

We be highlighting those members of our CSUN Black Community, both on and off campus.

BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A Monthly Highlight Acknowledging Members of the CSUN Black Community!

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Student Highlight

Collin Gordon

Major: Business Management
"I became an Outreach Intern to service and help any student who is lost, seeking help or just needs some direction."

As an Outreach Intern, with Student Outreach and Recruitment (SOAR) I provide college advice on a lower scale to high school and community college students in a one-on-one Zoom or in-person environment. Through multiple platforms, I reach and engage with the student to assist with any questions they or their parental guides might have. I assist and conduct presentations to high schools and community colleges, providing information on admissions requirements, majors, clubs, sports, etc. I ensure the student is fully aware of the next steps and what to expect for the upcoming term.



Alumni Shoutout Dr. Shani Chen

"What is in your life's Blueprint?"

This is the most important and crucial period of your lives as a young person." – Martin Luther King Jr.

Meet Shani Chen, ED. D

A seasoned professional with over 18 years in the entrepreneurial sector. Within that, 9 years' experience as a high school teacher focused on academic achievement, accountability, and student retention.

Shani Chen, ED.D, Founder of **Educate University and CSUN Aluma** established three [\\$2,000 dollar scholarships](#) for eligible full-time undergraduate and graduate college students of Caribbean, African, and Hispanic descent. This past December our very own Matador Chris Thompson received one of the scholarships. Congratulations and thank you to Educate University and Shani Chen and her family for continuing to support our Matadors! Please visit Educate University's Instagram page to learn more about

- Chris and his story. www.educateuniversity.com
- Instagram: @educateuniversity



4th Annual
Michael H. Chen
STUDENT LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

Black Alumni Association Board

Greetings From the Board...

Introducing the new board members of the Black Alumni Association. Top picture from Left to Right:

President: Dr. Carroll J. Brown III

Vice President: Tiana Mason

Parliamentarian: Patrick Johnson

Treasurer: Brittany Swinson

Secretary: Cherrie Phillips

Financial Secretary: Derrick Dancer

The picture is from our Holiday Mixer held at the Black House. With all the restrictions and Covid cases increasing it was great to get together with the CSUN Black Community (Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Students) as we ended the year, *OUTSIDE!* Continue to stay safe and look out for more events from the BAA.



Faculty Highlight Debra Hammond

"My greatest accomplishment has always been the development of the students,"

-Debra Hammond

Debra L. Hammond has more than 39 years of experience in higher education. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the University Student Union (USU) at California State University, Northridge (CSUN). She also serves as a faculty member in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education. She teaches in the college counseling student services program where she received the Outstanding Professor of the Year Award in 2012. For her body of work, the California State University (CSU) selected Debra from among the CSU's 23

campuses as its outstanding staff member of 2016. The Wang Family Excellence Award is the highest award presented to an administrator by the CSU. Debra also received the San Fernando Valley Business Journal's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017 for her accomplishments as a woman in business.



Local Business Highlight >>>

Something Good 2 Eat

Something Good 2 Eat (SG2E) was founded in 2007 by Tiffany Swinson in Inglewood, California. SG2E is a full-service catering and drop off service that specializes in contemporary and modern-day cuisines.

She is the twin sister of Brittany Swinson, Treasurer of the Black Alumni Association.

Brittany oversees the operational functionalities of her sister's company. She also is the Black Graduation Committee advisor and a liaison to numerous organizations on campus.

