



STATE OF THE UNION

By Kennedy Johnson, BSU Founder & President

It has been a phenomenal year so far for the Black Student Union (**BSU**), and we have accomplished a lot, including:

- **BSU** established November 8, 2019
- Kick-off Event and 1st General Meeting, November 21, 2019
- Affinity Circle Group
- Kwanzaa Celebration
- Holiday Food Drive
- Oakland Food Bank Volunteer Event
- Black Legacy Month Celebrations
 - deYoung Museum, Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power Exhibit
 - Mini Movie Series
 - Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) and Book Club Collaborations
 - Library Book Donation of SLAY (4)
 - Legacy Luncheon (100+ people!)
 - (Middle) School-wide Blackout!

As founder, I want to thank everyone for their support, especially my board - Senai, Maya, Anaiya & Symone for always showing up and doing what needs to be done! Special thanks to our advisor, Mr. Hopkins for keeping us focused! **BSU elections** are coming up, and I look forward to seeing the next generation of **BSU** leaders build on the foundation that's been laid and take the **BSU** to new heights!

BLACK LEGACY MONTH IN REVIEW

BSU hosted a series of events last month to celebrate Black Legacy Month. We kicked off our month-long celebration with a trip to see the highly acclaimed, *Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power* at the de Young Museum in San Francisco. It was amazing!



Did you see our Black Excellence displays in the Lower and Middle Schools? Students got to know living legends like Mr. Hopkins' Aunt and radio icon, Renel Brooks Moon; and Marian Croak who invented phone calls over-the-Internet technology!

Our first on-campus event was our Movie Series. We watched a *Grown-ish* episode on Cultural Appreciation vs. Appropriation followed by a discussion on the mainstreaming of Black Culture. We continued our Series in collaboration with the GSA, viewing a *Loving v. Virginia* short film that sparked a candid conversation about interracial marriage, mixed-race heritage and identity.

We also collaborated with the Book Club and had a fun group chat about SLAY by Brittney Morris. **BSU** donated four copies of SLAY and **BSU** bookmarks to the library. Stop by and pick one up!

We ended the month with a Soul Food Luncheon & **100+** people in attendance! We played "Who Am I" Bingo and learned who the 1st Black billionaire was. With help from friends and the Black Excellence display & **BSU** bookmark, everyone got blackout! It was a fun event filled with great music & incredible food. The mac & cheese was my favorite! Then there was a Blackout! Students & faculty wore black to signify the fight for racial justice & equality continues. Thanks for helping us **Remember, Educate & Celebrate!**

Legacy Luncheon & "Who Am I" Bingo



BLACK STUDENT UNION
Legacy
 LUNCHEON

MAIN COURSE

*southern fried chicken
 baked macaroni & cheese
 collard greens
 cornbread muffins*

DESSERT

peach cobbler



“BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY”

- 1619 The 1st Africans are brought to America
- 1776 United States of America is founded
- 1861 The issue of slavery leads to Civil War
- 1863 Emancipation Proclamation is signed
- 1865 The 13th Amendment outlaws slavery
- 1870 Hiram Revels, 1st Black U.S. Senator
- 1947 Jackie Robinson, 1st Black MLB player
- 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* bans segregation in schools based on race
- 1955 Rosa Parks' arrest spurs Montgomery Bus Boycott & Civil Rights Movement
- 1963 March on Washington - Martin Luther King Jr. delivers "I have a Dream"
- 1964 Civil Rights Act bans discrimination based on race, color, religion & nationality
- 1966 Black Panther Party founded in Oakland
- 1967 Thurgood Marshall becomes the 1st Black U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- 1968 Shirley Chisholm is the 1st Black woman elected to Congress
- 1976 Black History Month is recognized
- 1983 MLK Jr. Day becomes Federal Holiday
- 1993 Carol Moseley-Braun is the 1st Black woman elected to the U. S. Senate
- 2001 Robert L. Johnson, owner of BET, becomes 1st Black billionaire in U.S.
- 2002 Serena Williams is ranked the #1 Female Tennis Player in the World
- 2003 Oprah Winfrey (OWN Network) becomes 1st Black woman billionaire
- 2008 Barack Obama, 1st Black President
- 2013 Black Lives Matter movement founded
- 2019 SPES Black Student Union founded



Join the Black Student Union as we
 Honor Our Past, Celebrate Our Present, and
INSPIRE OUR FUTURE!

 DR. MAE JEMISON Astronaut (1992)	 EDDIE BRYANT Football Player (1956)	 BLACK LIVES MATTER Social Movement (2013)	 LIZZO Musician (2015)	 COLIN KAEPERNIK Football Player (2011)	 SERENA WILLIAMS Tennis Player (1985)	 RYA DOVERKAY Poet (1996)
 BRENNAN WOODS Actor (2015)	 RYAN OCHOAIZ Actor (2015)	 SIMONE BILES Gymnast (2013)	 TAYYIBAH CARTER Actress (2015)	 LENA WAITHE Actress (2015)	 REBEL BROOKE MOORE Actress (2015)	 LONDON BREED Mayor (2018)
 COMMON Actor (2015)	 JORDIN SPARKS Singer (2007)	 TIANA TURNER Actress (2015)	 NIA FRANKLIN Actress (2015)	 SHELLEE NYST, ESQ. Lawyer (2015)	 KAILASH GARRIS Actress (2015)	 MARLAN GREEN, PhD Professor (2015)