

Hello Pacifica Community,

With Black History Month coming to a close this week, I will soon share further reflections about where we are and where we are going in carrying the themes of Black Excellence and Black Resistance into our daily lives, work, and fight for progress, individually and as a community.

But in continuing our celebration of Black/African-American community members and figures making a difference at Pacifica and beyond, let us take a moment to acknowledge some of our esteemed alumni. Thank you to [Dianne Travis-Teague](#), Sr. Director of Alumni Relations, for her work putting this and so much together this month and throughout the year, to honor Pacifica, our faculty, learners, alums, and to serve Santa Barbara County.

Dark Divas of Depth – We recognize this collection of proud Pacifica graduates who came together as contributors to [Seeing in the Dark: Wisdom Works by Black Women in Depth Psychology](#). Click on their names below to read more about each of their backgrounds and the meaningful work they are affecting in the world.

- [Alisa Orduña](#)
- [Kimberly L. Howell](#)
- [Marcella De Veaux](#)
- [Patricia Taylor](#)
- [Sharon Johnson](#)
- [Sherrie Allen](#) – read more about Dr. Allen, her husband, Dr. Melvin Allen (Pacifica Alum), and their work [HERE](#)

[Black History Month 2023: Collection of Dissertations and Theses from Pacifica Alumni](#) – While not intended as a complete list, here is a collection of writings and research from Pacifica alums over the years that covers a broad gamut of individual and group experiences.

We wish to continue gathering and celebrating throughout the year all of the achievements our learners, faculty, staff, and alumni are doing in the world. Please send news and recognition to president@pacifica.edu or, for alumni updates, alumnirelations@pacifica.edu.

The Dark Divas of Depth Psychology

*Recognizing Pacifica's African American/Black Women contributors to
Seeing in the Dark: Wisdom Works by Black Women in Depth Psychology*



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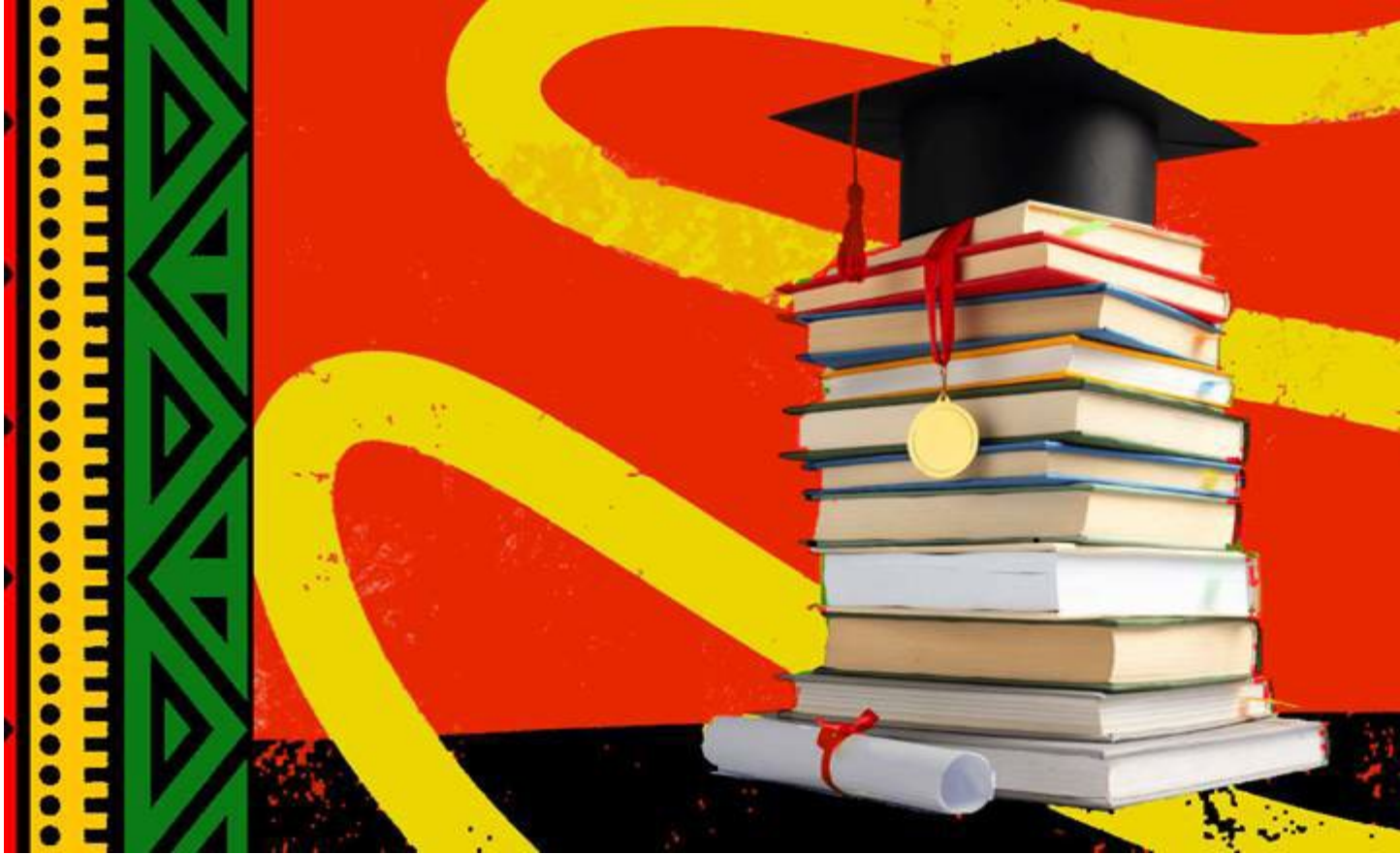
PATRICIA TAYLOR



SHARON D. JOHNSON



SHERRIE ALLEN



Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lee Mathison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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