

# 39th Annual Board Installation & Awards Fundraiser Gala

THURSDAY

*December 12, 2024*

6:00-9:00 PM

Welcome to the 39th Annual Board Installation and Awards Fundraiser Gala! Together we will celebrate the outstanding leaders in our community and welcome the new board members.

Cheers to an evening of delicious food, celebration, and networking with local entrepreneurs and changemakers.

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# *Program*

## Arrivals & Networking

Welcome.....Azizza Davis Goines and Chris Thomas

## Awards Presentation

Keynote.....Bishop Parnell Lovelace

Young Leadership Collaborative.....Kaifa Yates and Munir Omar

Live Auction.....Dr. Luke Wood

Board Installation.....Daniel Hahn

Closing.....Azizza Davis Goines and Chris Thomas

# Message from the President

AZIZZA DAVIS GOINES  
CAPITAL BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Welcome to the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation's 39th Annual Installation and Awards Fundraiser Gala—our Celebration of Change. We are truly excited to have you join us this evening as we honor our achievements, celebrate our community, and look ahead to an even brighter future. Your presence here tonight means so much, and we're thrilled to share this special occasion with you!

This past year has been a whirlwind of growth, from new programs and collaborations to board development and community impact.

A highlight has been our midtown Sacramento building, a historic space that continues to serve our members and community. For example, the Sacramento Realist Association recently hosted a holiday event there, collecting suitcases for foster youth—a tremendous success. Thank you for all that you do for our community.

Our Chamber membership has grown to over 400, keeping us busy delivering the resources and support entrepreneurs need to thrive. This year, we launched ELEVATE, a program empowering local Black Chambers in Northern California to better serve their communities and to become more effective Chambers for those they serve. We celebrated our first cohort in August and are excited to expand this training to our second and third cohorts in the Inland Empire in the first quarter of 2025.

Tonight, we are here to celebrate and support the 16th cohort of our Young Leadership Collaborative (YLC). These motivated young leaders represent the future of entrepreneurship and community leadership. Your generosity tonight ensures they receive the guidance and resources they need to succeed and give back to our state.

Thank you for joining us tonight. Let's make it a memorable and impactful evening!

—Azizza

# *39th Annual Board Installation & Awards Fundraiser Gala*

This event serves three main purposes:

## **Board of Directors Installation**

- We are proud to install the volunteer Board of Directors, who will lead the Chamber Foundation by developing policies and assuming fiduciary responsibility for the organization's future.

## **Fundraising for the Young Leadership Collaborative (YLC)**

- Now in its 16th year, YLC is a premier program dedicated to preparing young adults for entrepreneurship and leadership. Your support tonight helps sustain and expand this impactful initiative.

## **Awards & Recognition**

- We honor excellence by presenting awards in the following categories:
  - Non-Profit of the Year
  - Small Business of the Year
  - Trailblazer of the Year

Thank you for joining us in celebrating leadership, entrepreneurship, and community excellence.

# *Master of Ceremonies*

## CHRISTOPHER THOMAS ABC 10 NEWS



Chris Thomas is an anchor at ABC10 in Sacramento, California, known for his in-depth and impactful news reporting. Since joining the station in January 2017, Chris has been a trusted voice for viewers, delivering the news weeknights at 6 p.m. and at 11 p.m. on Late News Tonight.

With a career marked by award-winning journalism, Chris has covered significant national events, including the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and Pope Francis' visit to Washington, D.C. His coverage of the Baltimore unrest following Freddie Gray's death and his viral interview with the Imperial Wizard of the Rebel Brigade Knights of the Ku Klux Klan garnered international recognition.

A proud graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Chris earned his degree in English with departmental honors. His journalism journey began in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama, as an Associate Producer. He later anchored in Richmond, Virginia, and Augusta, Georgia, before bringing his expertise to ABC10.

Known for his personable approach and dedication to community storytelling, Chris is always eager to connect with viewers and welcomes story ideas from across the region.

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# Trailblazer of the Year

LAUREN HAMMOND  
FORMER CITY COUNCILMEMBER



Tonight, we honor a remarkable woman whose legacy has forever transformed Sacramento: Lauren Hammond, the first Black woman elected to the Sacramento City Council. Her groundbreaking election in 1997 broke barriers and set a precedent for future generations of women leaders in our community.

Born and raised in Sacramento, Lauren's journey in public service began at a young age. Influenced by the unrest of the Watts riots in 1965, she made a vow to create meaningful change in people's lives. This commitment to justice and equity shaped her career path, leading her to represent District 5 on the council for 13 years, fiercely advocating for underserved communities.

Beyond her time in office, Lauren remained a pivotal figure in shaping California's political landscape. She was a mentor, a champion for diversity, and a fierce advocate for women in leadership. As the leader of the Sacramento chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, she worked tirelessly to recruit and train women candidates, ensuring that her legacy of empowerment lived on.

Her impact on Sacramento is immeasurable. Lauren Hammond was more than a trailblazer; she was a beacon of hope, courage, and resilience. As we present this award tonight, we not only celebrate her achievements but also recognize the lasting influence she has had on all of us.

She may be gone, but her legacy lives on in every life she touched and every barrier she broke. We are honored to remember her tonight and to celebrate a life dedicated to the service of others.

This award is accepted by her wife, Margaret Maher, and her sister, Carol Hammond, as we honor Lauren's indelible mark on our city and beyond.

A woman with voluminous curly hair, wearing an orange button-down shirt, is smiling and looking off-camera to the right. She is holding a smartphone in her hands. The background is a bright, slightly blurred indoor setting with a window.

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# Non-Profit of the Year

SISTERS OF NIA



Sisters of Nia is a Sacramento-based non-profit organization dedicated to empowering and uplifting young African American girls. Led by Founder and Executive Director Synthia Smith, the organization provides culturally relevant programs that promote self-esteem, leadership, academic achievement, and positive identity development.

Sisters of Nia's mission is to nurture and support girls as they navigate adolescence, equipping them with tools and guidance to embrace their unique strengths and reach their full potential. Through fostering community, cultural pride, and self-respect, Sisters of Nia inspires the next generation of young women to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

To find out more, please visit [www.sistersofnia.org](http://www.sistersofnia.org).

# Thank You to Our Speakers

DANIEL HAHN  
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR | CSU, SACRAMENTO



Daniel Hahn retired after a 34-year law enforcement career, serving as the first African American police chief in Roseville and Sacramento. Raised in Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood, he overcame personal challenges to rise through the Sacramento Police Department, eventually leading it through transformative times. Hahn holds degrees from Sacramento State and National University and is a graduate of prestigious leadership programs. He has been recognized for his service and continues to contribute as an adjunct professor and community volunteer. A proud husband and father, Hahn's legacy reflects resilience, leadership, and dedication to public safety.



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# Thank You to Our Speakers

BISHOP PARNELL LOVELACE  
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Known as the "People's Bishop," Bishop Lovelace is a dynamic pastor, mentor, and progressive leader who founded Center of Praise Ministries 35 years ago. His ministry blends spiritual insight with social science to uplift and embrace all communities, particularly the marginalized and disenfranchised. A Sacramento native, he holds multiple advanced degrees, including a PhD in Intercultural Studies, and has received numerous honors, such as induction into the MLK Jr. International Board of Preachers. He is an accomplished author, adjunct professor, and Vice President of Diversity, Reconciliation, and Unity at Jessup University. Bishop Lovelace is a devoted husband to Lady Dianna, proud father and grandfather.



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# Thank You to Our Speakers

DR. LUKE WOOD  
PRESIDENT | CSU, SACRAMENTO



Dr. Luke Wood is the ninth president of Sacramento State. A renowned scholar on racial equity, Dr. Wood has authored 16 books and nearly 200 works addressing inequality in education. Since returning to his alma mater in 2023, he has launched transformative initiatives, including the nation's first Black Honors College and Combat U, a collegiate boxing and MMA pathway.

President Wood's wife, Dr. Idara Essien-Wood, is a tenured associate professor of Early Childhood Development at San Diego State. They have three children. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc. and is an amateur boxer.

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# YLC Program

Young Leadership Collaborative (YLC) is an entrepreneurial/leadership program sponsored through the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation for students between the ages of 16 to 23.

## Objective:

YLC provides students the theoretical and practical tools necessary to be successful in business.

## Requirements:

16-23 years of age  
Enrolled in High School or College  
3.0 GPA or ABOVE  
Transcripts ask upon approval of the program

Orientation is mandatory. If under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must be present during orientation.



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Resume & Interview Skills  
Mission & Vision

## Process:

Application Deadline is October 11th  
Group Interviews on November 9th  
Orientation on December 7th  
Workshops will be from January-June 2025

A Scholarship Awarded Upon  
Program Completion

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# Thank You to Our YLC Speakers

## “MR. MO” STUDENT | CSU, SACRAMENTO



Munir Omar referred to as Mo, is an international student at Sac State and a proud alumnus of the Young Leadership Collaborative program. Originally from Zanzibar, Tanzania, Mo has embraced opportunities to engage in leadership development and community impact during his time in the U.S. Last semester, Mo fully participated in the YLC program and was appointed to its steering committee, where he contributed to the program's organization and success. With a strong passion for education and community empowerment, Mo continues to share his insights to inspire future leaders.

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KAIFA YATES  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR | CAPITAL BLACK CHAMBER



Kaifa Yates is the Program Coordinator for the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce, supporting the Young Leadership Collaborative scholarship program. A Sacramento native, Kaifa earned a Bachelor's in Liberal Studies and a Master's in Educational Technology from Sacramento State, where he has held several leadership roles, including President of the Black Staff and Faculty organization. With over 14 years of experience in education, he is a mentor, advisor, and advocate for students. Kaifa is a proud husband, father of three, and the eldest son in a family with roots in Monrovia, Liberia.



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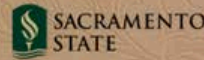
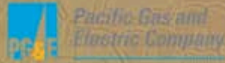
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