



*The Village Demands*



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Welcome to the first issue of **The Village Demands Statewide Coalition on Black American Affairs** newsletter!

The Village Demands is working to create a higher education system absent of anti-blackness. The general character, nature and purpose of the work of The Village Demands Statewide Coalition on Black American Affairs (TVD-SCBAA) is to promote the aims and objectives of the Western Region Council on Black American Affairs (WRCBAA), National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA) and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

The Village Demands is excited to launch our inaugural newsletter to keep you informed. With each quarterly issue, look forward to a Member Highlight, news regarding recent events, details about upcoming events, and information about how you can support our mission.

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# Member Highlight

For the inaugural newsletter, we would like to highlight one of our visionary founding members of The Village Demands, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud.



## About Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud is an anti-racist activist and committed practitioner facilitating diversity, equity and inclusion literacy development. She has spent 35 years as a higher education leader and educator – including service as the Chancellor of Peralta Community College District and the President of Skyline College. She is a nationally recognized keynote speaker and has equity, diversity and leadership awards named in her honor by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and the Western Region Council on Black American Affairs, which are both awarded to individuals committed to leadership excellence, equity, and social justice. She is currently the CEO of RSS Consulting, LLC (RSSC).

Dr. Stanback Stroud holds a Doctorate and Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Mills College, a Master's Degree in Human Relations from Golden Gate University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Sciences from Howard University. Her scholarship and expertise have focused on leadership and the ways African American women navigate predominantly white institutions to lead for social justice. Dr. Stanback Stroud served President Barack Obama on his President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability for Young Americans.

## Founding The Village Demands Statewide Coalition on Black American Affairs

As the nation, and the entire world, watched as the normalcy and banality of personal, systemic, and structural racism played out before our eyes – exacting the unrelenting and persistent regularity of violence against black bodies and black lives – we watched the murder of Mr. George Floyd. And though he is one of thousands of black lives taken under the color of authority without consequence or accountability, this one jarred the world from its sleep.



Dr. Stanback Stroud, along with other black leaders from around the state, hosted a convening amongst African American/Black educators in the system, while also addressing the state of education for African American/Black students. This meeting was the genesis of a statewide coalition of African American/Black educators and soon became known as The Village Demands. Founding affiliate organizations of The Village Demands are RSS Consulting, LLC; A<sup>2</sup>MEND; Umoja Community Education Foundation; National Council on Black American Affairs; and the Western Regional Council on Black American Affairs.

Just a few short months ago, TVD received its charter as a chapter of the Western Region

Council on Black American Affairs under the leadership of Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, President of TVD-SCBAA. The Village Demands operationalized the actions and ideas of our work through the Education Action Taskforce, the Statewide Equity Institute Taskforce, and the Advocacy & Action Taskforce. The Statewide Equity Institute provides (1) Institutional assessments focused on creating strategic institutional race, gender, and equity agendas; (2) Storytellers that share our stories as individuals and a village of equity-minded practitioners; and racial/equity/academic professional development opportunities. RSSC has been the primary fiscal benefactor providing staffing, funding, and infrastructure resources for the operations of the organization.

### About RSS Consulting



RSS Consulting, LLC (RSSC) can help your organization with strategic executive planning; leadership coaching and development; and diversity, equity and inclusion training. RSSC provides individual workshops or will construct a full Equity Leadership Academy to meet your organizational needs. So many are counting on leaders for a chance to maximize their human potential and make better their lot in life, RSSC services can support advancing one's racial and equity literacy – building tailored professional development opportunities for institutions to support their mission, vision, and values of social justice and equity.

RSSC also offers coaching and mentorship, guidance, and strategic advice on meeting ultimate standards of leadership and creating high-performing teams. Dr. Stanback Stroud is a certified Associate Diversity Coach with Coach Diversity Institute. RSSC can work with you and your team to develop the leadership perspective that leads to maximum effectiveness. A leadership perspective that is grounded in equity and connected to a social justice framework can transgress major systems of exclusion and marginalization that often go without interrogation. RSSC can support leadership development so that we all take care to Show Up Differently.

To contact Dr. Stanback Stroud and for more information about RSSC, please go to [www.rssconsulting.org](http://www.rssconsulting.org) or email [bchristian@rssconsulting.org](mailto:bchristian@rssconsulting.org). RSSC can also be reached by phone at (650) 922-3762 or (510) 612-0124.

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## In Case You Missed It

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**Celebrating the Black Woman and the Black Family**

**Honoring Our Black Students for Black Student Success Week**

THE VILLAGE DEMANDS STATEWIDE COALITION ON BLACK AMERICAN AFFAIRS PRESENTS...

**Celebrating the Black Woman and the Black Family**

Friday, March 26, 2021  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
Virtual Webinar

Host: Dr. Stacy L. Thompson  
President of Education  
Chabot College

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sini Brown  
Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Student Success  
Pinnac Community College District

Dance Performance by Khaya Nelson  
South African artist performing in genre 'Aided 'kwaNisi' or 'Yasi'

SPECIAL GUESTS:  
LIBATIONS BY: DR. VERA NOBLES  
DRUM PERFORMANCE BY: BROTHER MAURY

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH  
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The Village Demands  
SCBAA Presents  
**Honoring Our Black Students**  
Student Panel Discussion

Moderated by  
Dr. Safiyah Forbes  
Dean, Math & Science  
Chabot College

**2021**

**About the Event**  
We cannot talk about the Black student experience without considering the lived experiences, stories and counter narratives provided by Black students. Dr. Safiyah Forbes will moderate a panel about their overall experience at their institutions; their mindset; and who (or what) has been the most impactful on their journey to educational excellence.  
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## Upcoming Events!

### Juneteenth: A Celebration Across the Nation

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**About Juneteenth:** Juneteenth is the date Union soldiers enforce the Emancipation Proclamation freeing all remaining slaves in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865. Texas was the last state in rebellion, following the end of the Civil War, to allow enslavement. Although the rumors of freedom were widespread prior to this, actual emancipation was not announced in the last state practicing enslavement until General Gordon Granger came to Galveston, Texas and issued General Order #3, on the "19th of June", almost two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth is also often referred to as *Freedom Day*.

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## A Celebration Across the Nation



Tuesday, June 15, 2021  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
**REGISTER NOW**

### Webinar to Feature:

Women of the Black Panther Party Mural  
Spoken Word Poetry  
Historical Juneteenth Music  
Keynote on Juneteenth by *Dr. Starla Lewis*



Register at: [qrco.de/juneteenthtd](https://qrco.de/juneteenthtd)



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