

To the Pacifica Community:

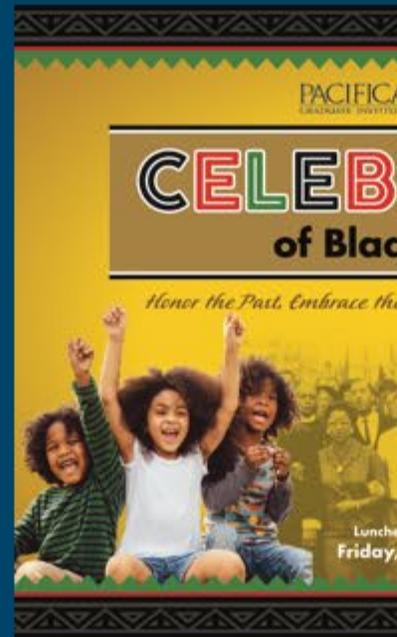
We are moved and grateful to share some reflections and images following last Friday's landmark event, *Celebration of Black History*, hosted by Pacifica and our Alumni Association at the Lambert Road campus. Almost 60 attendees and 19 honorees came together in celebration of the historical achievements of Black/African Americans for our country and specifically for our community.

In keeping with this year's national theme, **Black Resistance**, as chosen by *The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (asalh.org)*, the event emphasized the message with a directive to: "*Honor the Past, Embrace the Present, Celebrate the Future.*"

This year's honorees included many community members who have advocated for change, equity, and common understanding, including: Audrey Gamble; Connie Alexander; Sojourner Kincaid Rolle; James Joyce, III; Isaac Garrett; Jordan Killebrew; Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt; Wendy Sims-Moten; Krystle Farmer Sieghart; Simone Akila Ruskamp; Leticia Forney Resch; and, Reverend Dr. Dave N. Moore. We encourage you all to read more about them and the powerful work they are doing in the Santa Barbara community and beyond.

While Black History Month is a time to celebrate **Black Excellence**, the term used to describe the individual contributions, perseverance, achievements, and successes of the Black community, it's crucial to carry that celebration forward into every month, every day, and every moment - shining a light on all facets of progress through strength, resistance, gratitude, joy, and hope.

Thank you to all who came together to make this event happen, most especially its main organizer, Dianne Travis-Teague. Please see below and the attached for some images from the day. I am extremely proud of our Black students, faculty, alumni, Board of Trustees, and all in our people who have contributed to the illustrious history, growth, and success, not only of Pacifica, but of our local community. We look forward to supporting, strengthening, and nourishing an equitable and inclusive environment that promotes, respects, and encourages diversity in its fullest sense.



“I've learned that people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”
– Maya Angelou

