

Fall 2023

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Quarterly Newsletter



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THE BLACK DEAF PROJECT TEAM

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Fall Events



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Where: Crow Comedy Club
featuring Harold Foxx & CJ Jones

When: Saturday, Oct 7th
Time: 8pm

Tickets: \$30 presale
[Get tickets](#)

CAL-ED/CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF CONFERENCE SEPT 28-OCT 1 SACRAMENTO, CA

Cosponsoring a workshop with S.T.E.P entitled “Where are the Black Teacher: Recruitment, Retention and Support for Black Teachers in Deaf Education.” Come visit our table in the Exhibit hall. New fall educational products coming soon!

SAVE- THE- DATE BLACK STUDENT ROUND UP DAY DECEMBER 9TH 10AM-4PM

Calling all Black students (high school through college) who are taking ASL classes, want to be interpreters, or work with the Deaf community in any capacity. Join us for a fun day of mentoring, workshops, networking, and career panels.

When: Saturday, Dec 9th

Time: 10am-4pm **Where:** Mt. San Antonio College

More information coming soon!

Past Events Spring 2023



Curacao (3/23/23)



Quota International Luncheon

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Love & Literacy Family Fun Day

CODIE & LEAD K (3/4/23)



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Virtual Workshop with Delaware Chapter of the National Black Deaf Advocates



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Black Deaf Studies Symposium

Center of Black Deaf Studies



Gallaudet University

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Deaf Expo



Virtual Workshop with Bay Area of the National Black Deaf Advocates (BABDA)



2nd Annual Black Deaf & Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA) YOUTH (BDKODA) Camp!

Community Involvement Summer 2023

DEAF FILM CAMP

AT CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF RIVERSIDE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SIGN LIGHT.

Twenty high school kids created story boards, learned equipment safety, directed, acted, edited, and watched each others short films.



The camp them was “What makes you proud?” The workshops were taught by CJ Jones and Toj Mora.





National Black Deaf Advocates Conference August 2023 Birmingham, AL



One of our objectives is to support other BIPOC Deaf organizations and facilitate workshops for the community. We were excited to present a workshop at the 2023 NBDA conference. With fifty plus people, we discussed what anti-Blackness means and unpacked how it shows up in our Black communities. We ended by transitioning to Black Joy as a direct response to fighting against anti-Blackness.

Birmingham, Alabama is a city filled with a rich history of Black resistance and community. It was the perfect place to host the 2023 NBDA conference. We had four board members at the conference as participants, presenters and volunteers. A special thank you to the Alabama BDA chapter for hosting us. We are excited about the 2025 NBDA conference in Kansas City, Missouri. See www.NBDA.org



Educational Resources



Check out our activity book,
flashcards, history posters, and
more at
www.blackdeafproject.org



Opportunities



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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



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2. Invite us to collaborate with you on a program by emailing
blackdeafproject@gmail.com
3. Purchase our educational resources for kids, parents, librarians, students and more at
www.blackdeafproject.org
4. Volunteer for our organization. Virtual and face-to-face volunteers opportunities available.



AS AN EDUCATIONAL DEAF AND HEARING BLACK COLLABORATIVE NONPROFIT, OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, EXPERIENCES, AND TRAININGS ROOTED IN BLACK DEAF CULTURES IN SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, INCREASE CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, PROMOTE RESPECT, AND CREATE PATHWAYS TO JOY AND LIBERATION.