

# Black Graduation and Achievement Ceremony

Friday, June 14 | 5 p.m.

Visual & Performing Arts Center

*Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some  
other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for.  
We are the change that we seek.*

– Barack Obama



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## Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

Feven Asmelash

Jessica Bryant

Siena Darbey

Amariah Davidson

Amanuel Demelash

Lydia Dessu

Khadija Elmahi

Hawi Feisa

Kahmeya Ferguson

Joseph Flood

Briane Gadson

Cyrene Gardner

Niyana Graves

Taeshon Hurd

Zahra Jahankhah

Daniel Johnson

Amari Maze

Michael McGillicuddy

Aysia Minor

Marcus Moore

Mirah Rasoarimino

Hannah Ratliff

Micah Rudin

Rhema Sosimi

Jade Stevens

Alana Washington

Kristian Washington

Brianna Wiley

Jonathan Yancy

### BFSA Scholarships

Amari Maze  
Student Scholarship

Rhema Sosimi  
Academic Excellence

Jade Stevens  
Student Achievement

### W.E.B. Du Bois Awards

Taeshon Hurd  
Alana Washington

### Sankofa Awards

Amanuel Demelash  
Kristian Washington

### UMOJA Awards

Jessica Bryant  
Excellence Award

Micah Rudin  
Leadership Award

## Program

### • Opening Performance •

Libation  
Kuumba  
African Dance and Drumming

### • Welcome •

Glynn Wallis, M.S.  
Co-Chair, BFSA Network; Counselor

### • Black National Anthem •

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”  
Diane Rose Fonkwo  
Umoja Student

### • Greeting and Acknowledgements •

Michelle Hernandez, M.S.  
Dean, Equity and Engagement

### • Introduction of Student Speaker •

Maurice Canyon, M.S.  
Co-Chair, BFSA Network; Counselor/Coordinator, Umoja

### • Student Speaker •

Micah Rudin  
Umoja Student; President, Black Student Union

### • Dance and Drumming Performance •

Kuumba

### • Introduction of Keynote Speaker •

Mr. Canyon

### • Keynote Speaker •

Terence Elliott, Ed.D.  
Professor of Music and Humanities, Diablo Valley College; Board Member, A<sup>2</sup>MEND

### • Presentation of Scholarships and Awards •

Mr. Canyon

### • Presentation of Certificates •

Leah Smith, M.A.  
Counselor, EOPS

### • Closing Remarks •

Mr. Wallis

### • Closing Performance •

Kuumba

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