

4TH ANNUAL

CSULB BLACK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP GALA



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Leadership

MAY 5, 2024

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH

Event Program

4:00 p.m. | Doors Open

5:30 p.m. | Host

Dr. John Hamilton

5:35 p.m. | Welcome

Mayor Rex Richardson

5:45 p.m. | Student Speakers

Zoe Wright, Artist Knox, & Maruska Moore

5:55 p.m. | Auction

6:00 p.m. | Awards

April Parker • Sharon & David McLucas

Uduak-Joe Ntuk • Cecile Walters

James Breedlove • Evelyn Knight

7:00 p.m. | Performance

Keyon Harrold

7:30 p.m. | Program Ends

7:45 p.m. | Auction Closes

7:45 p.m. | VIP Event

9:30 p.m. | Doors Close



BLACK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP GALA

Our Honorees



APRIL PARKER
Community Partner of the Year



CECILE HARRIS WALTERS
Alumna of the Year



JAMES BREEDLOVE
Alumnus of the Year



UDUAK-JOE NTUK
Change Agent Alumnus
of the Year



SHARON & DAVID MCLUCAS
Community Change Agents



EVELYN KNIGHT
Lifetime Achievement Award



MEET OUR HONOREES

APRIL PARKER

Community Partner of the Year

April Parker is a successful business executive and entrepreneur turned nonprofit leader. With over 20 years of experience as a corporate executive in contract law, she is best known for her leadership and for creating such well-known brands as EDEN Bodyworks and April Parker Shoes.

A native of the east coast, April grew up in the port city of Baltimore, Maryland, and witnessed firsthand the consequences of economically disinvested communities. Her dedication to serving others lead her to serve in the U.S. Army. After moving to Long Beach, California, in 2014, April observed socioeconomic disparities similar to those she witnessed growing up. She founded the April Parker Foundation with a passion for problem-solving to address the disparities of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) in her community.

Her foundation serves as a vital community resource, ensuring BIPOC and veteran community members obtain equitable access to essential resources and by providing advocacy and culturally engaging services that remove barriers to improve the health, social and economic outcomes of historically disinvested communities.

April has degrees in Business and Law from Rowan University. Leveraging her extensive business background, she works with her community advisory committee to develop meaningful and impactful community programs. APCares provides social case management, rapid rehousing, and emergency financial relief; APWorks provides training, coaching, and technical assistance to Black businesses and other nonprofits; and APHealth provides cultural, gender and disability affirming health education and health navigation. As a decorated and honorably discharged U.S. Army Veteran, April is committed to supporting the veteran community. Her Veterans Emergency Temporary Stay (VETS) program provides critical housing and direct support to veterans transitioning into permanent housing.

Wanting to inspire and equip the next generation, her foundation offers scholarships to high school BIPOC youth aspiring to attend college and youth entrepreneurship business camps that provide youth with foundational knowledge, resources, and support to embark on their entrepreneurial journeys.

Mrs. Parker and her husband, John are proud foster parents who have helped dozens of foster families reunite. They have six biological adult daughters and eleven grandchildren and counting.

CECILE HARRIS WALTERS

Alumna of the Year

Cecile Harris Walters is originally from Akron, Ohio. She and her sister were the first in their generation to graduate from college. “Get a good government job,” is what her dad, Henry Harris, told his girls as they approached high school graduation and made plans for their future. Cecile came to Long Beach, California in 1979 with her parents’ support.

Cecile had a distinguished career for over 32 years with the City of Long Beach in various roles and retired in 2014. Her career included serving as a Civil Service Department proctor and recruiter, Chief of Staff to the late Vice Mayor and Councilwoman Doris Topsy-Elvord, who was the first African American female to be elected in the City of Long Beach and the first to serve four years as Vice Mayor. To serve and work with the constituents of the Sixth Council District and the entire City of Long Beach was an honor. Cecile also held positions as the Coordinator of the Center for Work Families and the Youth Opportunity Center overseeing these satellite onestop centers. She was also the Layoff Aversion Coordinator with Pacific Gateway Workforce. While working with Pacific Gateway, she managed federal, state, and county grants meeting and exceeding performance measures, and responded to the needs of over 500 at-risk businesses.

In 2023, nine years after retirement, Cecile joined the Office of Mayor Rex Richardson, the first African American Mayor of Long Beach, continuing her journey in public administration. She assisted as the Scheduler and later as a Special Projects Assistant. Cecile completed her assignment with the Office of the Mayor and shared, “It was an honor and a privilege to be a member of his team.”

Cecile has long been in public service and has a history of working within the community for over 40 years. She has served on several boards, and holds membership with several organizations, most notably Long Beach Central Area Association, Leadership Long Beach, NAACP Long Beach Branch, Black Student Union Elders Association - California State University, Long Beach, National Ambassador - American Business Women’s Association, Long Beach Black Managers Association, and Long Beach Midnight Basketball League known today as Hoops after Dark. She is currently an advisor to the Historical Society of Long Beach. The awards and recognitions she has received include the American Business Women’s Association Top Ten from Mayor Rex Richardson, the NAACP President Award, the Black Business and Professional Association Humanitarian Award, and Assemblymember Mike Gipson’s Community Service Award.

Cecile’s passions are health and physical fitness, community service, lifelong learning, biking, sewing, crocheting, travel, and relaxation. Cecile is a cancer thriver and is a mentor with the Women Guiding Women: Cancer Support and Education with MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute in Long Beach. As an alumna of California State University, Long Beach, and a cancer thriver, she was the PLAY4KAY Cancer Survivor Honoree through Long Beach State Athletic Department. Cecile aims to bring awareness to individuals, families, and businesses to access affordable legal options and develop their estate plans, building a family legacy. Cecile is most proud of her two sons Eddie and LeLand, four grandsons Silas, Nicholas, Jackson, Kingston, and two grandpups Trooper and Sheldon.

JAMES BREEDLOVE

Alumnus of the Year

James Breedlove is a dedicated lifelong servant of the community, with a career spanning over four decades, marked by outstanding contributions across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

A proud alumnus of California State University, Long Beach, James holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. His versatile career also saw him as a licensed Real Estate Broker, Series 7 Financial Advisor (Stock Broker), Firearm and Defensive Tactics Instructor, and a distinguished leader and trainer across various domains.

In the private sector, James made a significant impact as a real estate broker, focusing on community education and helping clients acquire homes and residential income properties. His primary objectives were to enhance knowledge, promote homeownership, and foster generational wealth within the African American community.

James and his late wife operated Rosewood Adult Residential Care Facilities, Inc. for over 25 years. They managed five community-based adult residential care facilities, providing housing, lodging, and care to more than sixty mentally ill clients.

Within the public sector, James served as a California State Peace Officer in two distinct agencies: the California Youth Authority and the Adult Parole and Community Services Division, accumulating 30 years of experience at various levels, including frontline roles, supervision, and management. In 2005, he received the prestigious "Supervisor of the Year" award from the California Probation, Parole, and Correctional Agency Association. James retired in 2009 (at the age of 48), to fulfill his lifelong mission of serving the Black community through nonprofit work.

Since 2005, James has been actively engaged in the nonprofit sector, initially assuming a leadership role at the Zeta Rho Foundation. Under his guidance, the foundation's annual revenues soared enabling it to offer a broad array of programmatic services annually. In 2016, under James's leadership, the foundation transformed, becoming the Bridge Builders Foundation, with an expanded mission to leverage through partnerships and assist multiple community-based organizations. The Bridge Builders Foundation now boasts a dedicated office, and full-time staff, and serves over 600 youth annually through programs, with an additional 2,000 youth benefiting from initiatives and outreach efforts.

James' vision is for Bridge Builders to become a cornerstone of community service, delivering high-quality programs while actively engaging in community empowerment, education, systems navigation, policy advocacy, and fostering long-term sustainability for future generations.

UDUAK-JOE NTUK

Change Agent Alumnus of the Year

Uduak-Joe Ntuk is a nationally recognized energy and environmental expert with nearly two decades of experience in the public and private sectors. He is a former state energy regulator, LA City Petroleum Administrator, and an adjunct faculty member at the California State University, Long Beach in the Chemical Engineering Department. He earned a Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Southern California, Bachelors of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from California State University, Long Beach, and Certificate in Climate Change from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Mr. Ntuk is also a two-term elected member of the Long Beach City College Board of Trustees and member of the college's Alumni Hall of Fame.

Uduak-Joe served as the 17th State Oil & Gas Supervisor in the California Department of Conservation during the first term of the Newsom Administration, where he regulated the state's oil fields, underground natural gas storage facilities, and geothermal industries. He was the state's representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and Groundwater Protection Council. Mr. Ntuk secured more than \$250 million in state and federal funding to address California's century old problem of orphan wells which create hazards to waterways and potent methane greenhouse gas emissions. He also worked at the Los Angeles City Petroleum Administrator during the Garcetti Administration where he has first hand knowledge and expertise of the city's oil well drill sites, pipeline franchise agreements, marine oil terminals, orphan wells, natural gas storage facilities, and oil & gas ordinances.

Recognized subject matter expert in California oil and gas, orphan & idle wells, energy transition, and clean energy technologies. Mr. Ntuk has testified before Congress, California Legislature, American Association for the Advancement of Science, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Los Angeles City Council. He has expert knowledge and experience in Hydrogen, Geothermal, Direct Air Capture, and Methane Mitigation Capital Projects.

Partnered with the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop California's Just Transition Strategy. Provided adopted amendments to US Congress the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which established the \$4.7 billion federal orphan well program. He also provided technical support to the LA County and City Just Transition Taskforce which sought to advance plans to phase out oil extraction and develop recommendations for meeting the needs of impacted workers and communities. The taskforce created a first in the nation workforce development report for energy workers impacted by carbon neutrality policies.

SHARON & DAVID McLUCAS

Community Change Agents

David and Sharon McLucas are the owners of Forgotten Images: A Traveling Educational Exhibit and Museum. Their exhibit features thousands of lost and forgotten artifacts that span two centuries of the African American experience in America. After spending nearly 20 years amassing a personal collection of Black History artifacts, the couple has taken their memorabilia on the road with an enormous responsibility, “We are standing on the shoulders of our ancestors, and we want everyone to see how far we’ve come.”

The Forgotten Images Traveling Educational Exhibit and Museum has been featured at schools, churches, and community events throughout Southern California. The Museum is home to more than 2000 items that span from 1600-2011. There are more than 30 themed areas in the constantly growing Forgotten Images exhibit. A sampling of themes found in the exhibit are African American artwork, sports memorabilia, military, literature, theater, music, dolls, Cook Chicken Inn era, Civil Rights Era, Ku Klux Klan, and extensive collections of Aunt Jemima memorabilia. The display highlights all phases of African American history, both positive and negative, with the aim of instilling a sense of knowledge, awareness, and responsibility in everyone who comes in contact with the exhibit.

Sharon McLucas was born in Bakersfield, CA and raised in Long Beach, and is the daughter of the late Auquilla and Olen Scott. She has devoted her life to improving the community. Her community experience spans decades and includes coordinating the Long Beach MLK Parade, serving as president of the LB Poly Football Booster Club and NCNW, as well as positions on committees such as NAACP, Leadership Long Beach, LA Black Business Expo, CME Church, and many more. David McLucas is a product of Oxnard, CA and is best known for his athletic prowess on the track and on the basketball court. David continues to hold many track and field and basketball records throughout California. The couple met while they were students at California State University, Long Beach, David was a basketball star and Sharon was the first African-American cheerleader. Professionally, Sharon retired from the newspaper industry after 35 years. David is retired from Northrop Grumman in Hawthorne, where he worked for over 30 years.

Sharon and David McLucas took their life’s passion of collecting the Forgotten Images of African American history and turned it into a traveling museum. The goal of the museum is to serve as a tool of empowerment regarding African American History. It also educates and serves as a constant reminder of the triumphs and success of African Americans. The Forgotten Images Traveling Museum provides a deeper understanding of the contribution and role of African Americans to American history and culture.

EVELYN KNIGHT

Lifetime Achievement Award

A native of Africatown in Mobile, Alabama, Evelyn Knight had experienced segregation as a child, and chose to take the five day march from Selma to Montgomery to fight for voting rights. Pushing past fear into something bigger, she joined the crowd, kneeling to pray at the beckoning of Dr. King. Miss Knight took her activism from coast, to coast, from Baltimore, Maryland to Richmond, California, where she worked with organizations like the Black Panthers and their free breakfast program for children, senior escort service, and busing programs to take families to visit relatives in prison.

Believing the best and most sustainable path out of poverty and inequality is education, Miss Knight helped integrate an all-white school district in the Florissant suburb of St. Louis in the 1950s as a teacher and later taught Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach. Having faced Anti-Blackness and discrimination head-on in Long Beach in the 1960's, she has taken the lessons from the past to continue to build for the future of community.

Miss Knight helped found the Long Beach Community Improvement League, the oldest anti-poverty program in Long Beach, where she supported its first program, Project Tutor, laying the groundwork for the organization to provide the first Head Start early learning program in the western states region. She retired as the Executive Director of People Coordinated Services in Los Angeles in 1997. As a community organizer, she held discussion groups in her home, stood up against polluters in West Long Beach, advocated for environmental justice, supported the local Filipino Migrant Center, trained future generations of organizers. She continues to teach and speak out about housing discrimination, racism, inequality, and the power of community solidarity.



Featured Artist

KEYON HARROLD

Award-winning trumpeter, vocalist, songwriter, and producer **Keyon Harrold** will be touring in support of a new recording 'Foreverland' scheduled for release on January 19, 2024, on the Concord label.

This is an outstanding crossover album with features a bevy of collaborators. British R&B vocalist **Laura Mvula** sings on the title track 'Foreverland'. Emerging young singer **Malaya** is featured on 'Don't Lie'. **Common** and **Robert Glasper** contribute to the song 'Find Your Peace', and GRAMMY winning musician, producer, and singer-songwriter **PJ Morton** lends a wistful vocal to the nostalgic single 'Beautiful Day'.

Keyon Harrold first came into the International spotlight for his work as the trumpet voice behind the GRAMMY winning **Don Cheadle** film 'Miles Ahead', and his critically acclaimed album, 'The Mugician', (Sony Legacy / Mass Appeal). As a bandleader, he has created a compelling new statement with a riveting mix of jazz, Afrobeat, soul, spoken word, hip-hop, blues, rock, and even American folk. As a soloist, his distinctly warm trumpet sound simmers in the middle register; creating drama without aggrandizing, and mesmerizing live audiences with an emotionally charged concert presentation. **Wynton Marsalis** has stated "Keyon Harrold is the future of the trumpet".

In addition to being one of the leading voices in Jazz Music, **Keyon Harrold** has collaborated with many of the top hip hop and pop artists including: **Snoop Dogg**, **Jay Z**, **Beyonce**, **Rihanna**, **Eminem**, **Maxwell**, and **Anthony Hamilton**, and rock legends **Keith Richards** and **Jeff Beck**. These experiences broadened his musical horizons beyond jazz to include funk, Afrobeat, R&B, rock and roll, and hip hop.

He is currently touring a quintet that is making one of the strongest artistic statements of any musical group today, rooted in jazz music, the band freestyles and solos with authority and weaves the spectrum of African American music into a sonic expression that can best be described as Bop Pop Hip-Hop Jazz!!!

In addition to performing with his Quintet, he can appear as a featured soloist with Big Bands and Orchestras. Additionally, a special program "**Jazz And The Birth of Hip Hop**" with special guests **MC Black Milk**, **Chris Dave**, and **Georgia Anne Muldrow** is also available.



Our Host

DR. JOHN HAMILTON



Dr. John Hamilton serves as the systemwide Assistant Vice Chancellor of Strategic Partnerships & Student Success Initiatives for California State University. Prior to serving in this capacity, he served as the Associate Vice President for Student Success & Equity at California State University, Long Beach providing leadership to bridge for services, via Academic and Student Affairs, that impact access and retention across the university. Additionally, Dr. Hamilton served as co-chair of the California State University, Long Beach President’s Equity and Change Commission.

A former teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, Dr. Hamilton knew that “impact” and “scalability” were critical to the success of equity and diversity in urban schools. Transitioning to higher education, Dr. Hamilton used “impact” and “scalability” throughout his career with great success. Dr. Hamilton has held leadership positions across a variety of higher education institutions including UCLA and Loyola Marymount and has taught at Pepperdine University, National University, and Occidental College. Prior to his role as AVP of Student Success & Equity, Dr. Hamilton was the Director of Educational Opportunity Program and Guardian Scholars at California State University, Long Beach.

Dr. Hamilton has presented at numerous conferences and provided workshops on equity, diversity, hip-hop, pop culture, welfare-to-work programming, foster youth, community policing, and identity-conscious strategies.

As an influencer and leader in higher education institutions, Dr. Hamilton seeks to improve practices, inform decisions, strengthen communities, and ensure success. An expert, leader, and advocate, Dr. Hamilton has a strong passion to assist BIPOC students to excel in and outside of the classroom. He pays particular attention to African American males, in the efforts to dispel the myths and deficit perspective attitudes within and beyond the walls of education.

Thank You

A title does not make a leader. Leaders are not decided by awards or honors. They are not built from experience but from a need to make change and the courage to speak up. The true mark of a leader is measured by the lives that they touch. Leaders are inspired by a legacy of empathy, of perseverance through challenges, of truth with compassion and integrity with love. We recognize these passions within our village and within you. Thank you so much for your continued support and the inspiration which has touched us all.

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BLACK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP GALA

STUDENT AFFAIRS



Dr. Beth Lesen
VP, Student Affairs

I want to extend my warmest congratulations to all the award recipients and scholarship recipients for their outstanding achievements. Your hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence are what make you stand out, and we are excited to see how you will use your talents and skills to make a positive impact on The Beach community. I also want to thank the community for their generous support and for believing in the power of education to transform lives. Without your unwavering support, this event would not have been possible, and we are grateful for your continued support in making our community stronger and more vibrant.

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May 5, 2024

Dear Donors of the CSULB Black Alumni Scholarship,

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the honor of being awarded the Black Alumni Scholarship. I am truly humbled and appreciative for this incredible opportunity. Your generosity in providing financial support to Black students pursuing their education at CSULB is truly commendable, and I am immensely grateful to be a recipient of your scholarship.

As a senior at CSULB, this scholarship has been instrumental, and thanks to this support, I'll soon be graduating. Looking ahead, I'm eager to pay it forward by creating more opportunities for Black students and making a positive impact on my community. As a student planning to further my education and pursue a Ph.D. in Biostatistics, your generous gift brings me one step closer to accomplishing this goal.

The scholarship you have graciously bestowed upon me has significantly assisted me in this current academic semester, easing the financial burden of my education. By alleviating some of the financial pressures, you have enabled me to dedicate more time and focus to my studies. Your kindness and support have not only provided me with the means to pursue my educational goals but have also inspired me to give back to others. I am determined to assist students in achieving their aspirations, just as you have assisted me.

Once again, I want to express my sincerest gratitude for your belief in my potential and your investment in my future. I am honored to be a recipient of the Black Alumni Scholarship, and I promise to make the most of this opportunity.

With an abundance of love and sincere gratitude,

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BLACK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP GALA

Supporting Education

The Port of Long Beach supports local students with internships and scholarships and we work closely with CSULB and our other local education partners to develop our workforce and leadership of the future.

We're proud to support CSULB's third annual Black Alumni Scholarship Gala – congratulations to your **2024** honorees.



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The Carpenter Center is proud to support the Black Resource Center and the next generation of scholars, and honored to be one of the co-sponsors of the 4th Annual Black Alumni Scholarship Gala.

Congratulations to this year's honorees!



Cecile Harris Walters
Alumna of the Year



**David & Sharon
McLucas**
*Community
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James Breedlove
*Bridge Builders
Alumnus of the Year*



Uduak-Joe Ntuk
*LBCC Board
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April Parker
*April Parker
Foundation
Community Partner
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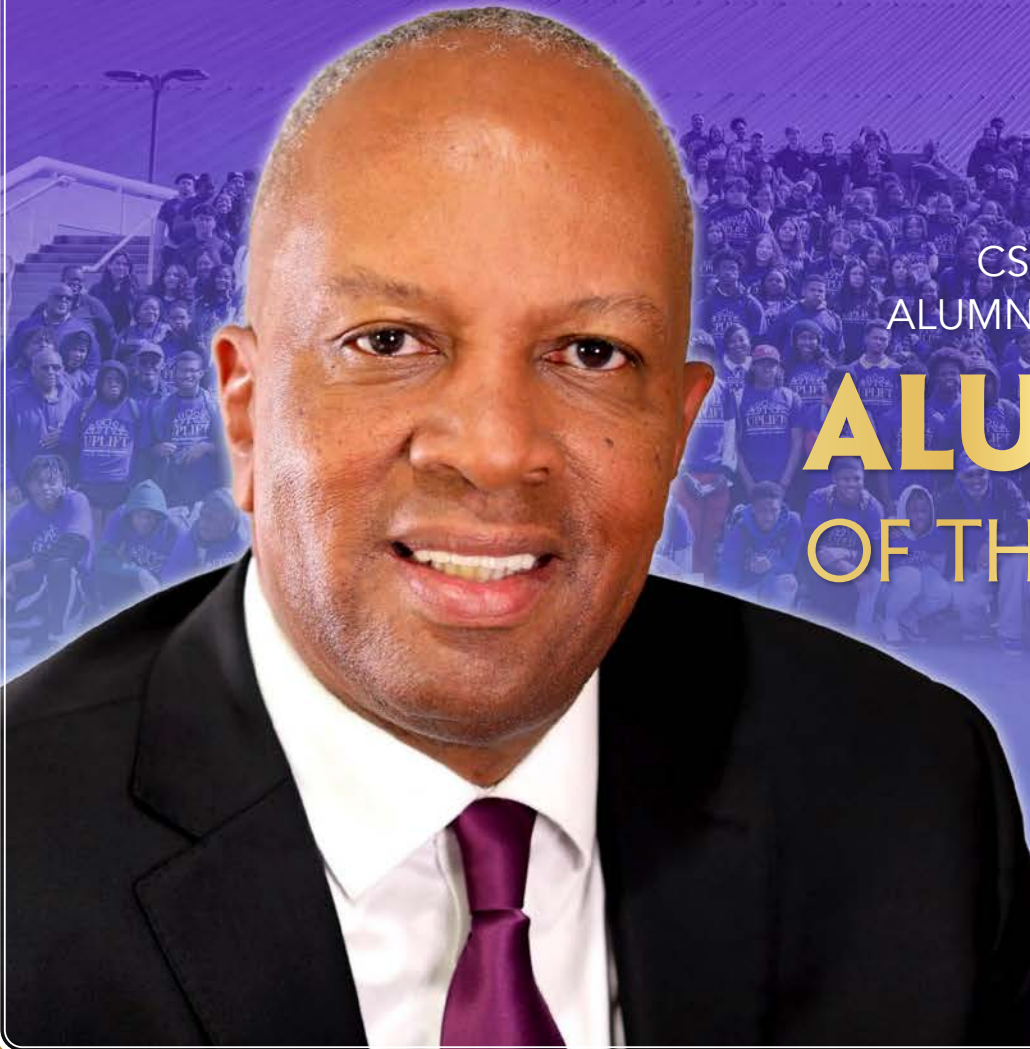
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Congratulations!

JAMES BREEDLOVE

President, Bridge Builders Foundation



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to congratulate one of our own

Uduak-Joe Ntuk

Long Beach Community College
District Board of Trustees Area 1

Recipient of the
Change Agent Alumnus of the Year
California State University Long Beach
2024 Black Excellence Award



Congratulations to all of the honorees at the 4th Annual CSULB Black Alumni Scholarship Gala

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2024 HONOREES

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Community Partner of the Year

Uduak Joe-Ntuk

Change Agent Alumna of the Year

Cecile Harris Walters

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Sharon & David McLucas

Community Change Agents

James Breedlove

Alumnus of the Year

Evelyn Knight

Lifetime Achievement Award

And all the recipients of the Black Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Let's also remember and honor all those students of color who came before. Those who with very little means, and/or no financial support, persevered against great odds to reach their educational goals.

John Sealy, M.D.



Civilization, it was once said, is a race between education and catastrophe—and we intend to win that race for education.

John F. Kennedy



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Congratulations

to the
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HONOREES

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From Vice President Beth Lesen



Student Affairs

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Bobby Hutton • Botham Jean • Brendon Glenn • Brian Keith Day • Breonna Taylor • Brooklyn Lindsey • Calin Roquemore • Cariol Horne
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