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# Black Grad

CULTIVATING BLACK EXCELLENCE



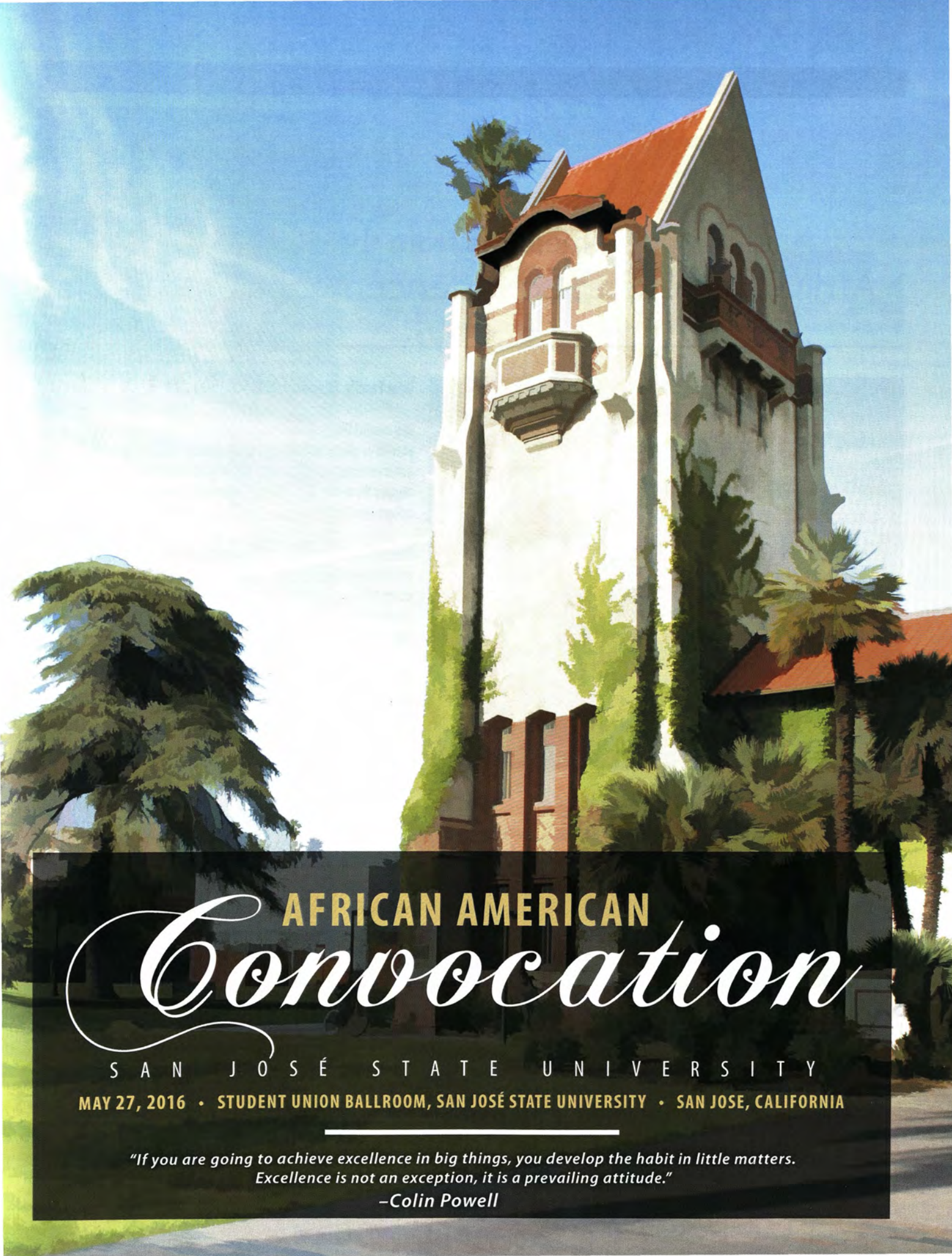
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Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude."

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## A message from the African American Commencement Committee



*2016 African American  
Commencement Committee*

### Executive Board

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Dear Family, Friends, and Loved Ones,

We would like to thank you for all the love and support you have given us throughout the years. Our academic achievement would not be obtainable without you. As we depart from San Jose State University, we would like to acknowledge the impact you have made in our lives.

During the 34th African American Commencement, we are celebrating the students who have accomplished many goals throughout their educational journey and committed themselves to being important members of the San Jose State University student body.

We would like to show gratitude to our sponsors for their bountiful donations and contributions to the graduates as well as today's ceremony.

Lastly, let us take a moment to acknowledge all those who assisted on the planning committee to make this ceremony a success.

### Congrats 2016 Graduates

Continue to strive and preserve for success in your life!  
**WE DID IT!**

Sincerely,  
2016 African American Commencement Board





## Order of Ceremony

Processional

Invocation

Negro National Anthem

Co-Chair Welcome

Faculty Welcome

Student Performance

Student Speaker

Student Performance

Alumni Address

Keynote Address

Greek Showcase

Presentation of Graduating Class

Closing Remarks

Turning of Tassels

Recessional



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May 2016

To the Class of 2016:

**Congratulations on your Graduation! I am proud and honored to celebrate your success with you.**

The academic achievement you celebrate today, born of hard work and dedication is the foundation for your future. Your graduation is a milestone: it marks the end of one journey and also the beginning of your life as alumni of San José State University. You have worked tirelessly to earn your degree but still this is only the beginning of our journey.

Each of you has overcome various trials to get here. You've come to learn who you are and rose to meet every challenge. You've grown personally and academically. That is the true Spartan spirit. You know that your dreams can only be realized through diligence.

Education is a life-long process and I wish you well as you continue your intellectual accomplishments and personal growth. San José State is very proud of you. Today, you can be proud to call yourself Spartan alumni.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Martin, Ph.D.  
Interim President





Key Note Speaker

## Dr. Reginald Blaylock



Dr. Reginald (Reggie) Blaylock joined San Jose State as the vice president for Student Affairs in June 2015, where he oversees support of 32,000 students. In this division he manages a budget of over \$89 million dollars, 340 full-time employees and about 400 student employees. His initial focus has been on finding ways to connect students to the campus and he himself is often engaged with students through open forums, club activities, athletic contests, and other university events.

As a member of the President's cabinet, Blaylock is an integral part of developing a strategic vision for the campus. He works closely with the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs on developing initiatives that support student success, with a specific emphasis on increasing retention and graduation rates. He serves as Co-chair for the President's Commission on Diversity, a group that supports creating a more diverse and inclusive community.

In Student Affairs, Blaylock oversees 31 departments that are focused on student services including Campus Life, Enrollment Services and Student Services. His departments support students at all points of their educational career, from pre-admission through graduation and job search.

Blaylock has worked in the California State University system for the past 28 years, holds a bachelor's in public administration with a personnel emphasis and a sociology minor, and a master's in public administration from SDSU. He completed a doctorate in educational leadership with an emphasis on postsecondary education.





# 2016 Graduates

## Amber Atkinson



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Child and Adolescent Development**

**Minor: Justice Studies**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Peer Health Educator (PHE), Child and Adolescent Development Club, Crisis Lines Telephone Counselor, Residential Counselor - S.T.A.R. Programs

Plans Post-Graduation:

There are so many choices of what to do post-graduation, which makes life so beautiful. Everything is literally at my fingertips to accomplish any goal. I'm going to change the world- one person at a time. I want to continue in the non-profit world and eventually own my own non-profit focusing on homeless children and families. Finishing college was for my daddy- rest in peace Billy Joe Lewis, Jr. I love you!

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*But the Bible says, even though we may blow it every day, God's mercy is fresh for us every morning.*

- Kathie Lee Gifford

## Aniya Baker



**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Organizational Studies**

**Minor: Radio, Television and Film**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Women's Basketball

Plans Post-Graduation:

First NCAA Women's Basketball head coach



# 2016 Graduates

## Sha'Ronai Bell



**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Forensic Science w/ a Concentration in Biology**

**Minor: Chemistry**

Organization Affiliation(s):

African American Community, Service Agency, Black Student Union, African American Commencement Committee, African American Society of Mentors, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Plans Post-Graduation:

Job Field: Criminal Justice

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Sacrifice now, for a better life later. Success is a journey, not a destination.*

## Egiyah Beverly



**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Nutritional Science with an emphasis in Nutrition Education**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Cal-SOAP Academic Coach/Tutor, Nutrition and Food Science Club, Meals on Wheels Volunteer, Sacred Heart Volunteer, Telephone Crisis Line Counselor

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to become a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) and work as a health inspector. While in the process, I will work for the WIC program (Women, Infant, and Children) as a nutrition counselor.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Edan we made it !*



# 2016 Graduates

## Riana Janaé Byrd



**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Communication Studies**

## C'Airra Callum



**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Health Science**  
**Minor: Nutrition**

Plans Post-Graduation:

My post graduation plans include finishing up any necessary science courses so that I will be able to apply to a nursing program. I hope to continue my education here at San Jose State, but if not I am open to attending any school that accepts me. Following my completion of my nursing program, I would like to pursue a career in either neonatal nursing or labor and delivery.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*The journey may not be perfect but the purpose is; never doubt the path God is taking you on.*



# 2016 Graduates

## Jade Dozier



**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Communication Studies**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
Black Campus Ministries

Plans Post-Graduation:  
Graduate school at SJSU

Quote for the Class of 2016:  
*Put God first....Good answer!*

## Roza Georgeo



**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Sociology with a Concentration in Community Change**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
Habesha Student Association- Vice President, Black Student Union - Director of Outreach, Black Grad- Fundraising CoChair, African American Society of Mentors

Plans Post-Graduation:  
I plan to pursue a career in the Probation field. I aspire to attend graduate school after one year to achieve my master's in Social Work. Regardless of whichever path life takes me, I plan to continue to uplift my community and be seen as a positive influence for my people.

Quote for the Class of 2016:  
*What's meant for me will be mine*



# 2016 Graduates

## Joetta Hall



**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Psychology**  
**Minor: Communication Studies**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Event Director of Black Grad Spring 2015, Manager of Women's Track & Field 2014-2015, STEM student Spring 2015

Plans Post-Graduation:

Be an account executive and then pursue a master's in industrial & organizational psychology. Hopefully open up my own non-profit organization that help young African Americans get a good foundation of education.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*With sheer will you can overcome adversity*

## Nyre Harris



**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Psychology**



# 2016 Graduates

## Elexus James



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Child & Adolescent Development**

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduation I plan to get my master's degree in Social Work and work with at-risk youth in the community.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Never give up on a dream just because of the time it takes to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.*

## Kalyn Perthina Johnson



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: African American Studies**

**Minor: Business Management**

Organization Affiliation(s):

BARC- Bay Area Retail Leadership Center, BSU- Black Student Union, BASE- The Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers, Strive For College, Public Relations Student Society of America

Plans Post-Graduation:

I found that nothing in life is worthwhile unless you take risks. After graduation I plan on pursuing my education further in applying to grad school. After I plan on becoming a marriage counselor and reaching my goal as a college professor teaching African American Studies.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*They told me I couldn't, that's why I did.*



# 2016 Graduates

## Habtamu Kebede



**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Political Science**  
**Minor: Psychology**

Plans Post-Graduation:  
Hoping to attend a graduate school of social work.

## Rosa Mae Latham White



**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Justice Studies**  
**Minor: African American Studies and Psychology**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
2011-2016 SJSU Gospel Choir (Treasurer 2014-2015), Black Student Union, 2011-2012 Bricks Vice President and Royce Hall Second Floor Representative, 2011-2012 Student Elections Commission Representative, SCIENCE 2/90T Peer Advisor

Plans Post-Graduation:  
Use my degree to guide and help the African American community, especially low-income areas by working with youth who are currently incarcerated, on probation, or at-risk.

Quote for the Class of 2016:  
*Don't let oppression dim your light, for even the Northern Lights shine in the night skies.*



# 2016 Graduates

## Rachel Danielle Lewis



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Child and Adolescent Development**

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to attend San Jose State University's Multiple Subject Credential Program with MA in Education.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*She is clothed with strength and dignity; she shall rejoice in time to come.*

- Proverbs 31:25

## Megan Lockette



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Sociology**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland

Plans Post-Graduation:

Attain my Masters in Social Work to work forward in becoming a Clinical Social Worker for families and disadvantaged youth.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience.*

- MLK



# 2016 Graduates

## Clarence McGhee III



**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Business Management**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Incorporated (Treasurer), Black Campus Ministries (Director of Outreach), African American Society of Mentors (Vice President), National Pan-Hellenic Council (Sargent of Arms), Black Student Union (Member)

Plans Post-Graduation:

Internship with Home Depot. ATL here I come!!!!

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*I'm Young, Black, and Educated. Y'all done messed up now!*

## Delight Nwangwu



**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Public Relations**  
**Minor: Psychology**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Incorporated, PRSSA (Public Relation Student Society of America)

Plans Post-Graduation:

Owning an event planning service, specializing in parties and weddings.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."*  
- Langston Hughes



# 2016 Graduates

## Imose Retina Ogbeiwi



**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Psychology**  
**Minor: Forensic Science**

Organization Affiliation(s):

African American Society of Mentors, BSU, On-campus employee - Frosh Orientation Leader, Student Assistant, Peer Advisor, African American Task force

Plans Post-Graduation:

Wherever my heart desires

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me*

- Philippians 4:13

## Folasade Ogunbanwo



**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Public Relations**  
**Minor: Communications**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Plans Post-Graduation:

Join a Public Relations agency, soon to have my own PR firm.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*You know you got it together if you can turn up and still end up on top.*



# 2016 Graduates

## Anthonia N. Okowi



**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Public Relations**

**Minor: Radio, Television, Video, and Film, Second Minor: Communication**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Incorporated, Educational Opportunity Program, Black Student Union, Public Relations Student Society of America: Pearce Davies Alpha Chapter

Plans Post-Graduation:

Short term goal would be teaching abroad in London, New York, or LA. Long term goal is to be working in Entertainment PR or Fashion PR.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*You can have it all, just not all at once*

- Oprah Winfrey

*Think like a queen, A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another steppingstone to greatness.*

- Oprah Winfrey

*And though she be but little, she is fierce*

- Shakespeare

## Ciara Louise Perkins



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Social Work**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduation, I plan on working in Mental Health within my community, servicing those with whose voice is not heard.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for men.*

- Colossians 3:23



# 2016 Graduates

## Aaron Sharpe



**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: General Business**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc

Plans Post-Graduation:  
Go to grad school as a psychology major.

Quote for the Class of 2016:  
*Work hard for what you want because it won't come without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. If somebody puts you down or criticizes you, just keep on believing in yourself and turn it into something positive.*  
- Leah LaBelle

## Briana Izegbe Smith



**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Sociology**  
**Minor: Justice Studies**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
SJSU Hip Hop (2013-14), APM Modern (2015)

Plans Post-Graduation:  
To study law and become a successful attorney.

Quote for the Class of 2016:  
*My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style*  
- Maya Angelou



# 2016 Graduates

## Raven Dawn Swayne



**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Broadcast journalism**  
**Minor: Communications**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
Black Student Union

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan on taking one year off to start a job in the media department and see how much I enjoy my field in a real life setting. Then, after my year of working I am going to apply to graduate school in the film department, somewhere in Southern California or New York. I hope to one day mix my love of journalism and filmmaking to start a career I will truly enjoy.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*God has a bigger plan for me than I have for myself*

## Briauna Akilah Thigpen



**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Communication Studies**

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*When you educate a man, you educate an individual but when you educate a woman, you educate a generation.*  
-African Proverb



# 2016 Graduates

## Alicia Tyson



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Child and Adolescent Development**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Treasurer of the ChAD Club

Plans Post-Graduation:

I aspire to become a maternity nurse.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*A goal without a plan is just a wish!*

## Brittany Yvette Wallace



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Liberal Studies**



# 2016 Graduates

## Drew Brianna Kalaiia Warmasley



**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Business Admin with a Concentration in Management**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Black Student Union - President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - President, National Pan Hellenic Council, African American Society of Mentors

Plans Post-Graduation:

Plans to get a masters degree in Educational Leadership in hopes to one day work in student affairs.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Success is failure turned inside out*

## Brandon Terrell Warren



**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Industrial Technology Manufacturing Systems**

**Minor: Business Management**

Organization Affiliation(s):

SME

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to be area manager at Amazon right when I graduate. During this time I plan to go back to school and obtain my MBA.



# 2016 Graduates

## Timnit Berhane Woldeyesus



**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Nutritional Science Emphasis in Sports Nutrition**

**Minor: Radio-Television-Film**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Habesha Student Association, Success as Spartans, Nutrition and Food Science Club, Black Student Union

Plans Post-Graduation:

To earn a doctorate in Physical Therapy and become a Physical Therapist.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Don't compare yourself to others, your success is your own.*

- Timnit Woldeyesus

## Taneisha Woodard



**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Psychology**

**Minor: Business**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Psi Chapter, Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology, Minority Access to Research Careers

Plans Post-Graduation:

My goals consist of obtaining a leadership position within a technology company as an Industrial/Organizational Psychologist. As a woman of color, I want to represent underrepresented minorities as a symbol of success. I want to encourage other women of color that they too can reach their pinnacle of achievement. As a member of the Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology, a scholar of the MARC program, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, I believe it is highly important to create diversity in the workforce. With few students from minority backgrounds represented in the technological workforce, I want to work to instill people of color into these leadership positions.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Appreciate where you are in your journey, even if it's not where you want to be. Every season serves its purpose.*



# 2016 Graduates

## Marquis Yarber



**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Sociology**  
**Minor: Concentration in Community Change**

Quote for the Class of 2016:  
*Be the change*



# 2016 Graduates (Not Photographed)

## Amber Monique Christian

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Psychology**  
**Minor: Kinesiology**

Plans Post-Graduation:  
Grad school for clinical psychology

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.*  
- Maya Angelou

## Julian Clark

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Business Administration- Management**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
EOYDC

Plans Post-Graduation:  
Graduate school- Cal Berkeley

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Woooo!*  
-Ric Flair

## Adrianna Dickson

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Sociology**

## Alexander Xavier Donald

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Political Science**  
**Minor: African American Studies**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
Black Student Union, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., 100 Black Men, AASOM, Black Unity Group, SJSU Gospel Choir

Plans Post-Graduation:  
Begin career in the music industry. Own my own record label.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*It's Your World.*  
-Common



# 2016 Graduates (Not Photographed)

## Michael Evien

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Major: Communication**  
**Minor: Psychology**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
Alpha Tau Omega Organization, San Jose State Men's Basketball

Plans Post-Graduation:  
Grad School. Law Degree at George Mason. Coach College Basketball - Win a Championship. Run for Office.

Quote for the Class of 2016:  
*Love the Life you live, Live the life you love.*

## Aaliyah Gadsden

**Bachelor of Arts**

## Kristina Michelle Garrett

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Public Relations**  
**Minor: Dance**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
EOP, SJSU Spartan Spectrums Dance Team

Plans Post-Graduation:  
I will pursue my dreams as a professional dancer and also start a non-profit organization emphasizing the importance of keeping arts in education.

Quote for the Class of 2016:  
*I am a product of my past but I will determine future.*

## Kalkidan Teferi Kitaw

**Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Recreation Management**

Organization Affiliation(s):  
EOP student, Part of Ethiopian and Eritrean Students Association

Plans Post-Graduation:  
Planing on going to graduate program for occupational therapy.

Quote for the Class of 2016:  
*You will never have this day again, so make it count :)*



# 2016 Graduates (Not Photographed)

## Bryce Lewis

**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Business Finance**

**Minor: Theater Arts, Film Concentration**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Black Men's Collegiate 100, Financial Management Association, Student Ambassador of San Jose State University, African American Community Service Agency Student Ambassador

Plans Post-Graduation:

Be the best in whatever the road or pathway I take. I hope to work for BuzzFeed, or go for my master's in health science or finance.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*It is our choices... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.*

- Albus Dumbledore

## Shautavia M. Mayers

**Master of Arts**

**Major: Masters of Social Work (MSW)**

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to continue to use the knowledge I've gained to provide culturally competent mental health service to communities that need caring and compassionate support and guidance. I also plan to support those communities in advocating for self in a way that their voices are more inclined to be heard such as by role modeling respectful ways to ask for help and how to be consistent in working to attain personal goals.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Be diligent, be compassionate, be a strong force and be great!*

## Lynnea Afanador Reynolds

**Bachelor of Science**

**Major: Health Science**

Plans Post-Graduation:

Obtain a postgraduate degree.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Make a change... Be the change*



# 2016 Graduates (Not Photographed)

## Lauren Andrea Roseman

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Sociology**

**Minor: Justice Studies**

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to attend Law School and work for the Innocene Project based here in Santa Clara.

## Candice A. Thomas

**Master of Public Administration**

**Major: Public Administration**

Plans Post-Graduation:

To grow in a career that allows me to impact lives and facilitate change, in a manner that honors my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.*

- Maya Angelou

## Samrawit Tsegai

**Bachelor of Arts**

## Marguerite D White

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Earth Science**

**Minor: Education**

Organization Affiliation(s):

2011-2016 SJSU Gospel Choir (Treasurer 2014-2015), Black Student Union, 2011-2012 Bricks Vice President and Royce Hall 2nd Floor Representative, 2011-2012 Student Elections Commission Representative, SCIENCE 2/90T Peer Advisor, AmeriCorps

Quote for the Class of 2016:

*Look where you are going, Not where you have been.*

- Rachel Vimont, DPT, SJSU 2016



*Congratulations Sisters Folasade  
Ogunbanwo, Tyona Copeland, Taneisha  
Woodard and Alicia Tyson*



*We are so proud of the phenomenal Alpha Kappa  
Alpha women you have become!*



*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Eta Rho Omega Chapter  
Graduate Advisor Council*



# **Congratulations to the Black Spartan Class of 2016!**

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African American/Black Student Success  
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Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand.  
True to our GOD,  
True to our native land

