

Black Resource Center February 2023 Newsletter



Happy Black History Month! This February, and year-round, take time to honor and reflect upon the sacrifices, milestones, and achievements of African Americans in the U.S., and those of the African diaspora around the world. From BASE, we would like to share a poem written by poet **Nikki Giovanni** that correlates with our current mantra for the academic year - "We Belong Here"....

If Black History Month is not viable then wind does not carry the seeds and drop them in fertile ground...rain does not dampen the land and encourage the seeds to root...sun does not warm the earth and kiss the seedlings and tell them plain:

You're As Good As Anybody Else

You've Got A Place Here, Too

This month's newsletter features upcoming USF events and opportunities to find community and engage with Black communities on campus and around the Bay Area, as well as BASE resources.

Stay engaged with BASE! Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **Twitter**. If you have comments, questions, ideas for programming, or would like to feature your event in our newsletter, please contact us at base@usfca.edu or **(415) 422-2503**.

BASE Resources

BASE Economic Hardship Fund

The BASE Economic Hardship Fund is available to USF undergraduate and graduate students who are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses due to a temporary financial hardship that may jeopardize their health, safety, academic performance, and/or ability to stay enrolled at USF. Funds are limited — apply today!

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Join the Marshall-Riley Living-Learning Community

Are you a rising sophomore? Consider joining the Marshall-Riley Living-Learning Community (MRLLC) for the 2023–24 academic year! The MRLLC, located in Toler Residence Hall, offers a fun, supportive learning environment

for 20 first-year and 10 second-year students who share similar interests in exploring the richness of Black history, politics, identity, communities, and culture. Joining the MRLLC guarantees you housing for the 2023–24 academic year.



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February 2023 Events



My Beautiful Black Hair Community Forum

Guest Speaker: **St. Clair Detrick-Jules**

Feb 2. | Fromm Hall Rm 115 | 6–8 p.m

Join us for a community forum led by filmmaker and author St. Clair Detrick-Jules on hair as an entry-point for conversations on self-love, anti-Blackness, healing from racial trauma, feminism, and more. Refreshments will be provided.

New CAPS Group for Black Mental Health Matters (BMHM)

Featuring **Dr. Jevon Rice**

Thursdays | 1:15–2:45 p.m. PST | Zoom

BMHM is a therapeutic space for Black students to connect, support, and hold dialogues on multiple aspects of Black Mental Health. BHMH includes mindfulness meditation practices and group exploration focused on leaning into our ancestral strengths, finding empowerment through intersectional identities, and re-envisioning self-care to represent self-soothing, acceptance, self-compassion, and internal systemic rebellion.



Register here or by calling CAPS at **(415) 422-6352**.

[Sign Up for CAPS Services »](#)



Celebrating Black Joy:

Oakland Edition

Feb. 26 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | Oakland Museum of California

Black faculty, staff, and students are invited to connect and celebrate Black art at the **Oakland**

Museum of California. Afterward, join us at the **annual Black Joy Parade** as we walk through the streets of Downtown Oakland. RVSP is required for a complimentary museum ticket.

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Black Artists Speak

Feb. 23 | 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. PST | Thacher Gallery, Gleeson Library or Zoom

Celebrate Black creators and the role of the arts in a roundtable conversation with Robert Moses, Rivka Louissaint, and Sheila Smith McKoy.



[Register Here »](#)



Black Resistance: A Collaboration Between Gleeson Reference and Outreach Student Assistants

Feb. 1–28 | Gleeson Library, Reference Nook

This collaborative display is a retrospective of Black resistance through many modalities and will be accompanied by performances, spoken word, and a panel on **Gleeson Library's social media account**.

University Resources



#ApplyGOTeam

GO Team Orientation leaders play an essential role in the facilitation of Orientation by providing new students and their family members with an engaging and authentic introductory experience to campus life and all its resources. **The deadline to apply is Sunday, Feb. 19 at 11:59 p.m. PST.**

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Community Empowerment Activist

The Community Empowerment Activists (CEA) is a year-long community-engaged learning (CEL) program that prepares

students as visionary organizers and movement workers by examining the historical and current contexts of systems of oppression and movements of resistance that raise consciousness and build people power using a transformative justice lens. **The deadline to apply is Friday, March 3.**



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Community Assistant (CA) or Summer Guest Housing (SGH) Positions

Thinking about applying to be a **community assistant** or part of USF's **summer guest housing program**? Applications are due on Feb. 1 by 11:59 p.m. PST.

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