

## **Black Student Leadership Summit Spring 23**

### **Overview**

#### **Link to Presentation:**

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1bl2T06sQHfqZnroNoshulqYgc5DW2CilFiCzrBqieS8/edit?usp=sharing>

Big Shout Out to BSU for hosting the Black Student Leadership Summit Spring 23

#### Thank BSU Presidents:

DYonna Johnson (Sawabona Manager)

DJuan Brundidge (Vice President Petaluma SGA)

All Attendees

#### Panelist:

.Sheyla (Tanzanian Medical Student by way of Ukraine )

.Lorraine (Tanzanian Medical Student by way of Ukraine)

.Sesen (Santa Rosa Native 1st Generation Transfer track)

.Robel (Student athlete by way of Netherlands)

.Marco (Santa Rosa Native Latino 1st Year student)

#### Advisors:

.Ivan Tircuit (Professor of Philosophy)

.Regina Mahari (Sawabona Coordinator)

#### Special Guests:

Jermaine Whyte (Director of Residential Student Housing)

Byron Reeves: (Dean of Students)

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#### Access Summit Notes/Presentation:

Presidents Report

[studentlife.santarosa.edu/student-government](http://studentlife.santarosa.edu/student-government)

#### 2/22/23 Notes

#### Article Discussion:

#### Cal Poly Article:

<https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2022/11/cal-poly-black-students/>

- low black student population

-How can SRJC support the transition

Recognize that black students do show up

Experience:

- Belittled
- Subject to defamation
- Targeted
- Vulnerable

Around 5.6% black people in a Population

Many SRJC Students prefer going to an HBCU

How is this Campus a reflection of who I am, not just what I'm learning

Who has the best programs and what is the most gain I can get from it

What is sports team and campus life outside campus

HBCU

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/11/us/hbcu-enrollment-black-students.html>

-Boom in enrollment

-Consider 3rd Migration to the South

-Culture plays a part

Check the city to see if there is additional support

-Funding is a huge issue including partnership

-People choose culture but not supported enough financially

-Are HBCU diplomas not respected outside the culture in relation to PWI

-How to find support, Accessibility without conformity

-career management is priority programs do not have enough staff

-schools partner with Insurance Career services

-advocate for yourself

-stay ready with work experience to manage career

-what's the graduation rate

Note:

-student not familiar with career hub programs

- more information about handshake

-are there grant writers to help entrepreneurs

-Peers/Resume Prep

-Do HBCU have the connections for successful career

-Career Center/Management/Connections/Mentors

- University should be run by students
- Need to provide data to show the students need support

#### Police Safety:

<https://www.edweek.org/leadership/students-of-color-disproportionately-suffer-from-police-assaults-at-school-says-report/2023/01>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/12/us/schools-police-resource-officers.html>

- Currently real life instances with SRJC Police and harassment
- especially for students who stay late
- Subtle presence that elicit emotions like uneasiness, and feeling targeted
- use of tasing and force on a student is outrageous
- Does the only approach to conflict have to involve police
- change the expectations
- who do you call if not the police
- they need to respond to the student not the student responding to them
- police patrolling after hours at BSU events causes anxiety
- profiling black people
- lack respect for the black presence
- Why should they have to shrink and make themselves smaller

#### Possible Solutions:

- review history/demographics
- who do you contact for conflict and who is held accountable
- reform the passive aggressive mentality
- Breakdown the white male privilege
- people would prefer to have a better experience, many want to make the effort
- identify who deals with student relations and police
- the more we deflect the more we accept
- crime is a business how can we protect the student
- get them to understand the perspective

#### Fun:

- Music
- Culture
- Dance
- bring out the drumline (Pop up)
- bring campus life to housing
- Director of Housing must be supported by the SRJC including the PSTC
- paint
- games

- cookout
- culture week
- PJ day
- potluck
- cupcake wars
- university trips
- frisco fridays

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How can SRJC feel more like home:

- leadership (opportunities/positive experiences)
- sharing resources
- needs to be more informative
- welcome tours
- Assistance with paperwork
- welcome and connect center support to community culture
- community shopping

Experience:

- medical school cut short due to war and to expensive
- affordable tuition and great athletic department for athletes
- multi-university accepted choose SRJC for affordability
- As an international student agency helped pick SRJC
- Considered military after high school but prefers to stay close to community

Positive:

- Sawabona and it's leadership team is like home room and the most positive adjustment to campus
- student health services
- EOPS/benefits
- accessibility
- intercultural center
- health center for community and connections
- tutorial center
- math lab
- free food pantry
- \$50 coupons
- emergency grants

- isp housing
- essay writing

Negative:

- use of the n word from non person of color and non culturally competent staff/faculty
- accessibility to facilities
- faculty/administration not understanding the culture and language
- do better SRJC
- utilize emails as a resource to identify needs
- Procrastination
- accessibility
- more team visibility
- affordable and available housing
- effectively informing about resources, how are they helping
- Black Therapy mental health support
- food pantry giving expired food

Accountability:

- Self accountability
- Administrative support w/basic needs
- Administrative training to anticipate problems and support all parties involved
- More advocating from Student Government Assembly
- if negative experience persists they will be engaged until a limit and then cut off
- faculty should be held accountable for grading expectations and what is working for the class
- Departmental Accountability
- Dean of Students

Would you like more information on the following:

9 responses

