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NAOMI RAINEY PIERSON Alumna of the Year



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MEET OUR HONOREES

RASHIDA CRUTCHFIELD

Change Agent Alumna

Dr. Rashida Crutchfield is an associate professor in the School of Social Work at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) and Director of the newly founded Center for Equitable Higher Education, which is dedicated to studying and promoting economic, food, and housing justice. She is also an advocate committed to amplifying the voices of marginalized communities through research and service. Prior to her work at CSULB, she served on the staff of Covenant House California, a shelter for 18-to-24-year-olds experiencing homelessness. This experience blossomed a passion to support this student population.

Dr. Crutchfield was a Principal Investigator for the California State University Office of the Chancellor study on food and housing security. Her work has been instrumental in the development of programs and services for students experiencing housing and food insecurity at all 23 CSU campuses. Her continued research and advocacy on basic needs for students has garnered statewide and national attention. She has provided input on state policy and provides consultation and support to agencies, and higher education staff, faculty, and administrators across the nation.

Dr. Crutchfield has authored or co-authored many articles, including "The starving student narrative: How normalizing deprivation reinforces basic need insecurity in higher education" and "Jumping through the hoops to get financial aid for college students who are homeless: Policy analysis of The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007" in Families in Society. Co-authored with Dr. Ronald Hallett and Dr. Jennifer Maguire, her text Addressing Homelessness and Housing Insecurity in Higher Education: Strategies for Educational Leaders is used as a manual for developing programs and services to support student basic needs throughout the country.

CARL KEMP

Alumnus of the Year

Carl Kemp has more than 20 years of experience in communications and public affairs. He has managed his own government affairs and public relations practice with a wide range of clients from international shipping to major non-

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profits. He also created the Office of Government Affairs and Communication in the City of Long Beach, and went on to create the Office of Government Affairs and Community Relations at the Port of Long Beach. He currently manages public affairs for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Kemp has a long history of community involvement in the Long Beach area, including earning a B.A. and MPA from California State University, Long Beach, where he served two terms as student body president and Black Student Union president. He also has earned a certificate in Executive Leadership from the Harvard University School of Government. He has developed messaging around many major initiatives from local to federal government, including the Green Port Policy at the Port of Long Beach and managing communications during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kemp worked to get the City of Long Beach, the Southern California News Group, and Long Beach Post to capitalize Black when referring to people of African descent (prior to the changes adopted by the Associated Press and New York Times Style Guides). He most recently added promoter of the Long Beach Juneteenth Celebration in Downtown Long Beach to his list of accomplishments. He currently serves on the board of the Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion.

STEVEN NEAL

Community Partner of the Year

Steven Neal is President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, the Board responsible for setting policy for the Port of Long Beach and overseeing the staff of the City's Harbor Department. He was elected to the post by his colleagues on the five-member Board in July 2021 following a term as Vice President.

Appointed to his first six-year term in July 2019 by Mayor Robert Garcia, he was unanimously confirmed by the City Council as the 70th appointee to the Board since the current Commission was established in 1925.

Mr. Neal represented North Long Beach on the Long Beach City Council from 2010 to 2014. A longtime community leader, he is the senior pastor for LIFE Gospel Ministries. He is a co-founder of the Economic Policy Impact Center,

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a nonprofit agency working to advance economic opportunity for working families, Executive Director of the Long Beach Collective Association, and has served on the boards of Long Beach Transit and the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network.

The Commission provides policy direction and oversight for the Port's capital improvement program, a plan to invest \$1.6 billion over the next 10 years to upgrade Port facilities, protect the environment, increase revenue and enhance competitiveness. Projects include the Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility, Long Beach Container Terminal at Middle Harbor, and other roadway, waterway, dock and rail improvements to speed cargo flow and reduce traffic.

Besides serving on various Commission subcommittees, Mr. Neal also represents the Port on national and international trade missions and serves as the Board representative or alternate to a variety of Port-related leadership organizations.

As a Councilmember, Mr. Neal focused on issues of jobs and economic development and bringing together business, labor, clergy and community leaders on programs that led to living-wage job growth.

He has also served in community advocacy roles with Molina Healthcare and United Way of Greater Los Angeles where he was Director of Labor for 10 years.

A longtime leader in the labor movement since his first election as a shop steward in the Retail Clerks Union Local 324, Mr. Neal worked his way up the ranks as a member of CWA Local 956 to become Executive Vice President and served in the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

A Compton native, Steven Neal and his wife, Katonja, live in Long Beach, are the proud parents of five daughters and one son, and are equally proud grandparents.

NAOMI RAINEY PIERSON

Alumna of the Year

Naomi Rainey-Pierson is an award-winning educator, philanthropist, entrepreneur and civil rights activist who has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of community members, including many at-risk children.

Ms. Rainey-Pierson has been actively involved with the National Association for

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the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) since the age of 14. A past Vice President of the California State Conference NAACP, she has served as President of the NAACP's Long Beach Branch since 2000. Under her leadership, the branch received the national Thalheimer Award, the NAACP's top honor for outstanding achievements by branches and units.

From 1975 to 2003, Ms. Rainey-Pierson was an educator and administrator in the Long Beach Unified and Compton Unified school districts, rising to principal on special assignment at Long Beach Polytechnic High School. In 2009, she was appointed by former Governor Schwarzenegger to the California Advisory Commission on Special Education.

Ms. Rainey-Pierson has served on many volunteer boards and commissions, including those of Long Beach City College Foundation, St. Mary's Medical Center, MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute and Long Beach Cancer League. She has received a number of special honors in recognition of her efforts, including Cancer League Hero of Long Beach, Soroptimist International Woman of the Year – Education, California Conference for Equality and Justice Humanitarian Award and City of Long Beach Martin Luther King, Jr. Peacemaker Award.

A proud alumna of California State University, Long Beach, Ms. Rainey-Pierson holds a bachelor's degree in theatre arts, two master's degrees in education and several teaching credentials. In 1987, the CSULB College of Education presented her with its Distinguished Alumna Award, and in 2010, she was the recipient of the CSULB President's Distinguished Service Award. In 2012, in recognition of her service to and support of the university – including as a past member of the CSULB Alumni Association and as a donor to the Rainey-Pierson Scholarship – CSULB named Residence Hall C in Hillside College "The Naomi Rainey House."

In recognition of her extraordinary achievements as an educator, activist and advocate - which have allowed her to serve as an example of CSULB's aspirations for its diverse student body - the Board of Trustees of the California State University and California State University, Long Beach are proud to confer upon Ms. Naomi Rainey-Pierson the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

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MAXINE WATERS

Congresswoman Maxine Waters is considered by many to be one of the most powerful women in American politics today. She has gained a reputation as a fearless and outspoken advocate for women, children, people of color and the poor.

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Maxine Waters was born in St. Louis, Missouri, the fifth of 13 children reared by a single mother. She began working at age 13 in factories and segregated restaurants. After moving to Los Angeles, she worked in garment factories and at the telephone company. She attended California State University at Los Angeles, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. She began her career in public service as a teacher and a volunteer coordinator in the Head Start program.

Elected in November 2018 to her fifteenth term in the U.S. House of Representatives with more than 70 percent of the vote in the 43rd Congressional District of California, Congresswoman Waters represents a large part of South Los Angeles including the communities of Westchester, Playa Del Rey, and Watts and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County comprised of Lennox, West Athens, West Carson, Harbor Gateway and El Camino Village. The 43rd District also includes the diverse cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita and Torrance.

Congresswoman Waters made history as the first woman and first African American Chair of the House Financial Services Committee. An integral member of Congressional Democratic Leadership, Congresswoman Waters serves as a member of the Steering & Policy Committee and is the Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease. She is also a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and member and past chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

She is married to Sidney Williams, the former U.S. Ambassador to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. She is the mother of two adult children, Edward and Karen, and has two grandchildren.

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DENISE YOUNG SMITH

Denise Young Smith recently closed a two-decade career with Apple and has since been serving in residencies and advising in academia; at Cornell Tech (Cornell Ithaca's graduate school tech campus in Manhattan), at Colorado College, and at various Historically

Black Colleges and Universities. A key Cultural Influencer, she advises and teaches on the imperative of true diversity, representation, inclusion, and humanity in technology, Denise held a variety of executive roles at Apple, including leading the design of the talent and cultural experience for the company's retail store initiative, taking the chain to over 400 stores globally before being promoted to the Chief HR role, reporting to Apple's CEO, Tim Cook. She also served as Apple's first ever Vice President of Inclusion and Diversity, leading the company's efforts to see its full ecosystem become as inclusive as possible.

Denise has been named a "Most Powerful Woman" by Ebony Magazine and Black Enterprise, has been named one of "100 Most Influential in Silicon Valley" by Business Insider, and has been featured in Fortune's "Most Powerful Women" issue. She currently serves on a public company board, a private company retailer, and non-profit arts board. She has served as an advisor for The Howard Schultz family Foundation, as well as The Doug Williams Center for Race and Politics in Sports.

Truly living at the intersection of technology, humanity and art, Denise last year was named Chair of the Board of SFJAZZ, the premiere arts organization featuring Jazz and Black American music, artists, and educational programming. Additionally, Denise is a classically trained soprano who has graced local and international recital halls including Carnegie's Weill Hall, Palace of Fine Arts, and SFJazz. She recently released a debut album under her own Blue Organza Productions, and continues to tell the stories that need to be told.



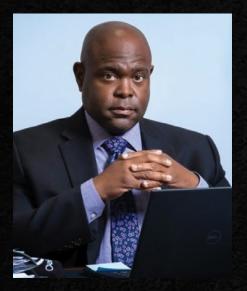
For your endless devotion to making a difference on this campus, to the Black community, and for influencing the future of various students that will thrive due to your perseverance and passion for change. Your ability to lead with compassion and integrity is an example to follow. Words can neither qualify nor quantify the gratitude we have for your ongoing work and commitment to all.

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Dr. John Hamilton

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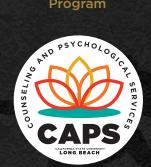
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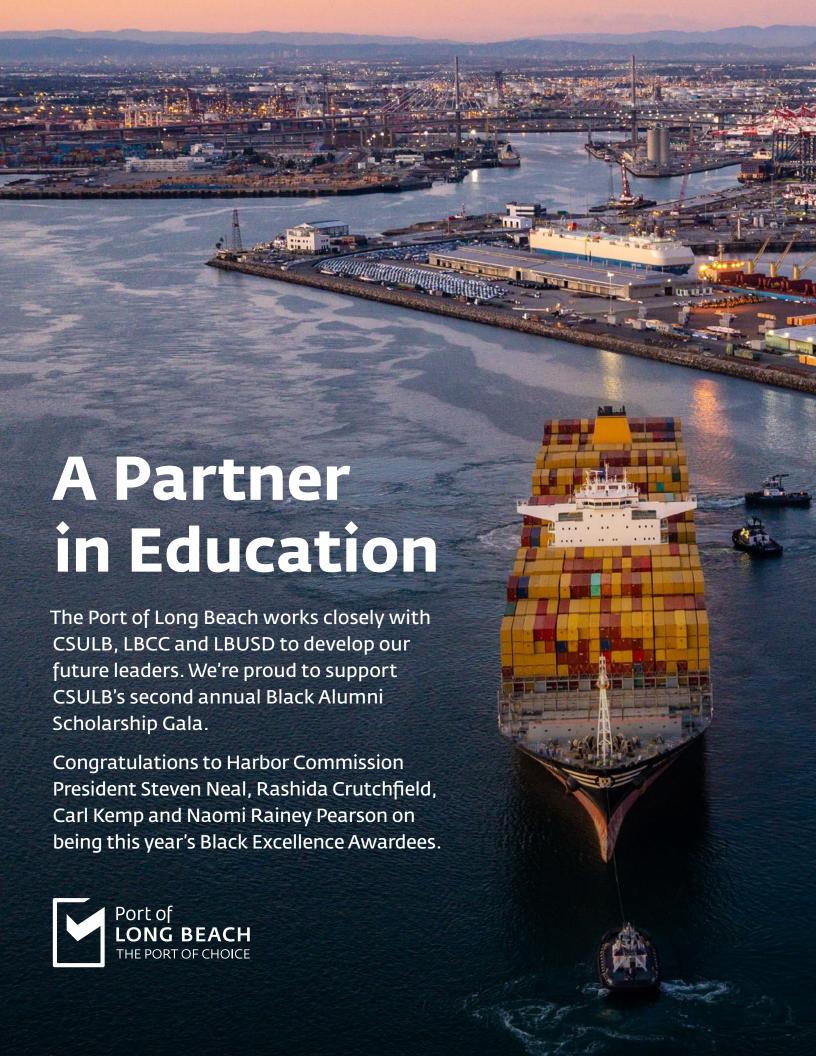
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Celebrating those who strengthen our community

Dignity Health - St. Mary Medical Center joins CSULB in celebration of the city's rich cultural diversity. Congratulations to Naomi Rainey Pierson for her leadership in championing equity and to all the honorees of the Black Scholars Gala.

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We're proud the 2022 CSULB Black Alumni Gala is honoring

Dr. Rashida Marie Crutchfield,

Associate Professor, School of Social Work

Director, The Center for Equitable Higher Education

California State University, Long Beach,

as its Change Agent Alumna.

We stand with her in support of African American scholars at California State University, Long Beach.

The Carpenter Center is honored to be one of the co-sponsors of the 2nd Annual Black Alumni Scholarship Gala, and to support the Black Resource Center and the next generation of scholars.







Carl Kemp Alumnus of the Year



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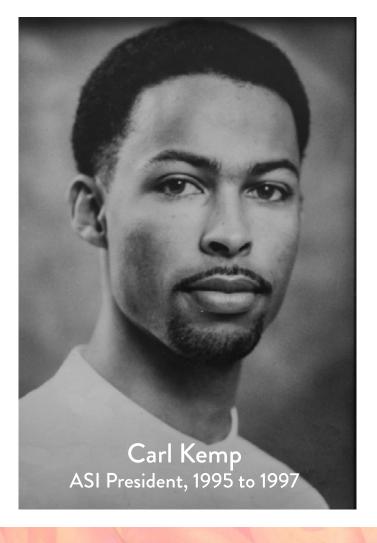


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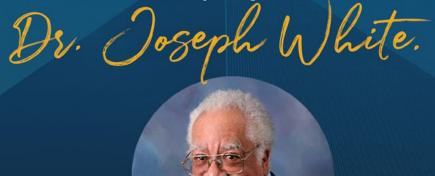




Dear Rashida,

You are a truth-teller.
You call us to action.
You challenge us to do more.
We honor your work & your wisdom.
Congratulations!

from all of us at the California Conference for Equality and Justice In Support of the CSULB Inaugural Black Alumni Scholarship Gala, The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at California State University Long Beach would like to honor its founder,



The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at California State University Long Beach, founded in 1967 by associate professor Dr. Joseph White to provide promising minority and low-income students with admissions support, financial aid counseling, and mentorship. Dr. White's legacy continues to be vibrant across all 23 CSU campuses 50 years later. EOP at CSULB is proud to be the first program in the CSU system and will continue to support the legacy inherited to us by Dr. White.







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The School of Social Work at California State University, Long Beach congratulates

Dr. Rashida Crutchfield, Associate Professor

As the recipient of the 2022 Black Excellence Award for Change Agent Alumna. We thank you for your hard work and dedication.





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