

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



Letter from the Chair

Greetings!

Welcome to the California Legislative Black Caucus' (CLBC) 15th Annual Policy Institute Symposium as we celebrate 56 years of advancing the needs of African Americans, as well as decades of providing leadership opportunities and tuition assistance to the young black students.

For CLBC, this past year has been extremely productive and rewarding. We appreciate all the support and resources to help us on our journey to transform the lives of Black Californians as well as provide the necessary resources to aid our next generation of community leaders.

On a personal note, as I've navigated my own challenging health journey this year, I appreciate the kind words of encouragement that many of you shared with me over the many months. I am overwhelmingly grateful to our executive board for their steadfast leadership who have been most instrumental in helping to guide the ship!

As we draw the curtains on this year, this year-in-review includes great highlights from our proudest moment from the work we've done as a Legislative Caucus as well as the work of our Foundation in the community! We can't thank you enough for your support to ensure the work we do in the community continues and even expands year after year!

I am very proud to report, this year under my leadership as Chair, we increased our raise from \$2.5 million dollars last year to just shy of \$3 million so far this year!

We kicked off our 2023 fundraising year by celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., with our special guest the former Speaker, the Honorable Willie Brown. During our intimate fireside chat, we discussed his view of how Dr. King would envision the status of African Americans today. There was also a moment where he described what the loss of Dr. King meant to him. He noted that losing Dr. King was losing a "Big Stick." Most of the time in California, you didn't always have to bring Dr. King physically here, you could just threaten to bring him and that would get whomever was in the way of African American progress back in line. It was powerful to hear from a California Legend and I am sure the over 300 attendees felt the same way.

Annually in February, during Black History Month, we recognize individuals throughout our member districts who have positively contributed to their communities. Dubbed our Unsung Heroes, honorees were presented with a resolution to memorialize their extraordinary community contributions during floor ceremonies in both the Assembly and Senate houses. The Foundation also provided our Unsung Heroes, 120 Legislators and 8 Constitutional Officers, a copy of Black Food: Stories, Art, and Recipes from Across the African Diaspora by Bryant Terry. This cookbook is filled with rich stories of black culture, both traditional and modern recipes, and vibrant photos. It was our desire that the recipients would try the various recipes in the tradition of Black Culture, with family and friends or even "Sunday Dinner."

This summer, the Caucus held its flagship African American Leaders for Tomorrow program in partnership with California State University Dominguez Hills and the Mervyn Dymally African American Political & Economic Institute. This annual event invites high-achieving high school students throughout California who have been hand-selected to participate in an in-residency program to sharpen their skills and prepare them for the realities of life ahead. The program entirely funded by the Foundation features leadership training, college scholarship information, and workshops on legislative process and civic engagement. This year included an immersive experience at Snapchat HQ.

Your support also allowed us to continue to invest in and encourage academic achievement through our youth scholarship program. Through our Foundation this year, we awarded 150 financial scholarships totaling \$525,000 to college-bound scholars. In addition, thanks to our partnership with Hewlett Packard Inc., we were also able to award laptops to our high school seniors. With your generosity, these 350 students felt the support of their community and a lift as they start their new educational journey.

As we are halfway through the legislative calendar, the Caucus has had many legislative and budget wins which is detailed out in the coming pages. Despite the wins, there is still more work to be accomplished on behalf of Black Californians. Together we can do this work which will ultimately benefit all of California.

On behalf of myself and my CLBC colleagues, we appreciate your support and your commitment to improving the lives of Black Californians.

Sincerely,



Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson, 11th District
Chair, California Legislative Black Caucus

2023 CLBC MEMBERS



Assemblymember Lori Wilson, *Chair*

Assemblymember Lori Wilson was first elected in a Special Election in April of 2022. Assemblymember Wilson represents the 11th Assembly District which includes the cities of Dixon, Vacaville, Rio Vista, Oakley, Fairfield, Suisun City, Benicia and Vallejo. Assemblymember Wilson serves as Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus as well as serving as the Assembly's Majority Whip.



Senator Steven Bradford, *Vice Chair*

Senator Steven Bradford was first elected to the Assembly in a Special Election in 2009 and then to the Senate in 2017. Senator Bradford represents the 35th Senate District which includes the Los Angeles County communities of Carson, San Pedro, Compton, West Compton, Gardena, Harbor City, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, West Carson, Watts, Willowbrook, and Wilmington. Senator Bradford serves as the Chair of the Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee.



Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, *Vice Chair*

Assembly Majority Leader Isaac Bryan was first elected in a Special Election in 2021. Assemblymember Bryan represents the 55th Assembly District, which consists of Baldwin Hills, the Crenshaw district, Culver City, Ladera Heights, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Palms, Pico-Robertson, Beverly Grove, Mid-Wilshire, and parts of South Los Angeles. Assemblymember Isaac Bryan serves as the Assembly's Majority Leader.



Assemblymember Akilah Weber, M.D., *Secretary*

Assemblymember Dr. Akilah Weber, MD was first elected to the Assembly in a Special Election in April of 2021. Dr. Weber represents the 79th Assembly District which includes La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Spring Valley/La Presa, and parts of the cities of El Cajon and San Diego. Dr. Weber serves as Chair of the Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services.



Assemblymember Mia Bonta

Assemblymember Mia Bonta was first elected to the Assembly in 2021. Assemblymember Mia Bonta represents the 18th Assembly District which includes a large portion of the City of Oakland and the Cities of Emeryville and Alameda. Assemblymember Bonta serves as the Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5 on Public Safety.

2023 CLBC MEMBERS



Assemblymember Mike Gipson

Assemblymember Mike Gipson was first elected to the Assembly in 2014. Assemblymember Gipson represents the 65th Assembly District which includes the areas of Watts, Willowbrook, Compton, Carson, North Long Beach, Harbor Gateway North & South, Harbor City, Wilmington, and San Pedro.



Assemblymember Chris Holden

Assemblymember Chris Holden was first elected to the Assembly in 2012. Assemblymember Chris Holden represents the 41st Assembly District which includes the communities of Altadena, Monrovia, Claremont, San Dimas, La Verne, La Canada Flintridge, Sierra Madre, San Pasqual, Bradbury, as well as communities of Rancho Cucamonga, Phelan, Oak Hills, Pinon Hills, Wrightwood, San Antonio Heights, Hesperia, and Lytle Creek. Assemblymember Holden serves as Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Assemblymember Corey Jackson

Assemblymember Corey Jackson, DSW, MSW was first elected to the Assembly in 2022. Dr. Jackson represents the 60th Assembly District which includes portions of Riverside as well as Moreno Valley, Perris and San Jacinto. Dr. Jackson serves as Chair of the Human Services Committee.



Assemblymember Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.

Assemblymember Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer was first elected to the Assembly in 2012. Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer represents the 59th Assembly District which includes the Los Angeles County neighborhoods of South Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone, Walnut Park, and a portion of Huntington Park. Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer serves as Chair of the Assembly Public Safety Committee.



Assemblymember Kevin McCarty

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty was first elected to the Assembly in 2014. Assemblymember McCarty represents the 6th Assembly District which includes the majority of the City of Sacramento and parts of the unincorporated County. Assemblymember McCarty serves as Chair of the Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance.

2023 CLBC MEMBERS



Assemblymember Tina McKinnor

Assemblymember Tina McKinnor was first elected to the California State Assembly in 2022. Assemblymember McKinnor represents the 61st Assembly District which includes the cities and communities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lenox, Los Angeles, Marina del Rey, Venice, West Athens, Westchester and Westmont in Los Angeles County. Assemblymember McKinnor serves as Chair of the Public Employment and Retirement Committee.



Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas

Senator Smallwood-Cuevas was first elected to the State Senate in 2022. Senator Smallwood-Cuevas represents the 28th Senate District which includes the communities of Ladera Heights, View Park, Arlington Heights, Arlington Park, Baldwin Hills, Carthay, Century City, Cheviot Hills, Crenshaw, Del Rey, Downtown, Hyde Park, Jefferson Park, Leimert Park, Mar Vista, Mid City, South Los Angeles, University Park, West Adams, and West Los Angeles.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS



Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. - *California Secretary of State*

Shirley Nash Weber, Ph.D. was nominated to serve as California Secretary of State by Governor Gavin Newsom and sworn into office on January 29, 2021. Voters elected her for a full term in November 2022. Before her appointment, Secretary Weber served four terms as an Assembly Member representing California's 79th Assembly District



Malia M. Cohen - *California State Controller*

California State Controller Malia M. Cohen was elected in November 2022, following her service on the California State Board of Equalization (BOE). She was elected to the BOE in November 2018 and was Chair in 2019 and 2022. As Controller, she continues to serve the Board as its fifth voting member..



Tony Thurmond - *California State Superintendent of Public Instruction*

Tony Thurmond was sworn in as the twenty-eighth California State Superintendent of Public Instruction on January 7, 2019. Superintendent Thurmond previously served in the California State Assembly representing the 15th Assembly District.

2023 Legislative Priorities

All bills receiving support from the CLBC meet the objective of the Caucus: Social, Economic and Educational Justice.

ACA 4 (Bryan) - Restoring Voting Rights

This measure would repeal the requirement regarding the disqualification of electors incarcerated for felony convictions, thereby authorizing an otherwise qualified elector serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony to vote.

ACA 7 (Jackson) - Proposition 209 Waiver

ACA 7 seeks to create a Proposition 209 waiver, subject to approval by the Governor, to use state funds to increase the life expectancy of, improve educational outcomes for, or lift out of poverty, specific ethnic groups or marginalized genders.

ACA 8 (Wilson) - End Slavery in California

This measure would prohibit slavery in any form, including forced labor compelled by the use or threat of physical or legal coercion.

SB 16 (Smallwood-Cuevas) - Fair Employment and Housing Act Enforcement

This bill would specify that local enforcement agencies may enforce prohibitions against discrimination in employment and housing.

SB 50 (Bradford) - Vehicles: Enforcement

This bill would prohibit a peace officer from stopping or detaining the operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle for a low-level infraction, as defined, unless a separate, independent basis for a stop exists.

SB 51 (Bradford) - Cannabis Provisional Licenses

The bill would authorize the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) to issue a provisional license for local cannabis equity applicants for retail activities for up to five years, if the applicant meets the requirements of the Department.

AB 280 (Holden) - Solitary Confinement

This bill would require every jail, prison, public or privately operated detention facility, and a facility in which individuals are subject to confinement or involuntary detention to develop and follow written procedures governing the management of segregated confinement and to make those written procedures publicly available. The bill would require those facilities to document the use of segregated confinement by, among other things, providing written orders of that confinement to the individual confined, as specified.

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AB 360 (Gipson) - Banning of “Excited Delirium”

Assembly Bill 360 aims to ban the term “excited delirium” as a legitimate diagnosis or cause of death for those who have lost their lives while in police custody. [CHAPTERED]

AB 912 (Jones-Sawyer) - Strategic Anti-Violence Funding Efforts

The SAFE Act reinvests cost savings from prison closures into programs that reduce violence, provide diversion opportunities, and deliver critical community support including mental health, education, and vocational services. [VETOED]

AB 1327 (Weber) - Racism in High School Sports

This bill would require the California Department of Education, in consultation with community organizations that represent the interests of ethnic groups and communities of color, to develop a standardized incident form to track hate violence and hazing incidents that occurs at high school sporting games or sporting events and post results on their internet website. [CHAPTERED]

2023 CLBC Budget Priorities

The members of the California Legislative Black Caucus advocated fiercely to ensure that institutions and programs that support Black lives, promote justice and provide opportunities for advancement were supported in the legislative process. Most of our efforts were met with great success, particularly for the following institutions and programs:

Restorative Justice Fund

In public safety, provided \$10 million total over three years for prison Restorative Justice programs in the 2022 budget act. No new funding in 2023. This fund would provide resources to local educational agencies that elect to implement the Restorative Justice best practices that will be developed and posted on the Department of Education’s website by June 1, 2024, pursuant to AB 2598. [FUNDED]

Ralph J. Bunche Center at UCLA

Provides \$5 M in 23-24, with intent language to provide \$3M ongoing in 24-25. This request funds the operations of the only Organized Research Unit in the UC system and the leading hub of research and policy on the conditions of Black life. The Bunche Center is core to the research and development of critical policy interventions that support equity, justice and Black students and community members. [FUNDED]

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Equity Multiplier

Provided the full \$300 million. This fund would provide resources to local educational agencies that elect to implement the Restorative Justice best practices that will be developed and posted on the Department of Education's website by June 1, 2024, pursuant to AB 2598. [FUNDED]

California State University Dominguez Hills

Provided partial funding \$15 million. This fund would adequately address mandatory salary and health pension issues for all employees; allow us to improve the Graduation Initiative 2025; support enrollment growth; and shore up infrastructure challenges that will help benefit our campus and facilitate student success. [FUNDED]

Youth Reinvestment Grant Program

No additional funding but extended the period of expenditure and encumbrance for the organizations that had fewer youth to serve due to pandemic slowdowns. They were given an extra year to fully spend their funding — the request came from orgs in both the LA and Bay Area. Request for \$50 million to the Youth Reinvestment Grant Fund to support programs that divert youth away from jails using trauma-informed, community, and health-based interventions.

Violence intervention and Prevention Program

If they mean Cal VIP—there was no additional funding added, but CAL VIP had \$75 million already in the budget for 2023-24 based on previous investments. Request for \$35 million to support programs that conduct outreach to targeted gangs and offer support services to reduce and eliminate gang involvement through job training, access to healthcare and crisis response to shootings and violence

Community College Rising Scholar

Changed some budget language to allow Rising Scholars programs access to \$3 M that is available to help support textbook costs for incarcerated youth taking community college classes. That funding was previously earmarked just for CDCR inmates. CDCR wasn't using all of the money each year, so this should provide at least \$1 M annually for textbooks for youth in juvenile facilities.

Birthing Justice for California Families Pilot

Not included in this year's budget. Outlined in AB 583, this bill would establish a 3-year pilot grant program for community-based doula groups, local public health departments, and other organizations that provide full-spectrum doula care to: (1) women and birthing people whose communities suffer from disproportionately high rates of negative birth outcomes, but who are not eligible for Medi-Cal coverage; and (2) incarcerated women and birthing people.



2023 MLK Celebration

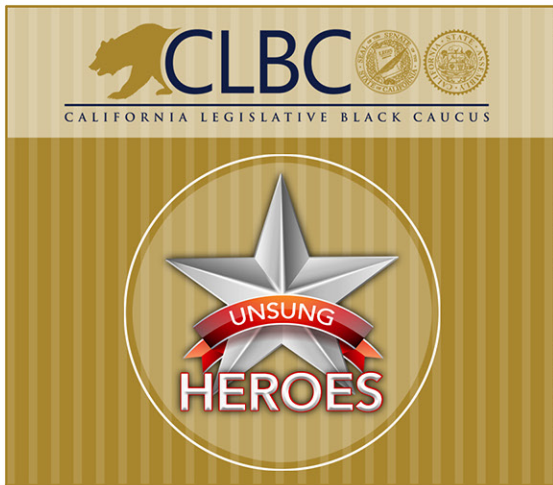
Honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 12th, CLBC members hosted its annual MLK Breakfast Celebration at the Masonic Temple. CLBC Chair, Assemblymember Lori Wilson had the esteemed honor to engage in a Fireside Chat with the renowned Hon. Willie Brown, former State Assembly Speaker.

In commemoration of Black History Month members of the Caucus presented Resolutions on the Assembly and Senate floor, respectively.



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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

2023 Unsung Heroes Ceremony

On Monday, February 27, 2023, previously selected by CLBC members, twelve leaders from across California were recognized on the floor of the Assembly and Senate for their steadfast work to empower Black residents.



As a special treat CLBC gifted *Black Food: Stories, Art, and Recipes from Across the African Diaspora - A Cookbook* to each of 120 legislators. Author and celebrity chef Bryant Terry was in attendance and recognized on the Assembly floor. Immediately following, all honorees and author Terry were in attendance for a special reception at Ella Restaurant for book signing, fellowship and delicious nosh.

2023 HONOREES

Beverly White

SD 35 | Senator Steve Bradford

Michele Reed

SD 28 | Senator Lola Smallwood - Cuevas

Robin Moore

AD 06 | Assemblymember Kevin McCarty

Belinda Bush

AD 11 | Assemblymember Lori Wilson

Ken Oliver

AD 18 | Assemblymember Mia Bonta

Ron Husband

AD 41 | Assemblymember Chris Holden

Tina Sampay

AD 55 | Assemblymember Isaac Bryan

Anthony Shep Crawford

AD 57 | Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyers

Alicia Berridge

AD 60 | Assemblymember Corey Jackson

Bishop William Todd Ervin, Sr.

AD 65 | Assemblymember Mike Gipson

Vincent Lee Samuel

AD 61 | Assemblymember Tina McKinnor

Alyce Pipkin-Allen

AD 79 | Assemblymember Akilah Weber

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY

Gee's Bend Quilting Collective

In celebration of Women's History Month, CLBC hosted Gee's Bend Quilters on March 6, 2023. The renowned Alabama's quilters Mary Ann Pettway, China Pettway and family members from The Gee's Bend Quilting Collective were recognized on the floors of the Assembly and Senate. CLBC members and Women's Caucus leadership stopped by for history, song and fellowship with the quilters. Thank you to the MLK Freedom Center, Oakland for bringing the history to the Capitol.



CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

FREEDOM DAY • JUNE 19



2023 Juneteenth Celebration

In commemoration of 158 years of emancipation, the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) kicked-off the holiday presenting Juneteenth resolutions in the Assembly and Senate floor presentations.

CLBC Members partnered with CEO of Ms. Josephine Catering to deliver the most delicious Red Velvet Cake for all the legislators to enjoy. The CLBC official 2023 Juneteenth resolution was delivered by Asm Reggie Jones-Sawyer and Senator Steven Bradford.



TIDBIT: Did you know why we eat red things on Juneteenth? It was the enslaved Yoruba and Kongo people who settled in TX belief that red represented power, sacrifice and transformation. Hence, it has been incorporated in all our traditions and made its way to all modern forms of celebration on black culture.

CELEBRATING
JUNETEENTH
FREEDOM DAY • JUNE 19

CLBC Celebrates Juneteenth In Partnership With CA Legislative Black Staff Association



Senator Smallwood-Cuevas joined in the fun.





White Suit Day

CLBC “White Suit Day” bid adieu to the end of summer and last leg of another successful legislative session (**Monday, August 21st**)



CLBC Assemblymembers Jones-Sawyer, McKinnor, Chair Wilson, Secretary Weber, Treasurer Bryan and Jackson pose in recognition 2023 White Suit Day



Assemblymembers join Black Caucus Members for photo in solidarity for “White Suit Day”



Members of the Senate join Black Caucus Vice Chair Bradford in solidarity for “White Suit Day”

ADVOCACY

California Black Caucus, Other Leaders, Condemn Supreme Court's Affirmative Action Decision



CLBC hosted a press conference on July 5th condemning the recent Supreme Court decision regarding affirmative action. Newly appointed Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas joined to show solidarity and provided comments.

CLBC Press Conference On Recent Firings of Six Black Female DEI Executives at Leading Film Studios



YOUTH PROGRAMS



African American Leaders for Tomorrow Program 4-day Residential Summer Leadership Program at California State Dominguez Hills



CLBC with partnership with California State University Dominguez Hills and the Mervyn Dymally African American Political and Economic Institute hosted the 2023 African American Leaders for Tomorrow program with the primary goal to increase the pool of African American leaders and address the myriad of pressing issues in education, poverty, criminal justice and health. Fifty scholars from across California were selected this year and participated in CLBC's annual signature summer residential AALT program on the beautiful campus of California State University Dominguez Hills.

From July 17-22, scholars were enveloped in legislative, leadership, career planning and STEM programming. The African American Leaders for Tomorrow initiative aims to identify and help prepare the next generation to become community, business, governmental and nonprofit leaders.

The legislative mock hearing was a focal segment over the 4 days. The series of daily workshop sessions provided scholars with the basic foundation in the California legislative process, how a bill becomes a law, and



provided an overview of the myriad of ways that they can be involved in the process. Scholars selected a legislative bill to examine and exercised their critical thinking skills and understanding of the state legislative process through a mock committee hearing.

CLBC Vice Chair Senator Bradford, Treasurer Majority Leader Isaac Bryan and Assembly members Mike Gipson and Dr. Corey Jackson parted their sage wisdom throughout the four (4) day programming. A host of regional elected officials joined the opening night festivities. Special guest speaker Culver City businesswoman, actress Brigitte Coulter Cheadle provided inspirational remarks during opening night dinner, along with video greetings from CSUDH President Thomas A. Parham, Mervyn Dymally Institute Executive Director Dr. Anthony Samad.



Students and CLBC volunteers listen to debate during the mock committee hearing.





AFRICAN AMERICAN
LEADERS
FOR TOMORROW

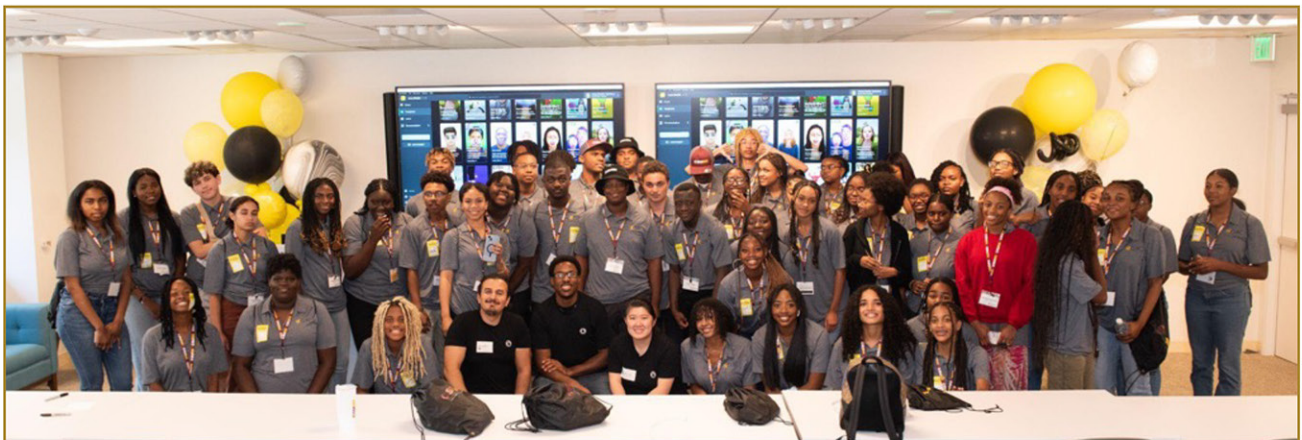


Snapchat

TECHNOLOGY IMMERSION - A Day at SNAP

CLBC Ex-Officio Member, State Controller Malia Cohen joined AALT at SNAPCHAT.

Students participated in a discussion about the need for an increase in African-American STEM scholars and what it means for the future of tech education. Students were guided through a demo of creating content for use in a social media app and received an overview of tech policy affecting their everyday lives.





2023 CLBC FREDERICK M. ROBERTS *College Scholarship*

Congratulations to the 2023 Scholars! *(Full listing on the next page)*

Named after the first African American California legislator - Frederick M. Roberts College Scholarship awards high school seniors and college students across the state. This year, CLBC awarded 150 deserving students \$3,500.

As part of the students award package, CLBC offered a Hewlett Packard laptop or printer to each of the scholars. This support will further assist this year's recipients in their academic journey towards success. We are grateful to our longtime Hewlett Packard, our corporate partner, for the contribution of the laptops and printers.



2023 Scholarship Recipients

BRYAN

54th Assembly District

Aammarah Gage
UC San Diego

Brynn Green
Barnard College

Casey Himes
Hampton University

Damon Polk
Central State University

Dylon Malcolm
Morehouse

Kassidy King
UC Irvine

Lauren Brooks
Spelman

Nicholas Romain
UC Santa Barbara

Rachel Carter
UC Berkeley

Shomari Kudumu-Hom
University of Michigan

Simya Smith
Stanford University

Stephanie Okafor
UCLA

Stephen Goff
Morehouse

Taylor Mah
UC Irvine

BRADFORD

35th Senate District

Cory Murdock
North Carolina A&T State University

Dominic Mumphery
Louisiana State University

Eriany Gutierrez
CSU Long Beach

Erin Hogan
San Francisco State University

Eva Guillory
Loyola Marymount University

Jalen Coleman
Temple University

Jerrell Sterling
UCLA

Kelsey Schaffer
Spelman

Nairobi Lindsey
UC San Diego

Nchegem Nyenke
UC Berkeley

Sheldon Hudson
UC Merced

Tatiana Louriano
UC Merced

HOLDEN

41st Assembly District

Adrian Crick
Spelman

Asa Phillips
UC Santa Cruz

Ian Hunte
Carnegie Mellon University

Jackson Mosley
Cal Poly

Joshua Andrews
CSU San Marcos

Leonard Wilson
Fisk University

London Merritt
USC

Mahesh Amissah
Cal Poly

Sofia Irvin
UCLA

Terence Matthews
Southern Methodist University

Xavier Smith
University of Arizona

Zora Phillips
North Carolina A&T University

GIPSON

64th Assembly District

Javon Drisdorn
Pepperdine University

Jordyn Harris
UC San Diego

Kamrin Hall
Morehouse

Kayanni Salter
Louisiana State University

Kendall Benbow
CSU, Long Beach

Maison Gamble
American University

Sakarah Buckner
Azusa Pacific University

Sylvia Akanno
UC Berkeley

WEBER

79th Assembly District

Aamir Denham
UC Santa Cruz

Chukwuebuka Alozie
UC San Diego

Drew Redwine
University of Arizona

Faith Mitchell
Hampton University

Jordyn Gresham
UCLA

Joshua Rhone
UC San Diego

Karrington Cummings
Howard University

Lauren White
Spelman

Sabian Houston
UC Irvine

SharDacia Russell
Xavier University

Wesley Epps
Columbia University

BONTA

18th Assembly District

Betel Asmelash
UC Davis

Christian Dereje
UCLA

Dayanara Terrero
UC San Diego

Hayley Mansir
UC Santa Cruz

Lauren McDaniels
Xavier University Louisiana

Natniel Zemedo
UC Davis

Sloan Howard
Sonoma State University

2023 Scholarship Recipients

JONES-SAWYER 59th Assembly District

Artises Huff
Howard University

Brittanye Joseph
Prairie View A&M University

Brodrick Foster
California Baptist University

Emarie Juarez
UC San Diego

Jaden Arcos
California Baptist University

Jasmine Purnell
Howard University

K'miles Davis
Morgan State University

K'mya Carmicle
CSU Northridge

Naomi Peter
UC Irvine

Noah Ford
Howard University

Serenity Jones
CSU Bakersfield

Summer Harris
Mount Saint Mary's College

McCARTY 7th Assembly District

Alexis Farris
Clark Atlanta University

Daejah Dandrich
USC

Isaac Davis
UC Berkeley

Jada Grey
Dillard University

Kamaya Jackson
UC Santa Barbara

Oluwagbemiso Soneye
Howard University

Shamar Knox
Sacramento State

Sienna Keigwin
Spelman

Solomae Getahun
Harvard College

Tinsae Birhanu
UC Berkeley

Zayla Robinson
Morgan State University

Zola Grey
CSU Northridge

SMALLWOOD-CUEVAS 28th Senate District

Abrianna Herring
UCLA

Anderson Moore
Loyola Marymount University

April Wright
Santa Monica College

Chinomso Augustine
UC Davis

Destiny Tillear
*George Washington University's
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences*

Gabrielle Lashley
USC

Isabella Alvidrez
Morgan State University

Jaden Drisdorn
Pepperdine University

Juliette Dalicano
UC Davis

Lyric Petteway
Spelman

Madisen Funderburk
Clark Atlanta

Morgan Edwards
Hampton University

McKINNOR 62nd Assembly District

Anyssa Saa
Alabama State University

Cheyenne Jemison
UC Berkeley

Daniel Orogbemi
CSU Northridge

Devontae Withrow
CSU Northridge

Divine Oludimu
UCLA

Precious Adeleye
UC Berkeley

Wyatt Lewis
UCLA

JACKSON 60th Assembly District

Alexandria Jenkins
Howard University

Kristiyana Mitchell
UC San Diego

Natalie Burkley
Boston University

Rycklon Stephens
UC Berkeley

Skye Price
UC Irvine

Ziya Roberts
USC

WILSON 11th Assembly District

Gabriel Harris
USC

Hailey Fox
Tuskegee University

Jonathan Hargraves
UC Davis

Kennedy Plummer
Spelman

Makia Smith
Morgan State University

Sterling Henderson
UCLA

HONORING



Celebrating The Founding of The Hip Hop Culture

On August 14th, the legislature celebrated the pioneers and culture of hip hop in partnership with the Recording Industry of America Association (RIAA) and The Peace Movement. Artists recognized on the floors of the Assembly and Senate including Lonza Williams, King T, JJ FAD, Arabian Prince, Deon Taylor, Jay King and many more.

The Senate introduced SCR 81 on the floor commemorating the culture of the hip hop legacy. In the picture above, CLBC Chair, Assemblymember Lori Wilson and CLBC Treasurer, Majority Leader Isaac Bryan invited RIAA Joel Flatow and hip hop legends on the Assembly floor for pictures.

HONORING OUR BLACK STAFF - WE SEE YOU!

Black Staff Appreciation Breakfast

In tradition, CLBC hosted its annual Black Staff Appreciation Breakfast as a small token to show their sincere appreciation of staffers and their daily contributions to support and execute the vision and ideals of Black legislators. This year's event, over 100 staffers showed up for an early morning grab and go breakfast and it turned out to be a great time for networking. Now back to work!



End of Session Soul Food Bash

Annually, to close the legislative session with a bang, CLBC members together enjoy the superb tastes of soul food dishes.



CLBC Members Meet with House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries



Thank You

to all of our partners and supporters in this work to make California the best it can be.







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