

FRESNO STATE

SUPER SATURDAY: Black College and Career Summit

Saturday, October 28

2023



WELCOME

On behalf of our campus president, Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, the Vice President of the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Dr. Kent Willis, the Senior Director of Fresno State Outreach and Special Programs Department (OSP), Martina Granados, and the Black Student Success Initiative Program Director, Sade Johnson, we would like to welcome you to the 2023 Super Saturday Black College and Career Summit which will highlight student services and community resources. We are ecstatic that you decided to join us for this impactful event.

This is the Central Valley's first introduction to Fresno State's Black Student Success Initiative (BSSI), and we hope it won't be your last! Super Saturday is about intentional early outreach, so take advantage of all that is in front of you as a student or parent. The journey to college starts well before high school. It is the intentional steps we take from kindergarten to senior year that propel our future in higher education.

We would personally like to thank Fresno State student services departments, faith-based partners, the represented school districts, State Center Community College District, community organizations, career schools, and volunteers for their support of this year's event.

A special thank you goes out to our Super Saturday Sponsors:

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Throughout the day, we hope every student and parent takes advantage of this opportunity to learn about resources and initiate connections. Don't forget that Super Saturday is all about Ask Me.

Thank you for joining the Bulldog family this homecoming weekend.

We look forward to meeting you in person and welcoming you to our campus community!



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“DEEP ROOTS” - Recognizing Event Founder Wendy Nelson

“Auntie” Wendy Nelson served the campus of Fresno State for 20 years by supporting students toward success. Though she recently retired in August 2023, our community can still feel her profound commitment to early outreach and exposure to higher education. In her most recent role, Auntie Wendy served our community as the African American Initiative (AAI) campus coordinator. She was the only coordinator of her kind throughout the California State University (CSU) system. She served as the AAI Outreach Coordinator for six years, creating seminal events like Super Saturday and Super Science. Auntie Wendy’s legacy lives on as we celebrate the monumental Super Saturday event, which is the pinnacle of intentional early outreach to the Black community and the Central Valley as a whole.

The Black Student Success Initiative would like to salute our matriarch, Auntie Wendy, for her diligence and innovation in creating our annual Super Saturday event, which supports hundreds of Black/African American families annually in their goal to pursue higher education and career pathways.

Wendy Nelson, African American Initiative Coordinator
Fresno State African American Initiative (2018 - 2023)



Meet Event Organizer Sade Johnson



Sade Johnson is the program director of the Black Student Success Initiative. In this new position, Sade is excited to serve as a support to centralize efforts in helping Black students thrive at Fresno State. Sade’s goal is to create an affirming space on campus for Black students and strengthen campus and community connections in order to recruit, retain and graduate Black students.

Sade was born and raised by her parents in Madera, California. She has ten siblings and a host of nieces, nephews and family members. Sade is a wife and mother of two children. She received her BA in African American studies with a minor in mathematics from the University of California, Davis; and her Master of Arts in Higher Education

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Administration and Leadership (HEAL) at Fresno State. She has received numerous honors, including: DOSAEM Dean's Medalist, Outstanding Thesis for "An Autoethnography: A Black Woman Student Transitioning to Black Married Mamahood While in Higher Education," "Outstanding Graduate Student" for California College Personnel Association, and "HEAL Graduate Student Honoree" for recognition at the Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

Sade said, "I identify as a first-generation, low-income, system-impacted Black student...I am determined to see more Black students graduate along with their peers and use their top-quality education to transform the world."

Meet Event Organizer D'Aungilique Jackson

As a recent Fresno State graduate, D'Aungilique Jackson earned her B.A. in Sociology in the Fall of 2022. She is a people activator and mobilizer. Though she is not native to Fresno, D'Aungilique's lived experiences as a Black American woman, a military kid, and an LGBTQIA+ youth have ignited within her a passion to advocate for equity and transformative justice wherever she goes.

Her most recent accomplishments include being an invited guest of Vice President Kamala Harris at her "2023 Pride Reception" for esteemed LGBTQ+ organizers, becoming a member of the Central Valley's "40 under 40" Class of 2023, serving as the 2021-2022 Fresno State Student Body President, Becoming a Bulldog Pride Fund Scholar (2021 - 2022), receiving the 2020 John D. Welty Award for Community Excellence in Community Service, serving as Faith in the Valley's Community Justice Fellow, serving as the youngest commissioner on Fresno's Commission for Police Reform, and leading Fresno's largest, most peaceful protest—the city of Fresno's Black Lives Matter protest on May 31st, 2020. Above all, D'Aungilique Jackson is most proud to be a recharting member of the Fresno State National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) college chapter, the 2019-2021 Chapter President, and the current campus advisor for this organization.

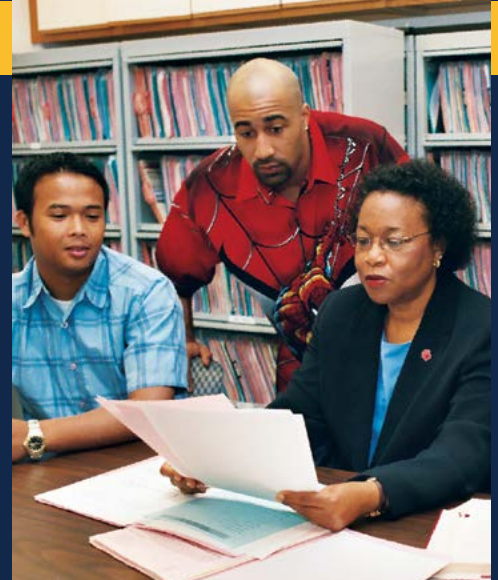
D'Aungilique began working full-time at Fresno State in January 2023, and is currently the Program Coordinator for the Office of Black Student Success (OBSS) under the Black Student Success Initiative (BSSI). She is the current Vice President of Staff for the Fresno State Black Faculty Staff Association (BFSA). She looks forward to continuing support for Fresno State and the Black community.



IN MEMORIAM: Maxine McDonald

Fresno State Super Saturday Black Faculty and Staff Salute: McDonald worked on campus for 34 years as a leader in student access, student learning and development, and retention and graduation. She provided exceptional leadership to students, faculty, and staff during her years on campus.

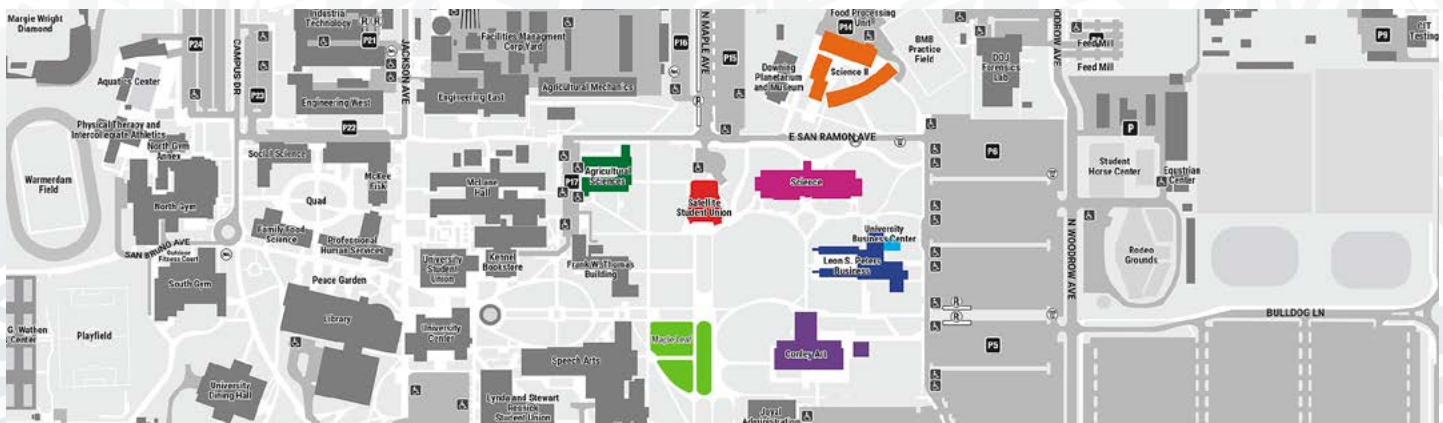
Everyone who worked with McDonald can attest to her passion, mentorship, and knowledge. Fresno State Black faculty, staff, and alumni would like to salute “Auntie Maxine” for the legacy she has left here at Fresno State.



IN MEMORIAM: Dr. Francine L. Oputa

During her lifetime and in her legacy, Dr. Francine Oputa is unequivocally known as “Fresno State’s unwavering champion for diversity, equity, and inclusion,” as stated by President Jiminez-Sandoval. She worked on campus for over 30 years, leading our campus in conflict resolution, diversity, equity, inclusion, and human relations. Most recently, Dr. Oputa served as the director of the Cross Cultural and Gender Center.

As a foundational pillar of the Fresno community, her love and impact continue to be strongly felt throughout our city. To know her, was to be loved by her. The Fresno State Black Faculty, Staff, and Alumni would like to salute “Mother Mrs. Dr. Francine Oputa.”











AGENDA

11:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. | Check-In


Note: If checking in after 12:00 pm, individuals and groups will be directed accordingly by Fresno State ambassadors or volunteers.

11:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Welcome and Keynote

 Satellite Student Union

-  **D'Aungillique Jackson**, Office of Black Student Success Program Assistant
-  **Dr. Xuanning Fu**, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
-  **Dr. Rashanda Booker**, University Diversity Officer of Equity and Engagement
-  **Terree Stevenson**, Dean of Students and Student Affairs
-  **Dr. Kent Willis**, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, *Keynote Speaker*
-  **Sade Johnson**, Interim Program Director of the Black Student Success Initiative
-  **Michael Blathers**, African American Programs Coordinator

2 to 4:30 p.m. | Cal State Apply Application Workshop

 Agricultural Sciences 101

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Fresno State Student Services and Community Partners Fair

 Satellite Student Union


12:35 to 2 p.m. | Lunch/Raffles/Entertainment

 Food Trucks will be out in front of the Satellite Student Union

2:10 to 3:10 p.m. | SESSION I

 Various locations

3:20 to 4:30 p.m. | SESSION II

 Various locations

4:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. | SPECIAL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

 Satellite Student Union



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Kent Willis, serving as the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at California State University, Fresno (Fresno State), leads the efforts to enhance the student experience and promote academic excellence at one of the nation's best public colleges for increasing social mobility. He oversees a wide range of services and programs that support the talented student body of Fresno State, which serves as an anchor to one of the richest agricultural valleys and one of the most culturally diverse regions in the country.

Dr. Willis has the vision to reimagine approaches to student success and professional staff development, drawing on his extensive knowledge and expertise in the field of higher education. He has a proven track record of innovation and improvement, having contributed to multiple initiatives and projects that increased student retention, graduation, and satisfaction rates, as well as institutional effectiveness and accreditation. He is also a Gallup Certified Strengths Coach, an edX Verified Certificate holder for Classroom Strategies for Inquiry-Based Learning and Teaching and Learning Strategies for Higher Education, and a Fellow with the Center for Studies in Higher Education at The University of California, Berkeley.

His passion for education stems from his own academic journey, which includes a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Hampton University, a B.A. in Communications from Stephen F. Austin State University, and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Texas A&M University - The Bush School of Government and Public Service.



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College of Science and Mathematics

Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

Cross Cultural and Gender Center

Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Learning Center

Project Rebound

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - 17Ai Unit

Red Wavettes

Student Housing


Student Recreation Center


SESSIONS

SESSION 1 - Breakout Sessions


CalState Apply workshop for High School Seniors/ Incoming Transfers, Admissions and Recruitment


 AG-101


 2 to 4:20 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Jessie Farias*

Financial Aid Workshop


 Science II, 107


 2:10 to 4:20 p.m.


 *Facilitated by Melissa Villa*

Learn how to pay for college. A financial aid staff member will review the FAFSA application and the types of aid you may receive, such as scholarships and grants.

The Fresno State Upward Bound


 Science II, 108


 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Gonzalo Huerta*

Learn about Fresno State's Upward Bound program: a program designed to help first-generation and low-income students graduate high school and prepare for college.

A-G and ME; A-G and WE!

 Science I, 141


 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Jennifer Kenyon*

Join us for an informational session for both students and their families. Participants will learn about the A-G college admissions requirements. This session aims to connect students, families, and academic counselors to keep students on a successful path as they prepare for college.

Student-Athlete Panel

 Satellite Student Union


 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.


 *Facilitated by Dr. David Sandles*


 *Panelists: Dr. Brandon Gridiron, Nate Harrison, Jerry Kelly, Miciah Quick, Keyora Wharry*

Hear from current and former Fresno State student-athletes as they discuss their academic and athletic journeys and how their identity developed during and after college.

Combating Systemic Racism: Housing Justice Workshop


 Science II, 109


 2:10 to 4:20 p.m.


 *Facilitated by Dr. Matthew Jendian*

Grow your knowledge on how to be a leader in the fight for racial and housing justice.

Mission Possible


 Science I, 143


 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.


 *Facilitated by Dr. Rashanda Booker*

University Diversity Officer Dr. Rashanda Booker shares her personal story and encourages students to trust the process and believe in themselves as they navigate young adulthood.

Education Talent Search "UNLOCK YOUR A-GAME"

 Science I, 145

 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.


 *Facilitated by Olga Nuñez*


In this workshop, students will be introduced to A-G college admissions requirements, how to meet those requirements successfully, and other ways to become strong college applicants.


SESSIONS *(continued)*

SESSION 1 - Breakout Sessions *(continued)*

Red Cross and the Pillowcase Project


 Science II, 209


 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Victoria Mora*

This educational session will be led by Red Cross volunteers for students in grades K-6. Students will learn about disaster preparedness and survival skills, personal and family safety skills, basic coping skills, and more.

BEST Strawberry DNA Extraction


 Science II, 206


 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Dr. Kalyani Maitra*

Join us for ice cream and a science demonstration! Learn about extracting DNA from strawberries and take part in making ice cream with the tasty fruit. This session is hosted by Black Excellence in Science and Technology (BEST), a Fresno State student organization.

Yoga by Hashtag Balance

 Lawn of Maple Leaf


 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Jazmen Moore*

Open to beginners and experienced yogis. This session offers peaceful movement and community spirit through vinyasa yoga.

"Simply a Vessel," Ceramics

 Conley Arts, 136


 2 to 4:20 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Tyler Alce*

Tap into your inner artist! In this session, students can complete a ceramic masterpiece of their own.

"Paint with All the Colors of the Wind" Beginners

 Conley Arts, 115


 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Julia Plasencia*

In this beginner-level paint session, students will have the opportunity to express their creativity through pumpkin painting. This session is open to students in grades K-6.

"In Living Color" Intermediate Painting


 Conley Arts, 129


 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Priscilla Hernandez and Daniela Plasencia*

In this intermediate-level paint session, students will have the opportunity to express their creativity. This session is open to students in grades 7-12.

Maxine McDonald Residential Scholars Program Informational Session

 Science I, 139

 2:10 to 3:10 p.m.

 *Facilitated by Dr. Patrick De Walt*


Learn about the Maxine McDonald Residential Scholars Program, a new program to offer students academic support, community engagement and mentorship. This program is designed to help individuals deepen their understanding and appreciation of Black/African-American culture through coursework and co-curricular activities that aim to empower and encourage first-year students at Fresno State.

SESSIONS *(continued)*

SESSION 2 - Breakout Sessions

CalState Apply workshop for High School Seniors/ Incoming Transfers, Admissions and Recruitment


 AG-101


 2:10 to 4:20 p.m.


 *Facilitated by Admissions and Recruitment*

California State University (CSU)-eligible high school seniors and transfer students will receive personalized assistance with the CSU application.

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Black Alumni Panel: What can a Fresno State Degree Do For You?

 Satellite Student Union


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 *Facilitated by Dr. David Sandles*

 *Panelists: Gregory Barfield, Whitney Cambric, Donovan Lewis, Clint and Denise Williams*

Hear from Fresno State Alumni as they discuss how they implemented their degrees and navigated their chosen career paths.

Cal-SOAP "Exploring Interest, Careers, and Colleges"

 Science I, 143


 3:20 to 4:20 p.m.


 *Facilitated by Susana Figueroa*

In this session, students will explore their personality type, interests and how that can lead to a career choice. After exploring career options, students will explore college and major options.

Education Talent Search "UNLOCK YOUR A-GAME"

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 *Facilitated by Olga Nuñez*


Learn to set yourself up for success! In this workshop, students will be introduced to A-G college admissions requirements and gain an understanding of how to meet those requirements successfully. Students will also learn about other ways to become strong college applicants, such as enrolling in honors and AP courses.

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BEST "Urrea Nematodes"

 Science II, 206


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 *Facilitated by Dr. Alejandro Calderon*

Join us for a science demonstration! Learn about nematodes and observe them under a microscope. This session is hosted by Black Excellence in Science and Technology (BEST), a Fresno State student organization.

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Maxine McDonald Residential Scholars Program: Conversations with Participants and Their Families

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Black College and Career Summit 2023-2024

- Nov. 18, 2023 Office of Black Student Success Care Day
- Dec. 1, 2023 Fresno State Kwanza Communal Dinner
- Jan. 2024 Martin Luther King Commemoration
- Jan. 12, 2024 Martin Luther King Garlanding
- Jan. 12, 2024 Martin Luther King Award Ceremony
- Jan. 13, 2024 Clovis Community Breakfast
- Jan. 15, 2024 MLK Community March
- Jan. 19, 2024 Fresno State MLK Commemoration
- Jan. 2024 Pastor's Breakfast
- Feb. 2024 Fresno Unified School District Black History Month Program
- Feb. 6, 2024 African American Student Leadership Conference
- Feb. 23, 2024 Clovis Unified African American Middle School Conference
- Feb. 2024 Fresno State Natural Hair Night
- Feb. 2024 Bullard High School Advanced Placement Awareness Day
- Feb. 2024 Super Sunday
- Feb. 2024 Black History Month
- Feb. 2024 Super Saturday Science Day 2024
- March 2024 Fresno State Free Application for Federal Student Aid Workshops
- March 2024 New Bulldog Visit Day
- May 2024 Fresno City College UMOJA End of Year Celebration
- May 19, 2024 Fresno State African American Recognition Ceremony
- June 2, 2024 San Joaquin Valley Deltas African American High School Recognition Ceremony