR TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE PRESIDENCY AT CHABOT COLLEGE," STATED DR. COOKS. "MY GOAL IS TO BUILD ON THE STRONG LEGACY OF THIS INSTITUTION AND DELIVER THE BEST LEARNING EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE TO OUR COMMUNITY, ANCHORED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY FOR OUR STUDENTS."

DR. COOKS AND HIS WIFE RESIDE IN OAKLAND, WHERE THEY ARE RAISING THEIR TWO CHILDREN.




**DOCTORAL
DEGREE
CANDIDATES**




JANAEE ALEXANDRIA COBBS

DOCTORATE (ED.D)

LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

**"PEOPLE SHOULD CARE BECAUSE LITERACY IS
POWER"**




MASTERS
DEGREE
CANDIDATES




LA TERRA J. GRAYS

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

**I DON'T KNOW HOW MY STORY WILL END, BUT
NOWHERE IN MY TEXT WILL IT EVER READ...I GAVE UP**



BREAHNA ANIONETTE HARPER

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION**

**"LIFE IS WHAT YOU CREATE IT TO BE, SO KEEP
YOUR VISION ALIVE. LIGHT SHINES AT THE END OF
YOUR TUNNEL; STAY FOCUSED!"**



QUIANA BROUSSARD

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
CONCENTRATION IN COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH**



TIMOTHY TITUS JACKSON

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**STAYING POSITIVE DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE
HAPPY ALL THE TIME. IT MEANS THAT EVEN ON HARD
DAYS, YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE BETTER ONES
COMING.**



DIANA MCBRIDE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY



KATELYN LYNETTE BARKER

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

**"I AM NO LONGER ACCEPTING THE THINGS I
CANNOT CHANGE. I AM CHANGING THE
THINGS I CANNOT ACCEPT". - ANGELA DAVIS**



TIFFANYA RICHARDSON
MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
CONCENTRATION IN COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH




BACHELORS
DEGREE
CANDIDATES




JENNA PIERRE

**B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
CONTRIBUTION IN PRE-LAW**

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: BLACK STUDENT UNION, PRESIDENT,
BLACK GRAD COMMITTEE, SECRETARY, STUDENT LEAD OF
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STUDENT CENTER,
SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COHORT, B.E.T.
MCNAIR, AND OSCAR.**

“FIND A WAY OR MAKE ONE”



RICHIE YOOKU HAYFRON

**B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY
MINOR IN ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES**

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: PRESIDENT OF BLACK
GRAD COMMITTEE, STUDENT ASSISTANCE OF
FACILITIES & OPERATIONS, MEMBERSHIP
COORDINATOR OF BSU**

ANIYA BANKSTON

B.S IN HEALTH SCIENCE

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: XI PI CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA
ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED PREST, ASI PRESENTS
AMBASSADOR, BLACK STUDENT UNION VICE PRESIDENT,
OSCARS RESEARCH SCHOLAR, NATIONAL PAN HELLENIC
COUNCIL -VICE PRESIDENT**

**“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES
THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO
HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A
FUTURE.” JEREMIAH 29:11**





SABRIA HATTIE DANAE HINTON

B.S. IN PHYSICS

MINOR IN MATHEMATICS

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: PRESIDENT OF FALCONS FIRST FLIGHT, VICE PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS, LEAD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE STEM LAB, RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR PIONEER HEIGHTS, RETENTION DIRECTOR FOR THE BSU, CEO AND FOUNDER OF HAJOBUE TECH

“ROOTED IN FAMILY, FUELED BY THEIR STRENGTH. TO MY GRANNY: YOU ARE MY HERO AND MY GUIDING LIGHT. I AM BECAUSE YOU ARE.”



ISAIAH HARPER

B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

WESLEY J.K. HENDRIX

**B.S. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
CONCENTRATION IN INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: ZETA OMEGA

“SO HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH. IF YOU ARE FEELING DISHEARTENED, THAT YOU ARE SOMEHOW NOT ENOUGH, SET YOUR HEART ABLAZE. DRY YOUR EYES AND LOOK AHEAD.”

– KYOJURO RENGOKU





BRANDI GUEVARA

B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

**“MY BEAUTY WAS ALWAYS OBVIOUS, THE DEGREE JUST
CONFIRMED IT.”**



COURTLAND ISSAC EPPS

B.A. IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

**“TALENT IS GOD GIVEN. BE HUMBLE. FAME IS MAN
GIVEN. BE GRATEFUL. CONCEIT IS SELF-GIVEN. BE
CAREFUL.”**



LACEY SIMONE HARRIS

**B.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CONCENTRATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD**



DE'JANAE MALONE MCFARLAND

**B.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CONCENTRATION IN CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT**

**“THOSE WHO WAIT UPON THE LORD WILL RENEW
THEIR STRENGTH, ALLOWING THEM TO SOAR,
RUN, AND WALK WITHOUT GROWING WEARY.
THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES;
THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY; AND THEY
SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT.” ISAIAH 40:31.**



NICHOLE AMBER BROWN

**B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
CONCENTRATION IN PRE-LAW**

**“WHERE THERE IS A WOMEN THERE IS MAGIC ✨
-NTZOKAKE SHANGE”**



**ANTOINETTE BROWN
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS
CONCENTRATION IN PHOTOGRAPHY**

“BLACK, EDUCATED & FLYYYY”



TENICIA MATTHEWS
B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY



JEREMIAH WILLIAMS
B.A. IN COMMUNICATION
CONCENTRATION IN MEDIA
STUDIES

“THANKS CHATGPT”



DEVYNAI M. CROWDER
B.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE



RAEVYN WILBURN
B.A. IN ETHNIC STUDIES
CONCENTRATION IN BLACK STUDIES



OSARIEMEN NATALIE UWAIFO
B.A. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
CONCENTRATION IN MARKETING
**“GOD HAD A PLAN FOR ME. I DID MY BEST AND HE
TOOK CARE OF THE REST!”**



ANNIKA GEM DANIEL
B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: PEER ACADEMIC
COACHING AT THE STUDENT CENTER FOR
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**
“ONLY THE BEGINNING.”



SHELBY MONIQUE LAIRD

**B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY
MINOR IN MARKETING**



TIARA RAMONA UPSHAW

B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

**“AS A 40-SOMETHING SINGLE MOTHER OF THREE,
I WANTED TO GIVE UP MORE TIMES THAN I CAN
COUNT. THE PAST TWO YEARS TESTED ME IN LIFE
—BUT I KEPT GOING, AND TODAY, I MADE IT.”**



ALGEREESA PATRICE LEWIS

**B.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CONCENTRATION IN ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT**

**“I STAND ON THE SACRIFICES OF THOSE BEFORE ME
AND WALK FORWARD TO OPEN DOORS FOR THOSE
AFTER ME.”**



TAYLIN RANDOLPH
B.A. IN ENGLISH
CONCENTRATION IN BRITISH & AMERICAN
LITERATURE



KAYLA LA'SHAY CAMPBELL
B.S. IN SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
"NEVER BE LIMITED BY OTHER PEOPLE'S LIMITED
IMAGINATIONS." - DR. MAE JEMISON"



TYRA SIMPSON
B.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CONCENTRATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT



NICOLE VICTOR
B.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CONCENTRATION IN ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT



CHERISH SMITH
B.S. IN KINESIOLOGY



MYKEL AMANI DURK
B.S. IN PSYCHOLOGY
CONCENTRATION IN INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATION
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR FOR
THE PSYCHOLOGY CLUB AND TRI SIGMA SORORITY
SISTER

“BLESSED AND HIGHLY FAVORED”



KURSI MUHAMMAD
B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY



JAKAIYA REYNOLDS
B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY



CASSERIA LEE
B.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CONCENTRATION IN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT
"YOUR JOURNEY IS YOUR OWN. STAY COMMITTED
EVEN WHEN IT'S SLOW. YOUR FINISH LINE IS STILL
WAITING."



BRIA FRISON

B.A. IN COMMUNICATION

**“EVERYTHING I CREATE IS A REFLECTION OF
WHO I’M BECOMING.”**



ANDREA BRADLEY

**B.S. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
CONCENTRATION IN ACCOUNTING**



ENDENEZJIA GRAHAM

**B.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CONCENTRATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION**

**“BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE
WORLD.”**





JOSEPH CARLYLE MCCLAREAN FRANK, JR.

B.A. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM
MANAGER 2024-25 SEASON**

**BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE
GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL." MATTHEW 6:33**



TAMIKA SHANT'E DAVIDSON

B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

CONCENTRATION IN SOCIAL WORK

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: PROJECT REBOUND, NSIS,
SCIA**

"EACH ONE TEACH ONE".



ASHLEIGH NICOLE JOHNSON

B.A. IN THEATER ARTS

**CONCENTRATION IN PERFORMANCE AND MUSICAL
THEATER**

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: BLACK CAMPUS
MINISTRY**

**I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO
STRENGTHENS ME, PHILIPPIANS 4:13**



ISAIAH JACOB LENNOX

**B.S. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
CONCENTRATION IN FINANCE**

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: DELTA CHI, FRATERNITY
& SORORITY COUNCIL**

**“WHY DON’T YOU LET YOURSELF BE WHEREVER
YOU ARE?”**



LAURICE HENRY-ROSS

**B.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CONCENTRATION IN WOMEN’S STUDIES**

**“MY MISSION IN LIFE IS NOT MERELY TO SURVIVE,
BUT TO THRIVE; AND TO DO SO WITH SOME
PASSION, SOME COMPASSION, SOME HUMOR,
AND SOME STYLE.”**



JUSTIN LEON MALIK BROOKS

B.A. MARKETING MANAGEMENT

**“I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO
STRENGTHENS ME.”**



KAVINA ALEXIS DONAVILLE

**B.S. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
CONCENTRATION IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**“BLESSED TO GROW THROUGH EVERY
CHALLENGE, BLOOMING INTO EVERYTHING I’M
MEANT TO BE.”**



JEMAR GONZALEZ

**B.A. IN ART
CONCENTRATION IN ART & DESIGN**

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: ANIME CLUB, GAME CLUB

“KEEP ON LEARNING.”



NOELLE LYNN MATTHEW

**B.A. ETHNIC STUDIES
CONCENTRATION IN BLACK STUDIES
MINOR IN CREATIVE WRITING**

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY,
INCORPORATED**

“EVERY DIAMOND HAS IMPERFECTIONS.”



ENZO LAURENCE HURLEY

BFA IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: PAST PRESIDENT OF
MUSIC & HIP-HOP CLUB, PAST BLACK HISTORY
MONTH ART HUB ORGANIZER**

“LOVE OTHERS & YOURSELF ALWAYS.”



EMRAHL JUSTIS' KISLING-THOMAS

**B.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
MINOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT**

**“I AM LEARNING ALL THE TIME, THE TOMBSTONE
WILL BE MY DIPLOMA.” - EARTHA KITT**



GRISELDA THOMAS

**B.A. ETHNIC STUDIES
CONCENTRATION IN BLACK STUDIES
MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY**

“YOU DON'T KNOW MY STORY!”



DEIDRE HALL

B.A IN PSYCHOLOGY

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: BET MCNAIR

**“THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO SEE THE
BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS.”**



NEVAEH ARMSTRONG

B.S. IN KINESIOLOGY

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: BAYDOLLS
MAJORETTE TREASURER AND DANCER**

“RIGHT ON GOD’S TIME.”



DERRICA MONIQUE WILLIAMS

B.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: EXCEL

**“CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS OF 2026 WE DID IT
THROUGH ALL THE HARDWORKING AND
DEDICATION.”**



SAVANNAH CRENSHAW
B.A. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
“MOTIVATED, EDUCATED, AND BLACK”



KIERRA BLAKE
B.S. IN RECREATION
CONCENTRATION IN THERAPY



NICOLE MARIA LANGEVELD
B.A. IN HEALTH SCIENCE
MINOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH

**ROOTED IN MY MOTHER’S STRENGTH AND MY WIFE’S
LOVE, I RISE! AN IMMIGRANT, SHAPED BY COURAGE—
CARRYING MY STORY, MY RESILIENCE, AND A FUTURE
I’M BOLDLY CREATING FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW.**



ELVA CELESTE NELSON-HAYES
B.A IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: SUSTAINABILITY
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**“IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE LORD WHO IS BY MY
SIDE. GOD SAID, I AM FEARFULLY AND
WONDROUSLY MADE. THROUGH FAITH, I CAN
OVERCOME ANY OBSTACLE THAT COMES MY WAY.”**



DESTINY K. CHESTER
B.S. IN PUBLIC HEALTH

“I DID THIS FOR THE LIFE I KNOW I DESERVE.”



UNYQUE LEE SMITH
B.S. IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS



KESHA R. HARRIS

**B.A. IN ETHNIC STUDIES
CONCENTRATION IN BLACK STUDIES
MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY**

**“FIND A WAY! I BELIEVE IN YOU KESHA!DON’T
BREAK ONE WORD TO YOURSELF! YESSSSSSSSSS**



KAMILAH MAYO



JIREH MATTHEWS

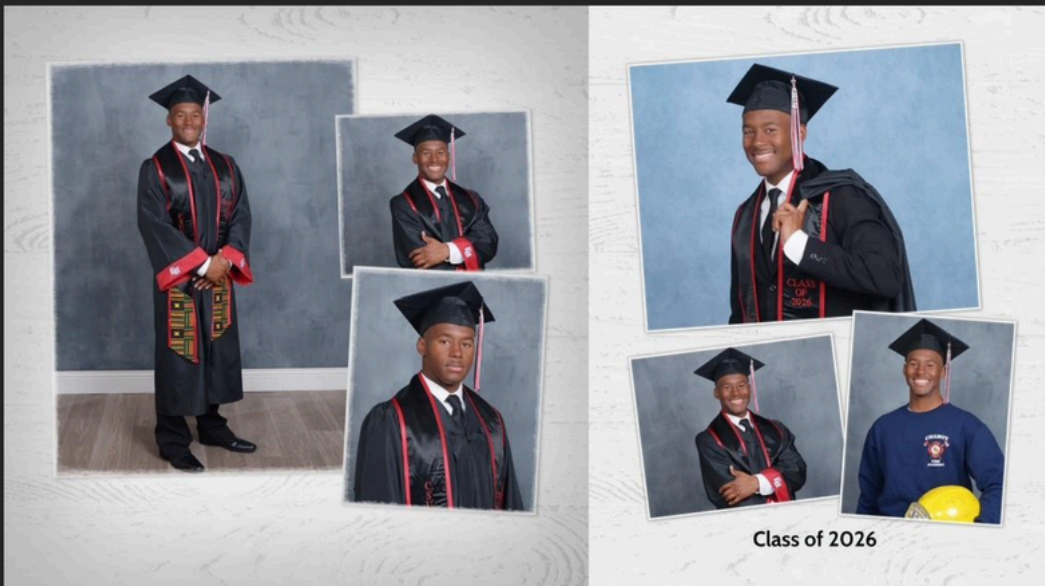


TYRA SIMPSON

**BAHUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CUM LAUDE**

"TYRA, YOU'RE A TRUE EXAMPLE OF DILIGENCE AND RESILIENCE. WHEN THE WORLD TRIES TO SAY "NO YOU CAN'T" YOU HAVE ALWAYS SAID "WATCH ME" AND HAVE MADE YOUR FAMILY SO PROUD! YOU'RE SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO AND YOUR FAMILY IS SO VERY PROUD OF YOU - MOST OF ALL YOUR MOM. LOVE YOU FOREVER. CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT! - LOVE, YOUR PROUD MOM!"

CLASS OF 2026 BS Psychology *Congratulations Kursi*



Class of 2026

Celebrating our beloved Kursi Rasul Muhammad

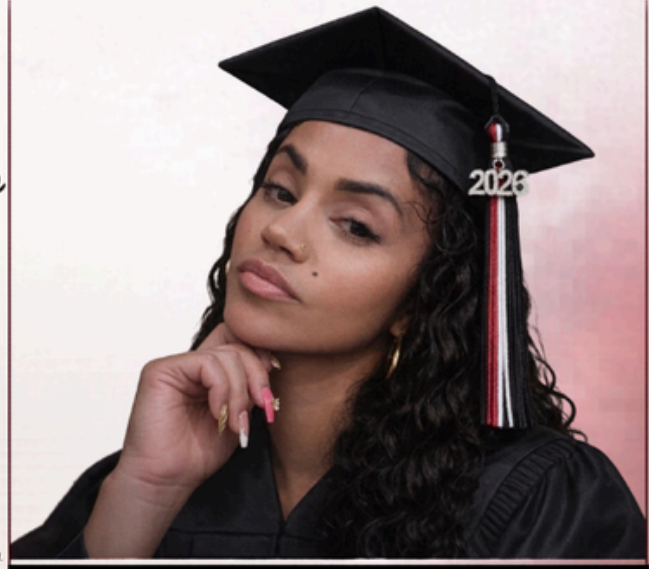
You have never needed to be the loudest in the room to be noticed. Your quiet strength, deep focus, tenacity and thoughtful approach to life have brought you to this incredible milestone. We are so proud of the man you are and can't wait to see the quiet impact you will make on the world. May Allah continue to bless you.

Love Mom and Dad

Class Of 2026

BS Business Administration / Entrepreneurship

Kavina Donaville



My Kavina my first born. You are amazing, you make me proud of your determination and accomplishments.

Watching you graduate from college fills my heart with more pride than words can fully express.

From the very beginning, you have been a light in my life,

and seeing the incredible woman you have become is one of my greatest joys.

You have worked so hard, stayed strong through challenges, and kept going even when the road was not easy.

Your determination, courage, and grace have brought you to this moment, and I want you to know how deeply proud I am of you.

You gave me the gift of becoming a parent, and that will always hold a special place in my heart.

Watching you grow, learn, and chase your dreams has been an honor. This graduation is not just a celebration of your education, but of your strength, your character, and the bright future ahead of you.

No matter where life takes you, always remember that I believe in you completely. I am proud of all you have accomplished, but even more proud of the kind, smart, and wonderful woman you are.

Congratulations, my beautiful girl! I love you more than you will ever know.

With all my love, My Dear Kavina my Beanna,

Dad

I am so incredibly proud of you on your graduation day! Watching you grow into the confident, intelligent, and kind woman you are today has been one of the greatest joys of my life. Your hard work and determination have truly paid off, and this achievement is just the beginning of all the wonderful things waiting for you. Remember to always follow your dreams, believe in yourself, and cherish the memories you've made along the way. I know you will continue to shine and make a difference in the world. Congratulations, my dear granddaughter. I love you more than words can say.

With all my love and blessings,

Grandma

Grandpa would be proud too!

My niece, Kavina Alexis Donaville, is truly an amazing young woman, and I am beyond proud of all she has accomplished. A loving mother of two beautiful children, a dedicated business owner, and a strong example of determination and grace.

Today, I proudly celebrate her graduation from California State University, East Bay with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, concentrating in Entrepreneurship. This achievement reflects her hard work, commitment, and drive to create a better future for herself and her family.

Kavina continues to rise above challenges with resilience, balancing motherhood, business, and education with excellence. She is an inspiration to our family, and watching her grow into the woman she is today fills my heart with pride.

I celebrate her today and always, and I know her future holds even greater success.

Auntie Marsha

HAPPY GRADUATION BRANDI!

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BACHELOR OF ARTS
SOCIOLOGY



Brandi Guevara, who is a North Fork Mono Tribal Member, is a pe-the (daughter), ah-da (niece), nim (cousin), tuhaahtu (auntie), and poo-nee (younger sister). When she was a baby, she went through a tough time, but she made it through all the odds that were stacked against her. Just like her huup (baby basket), she has come full circle. As her family and e nim (relatives), we cannot express how nizhizau naamat (happy and proud) we are of her and where mahu nu mia duh (she will be going). We forewarkingo oogiwiya (attending her celebration).

MANNOBII (Congratulations)

E Nim (Relatives)

Love Mom, Dad, Taweah, Sarah, Raven,
Dominic, Oacha, Zac

Western Mono Language

Look at you... really did that. BA in your hands, you showed up, stayed solid, and made it happen your way. I've watched you grow through it all... the pressure, the doubts, the glow-ups and you never folded. That's that real strength.

You're smart, you're beautiful, you're built different and don't ever let anybody tell you otherwise. It's just the beginning. You got a whole legacy in you.

No matter how grown you get, you'll always be my baby. Always. And I'm forever in your corner, loud and proud.

Go step into everything that's yours.

Love you forever,

Mom



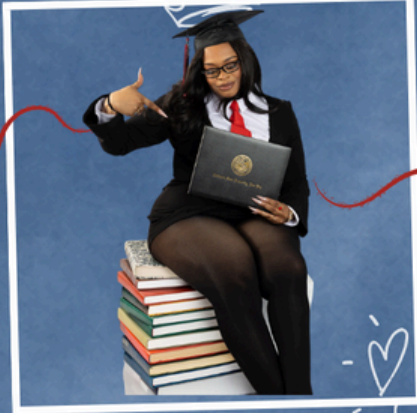
Congratulations on achieving your goal! You really earned this. You deserve every good thing heading your way. I'm excited to see what's next. Love you beyond life! - Muiyiwa

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SHE did it

Are you fit?



You've always had a lot of drive and go after what you want. You're not a quitter. I admire your ability to push forward. You have my heart always
Love Mom

Cho, watching you excel in whatever you put your mind to is inspiring. As your best friend I couldn't be more proud to see you accomplish your goals because you deserve it all.
I love you so much!
-Nita Bonita
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I always felt you were very smart and going places with a bright future ahead. I know you have all the qualities to accomplish what you set to do.
With love, Auntie

Aim for the bushes
-Demonté

Proof that hard work, hustle, and heart will always win. I'm so proud of all of your accomplishments my girl! ❤️ #1DegreeHottie
-Tawny

You did that!! Your strength and dedication don't go unnoticed. Wishing you nothing but wins from here on out 🍀 Keep shining and stepping into everything meant for you ❤️
Love always your friend
Kira

Chocho the cool points are out the window, and you got me all twisted up in the game! I'm so proud of you! Keep being you the world needs that
Love you 🍀 Kaliya

You've been through a lot of real life experiences and still kept going and choosing yourself even when it was hard. That alone says everything! ❤️ I'm so proud of you! I pray life only gets softer, sweeter, and more aligned after this because you really earned & deserve it!
-Quin



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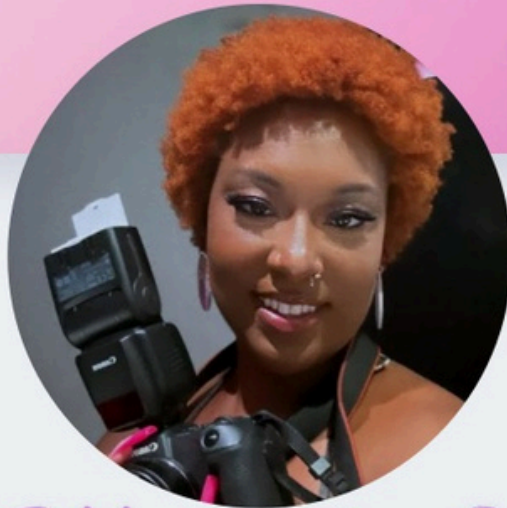
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Wesley, we are so incredibly proud of your accomplishments and your perseverance. You remained dedicated through life's greatest challenges and today, you stand as a testament to resilience, strength, and love. Grandma and Grandpa would be so proud to see the man you have become and the goals you have achieved. Their love walks beside you always.

Congratulations, Wesley. With Love, Your Family.

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JENNA PIERRE

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We are proud to announce the graduation of our daughter, Jenna Pierre, from California State University, East Bay in Hayward, CA. She has successfully completed her studies in Political Science (Pre-Law). Please join us in celebrating her hard work, dedication, and remarkable achievement as she steps into the next chapter of her journey.

Congratulations, Jenna

Your future is bright, and we are so incredibly proud of you.

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept." — Angela Davis

TO MY MOM, I LOVE YOU DEEPLY. I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SACRIFICES AND FOR ALWAYS HAVING MY BACK THROUGH MOMENTS OF GRIEF, CONFUSION, AND ANXIETY. YOUR STRENGTH, YOUR STORIES, AND YOUR LIFE LESSONS HAVE SHAPED THE WOMAN I AM BECOMING. THANK YOU FOR BEING MY FOUNDATION AND MY CONSTANT SOURCE OF LOVE.

TO MY DAD, I MISS YOU MORE THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS. I CARRY YOUR STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION WITH ME EVERY DAY. YOUR LEGACY LIVES ON THROUGH ME—IN MY DRIVE, MY PASSION, AND THE RESILIENCE YOU INSTILLED IN ME. I WILL CONTINUE TO HONOR YOU IN EVERYTHING I DO.

THANK YOU, MOM AND DAD. I LOVE YOU FOREVER AND ALWAYS.

-JENNA PIERRE

*R.T.P. Jean Marie
Bernard Pierre*





To my family,
there aren't enough words to fully capture what you mean to me, but I hope this comes close. Your love has carried me through every high and every low. We've traveled the world together, celebrated the biggest wins, and stood even closer through the losses, and in all of it, you never let me lose sight of who I am. Each of you has supported me in your own way, often in ways you may not even realize, and that has made all the difference. I am who I am because of you. This degree may have my name on it, but it belongs to all of us. It's a reflection of your sacrifices, your belief in me, and your unwavering presence in my life. This is one milestone down, with two more to go, and I will carry you with me every step of the way.

-Future Dr. Hinton

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...AND TO THE COUNTLESS OTHERS, YOU ARE APPRECIATED!



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