



TIPPING POINT

Student Success Summit

**ELEVATING BLACK EXCELLENCE**

Chico  
State  
2024



Khalid Hurst



Cherie Higgs



Lucy Mbiyu

# Celebrating Black Graduation

May 2023 graduates

# Achieving

## Distinction

India Starr, 2023-24 Lt. Robert Merton  
Rawlins Merit Award recipient

The prestigious Rawlins award recognizes  
academic achievement, extracurricular  
involvement, and outstanding  
accomplishments.





coming this  
spring

Book in  
Common Author  
Clint Smith

April 11, 7:30 p.m. Laxson  
Auditorium

Tickets free to Chico State  
and Butte College students



#1 *New York Times*  
Bestseller

# HOW THE WORD IS PASSED CLINT SMITH



A RECKONING WITH  
THE HISTORY OF SLAVERY  
ACROSS AMERICA

"A lyrical and precise tapestry of the truth of America's past . . . The detail and depth of the storytelling are vivid and visceral, making history present and real." —NPR

# Amplifying Contributions

Candice Price (Mathematics, '03)

Currently associate professor of mathematics at Smith College, Dr. Candice Price has always found inspiration in the song “To be Young, Gifted, and Black” by Nina Simone. The soulful tune has been a steady affirmation of Black talent and potential. Along with three other Black female math professors, she created and founded the website Mathematically Gifted and Black, highlighting and amplifying the lives of Black mathematicians.



*“I have often used the phrase ‘You cannot be what you don’t see.’ We all sometimes limit what we believe we are able to achieve when we don’t have evidence that it is possible.”*



# Remembering

Proud Roots

## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Part of the nationally recognized “Divine Nine”  
historically Black Greek organizations  
celebrating Black American  
History and Culture

Founding members Arianna Punter (L) and La’Netta Bowden (R)



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spring

## Book in Common Panel Discussion “Founding Myths: Reckoning with the Shadow of Slavery in America”

Michelle Rose (Political Science and Criminal Justice), Alisa Wade (History),  
Eran Zelnik (History). Moderated by Matt Thomas (Political Science and Criminal Justice)

February 29, 5:30-6:45 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center 134



*Image credit: Arlen Parsa, Sept. 1, 2019, Twitter  
(John Trumbull, “Declaration of Independence,” 1818)*



# Outstanding MPP

“I’ve learned that to really help develop a person—not just a student, but in this context, students—you have to give them a lot of room for failure. To help support them failing forward and help them—and staff, as well—have that problem-solving lens of curiosity, curiosity, curiosity.”



## Dawn Frank

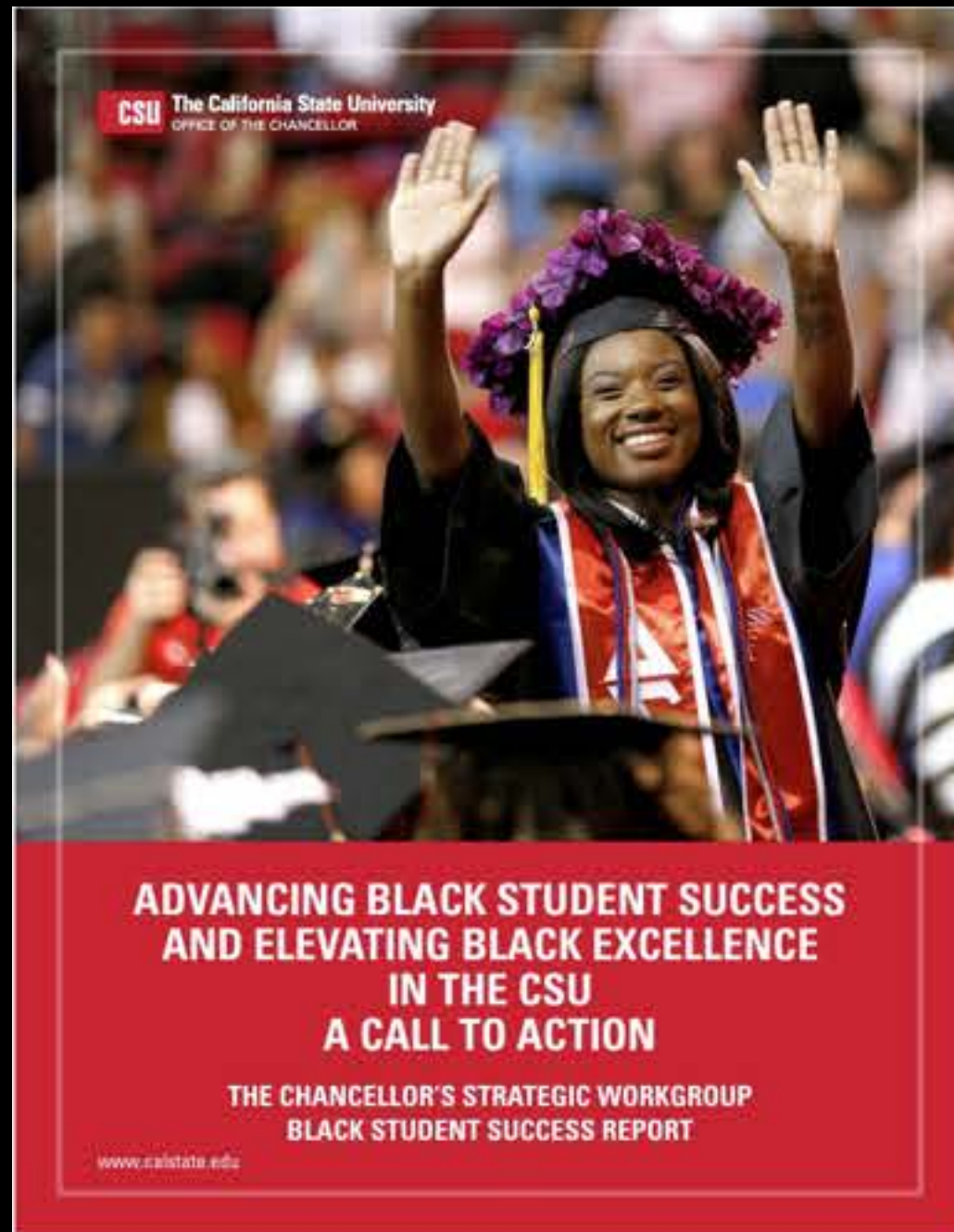
Director, Student Learning  
Center, STAR Center, Cross-  
Cultural Leadership Center



# Read the Report



(Also available in Tipping Point 2024 electronic program resources)





# Celebrating Black Excellence

“Victory in Unity” Celebration 2023  
Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King., Jr.

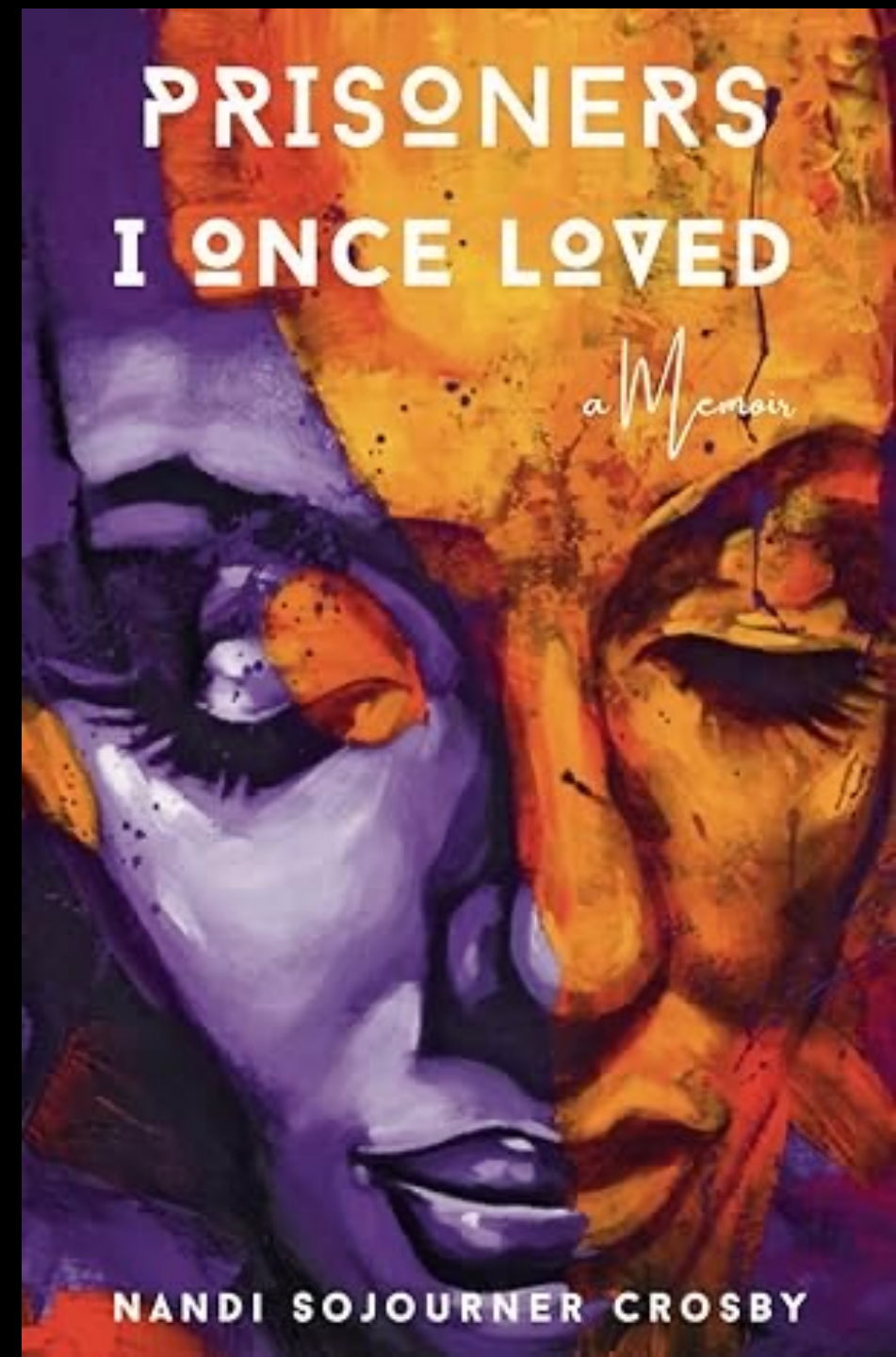
Juanwon Anderson-Verdell,  
student performer at Black  
Excellence Showcase

# Outstanding Faculty



**Dr. Nandi S. Crosby**  
Sociology, Honors Program

Crosby's passion for social justice is evident in the several books she's published, including *This Side of My Struggle*, a collection of stories from prisoners about their incarceration...When asked, she explains her philosophy this way: 'Justice is what love looks like in public.'" (from CSU Outstanding Faculty)



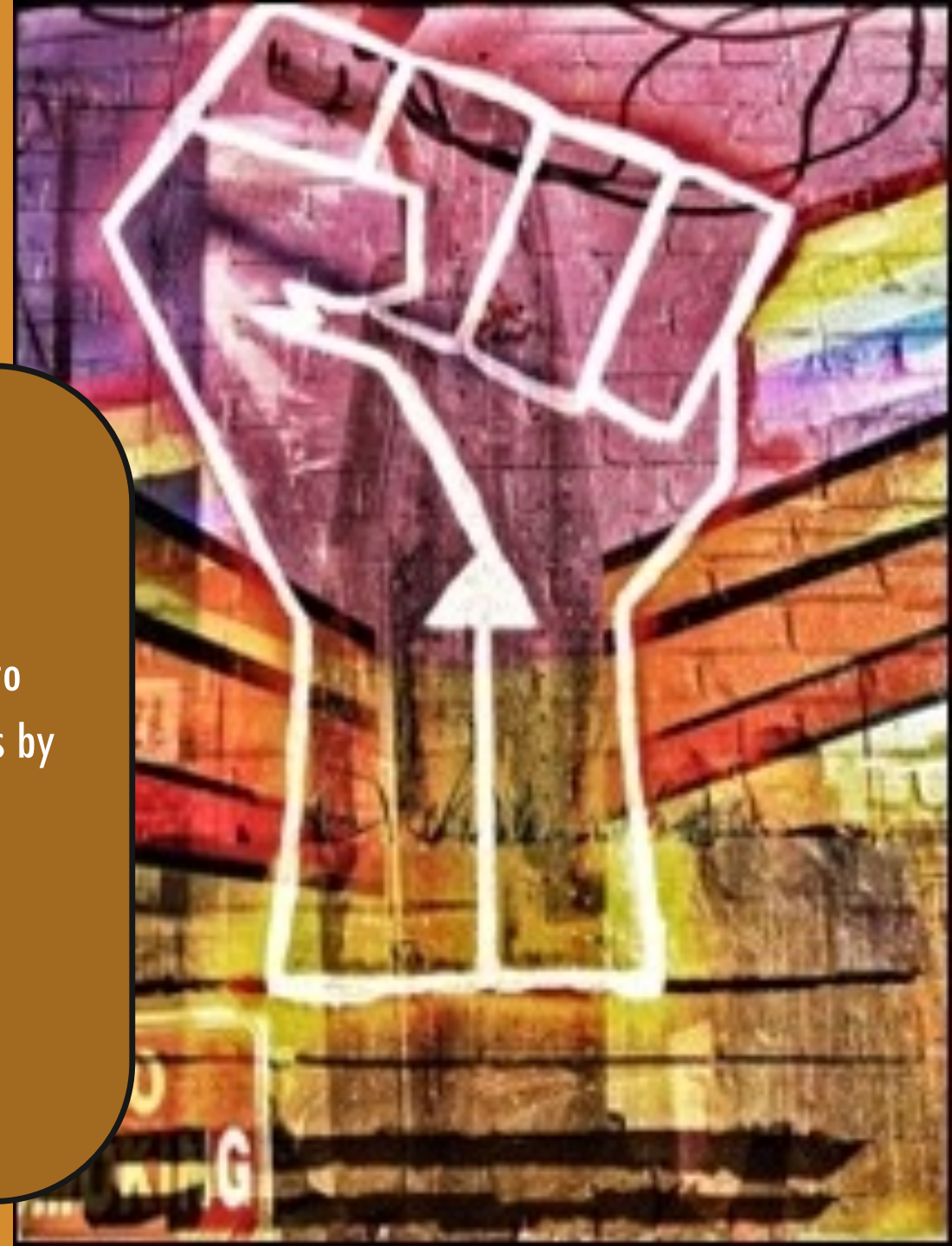


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## BIPOC Faculty Writing Group

Cultivating community and support for a diverse group of faculty to successfully navigate the retention, tenure, and promotion process by developing scholarly and creative work, while strengthening a network of colleagues at the Chico State campus.

Led by faculty peer-mentors Gloria Lopez (History) and Stef Baldivia (Meriam Library)





# Advancing Innovation

Fusion NFC  
Start-up  
Chip-based  
Business Cards  
(your gift today!)

Student development team  
members Noah Ross (L) and  
Ivan Monreal (R)



# Black Faculty Staff Association 2022





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this spring

Cross-Cultural Leadership  
Center  
**Black Unity Brunch**

Tuesday, February 27  
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Janet Turner Print Museum



California State University **Chico**  
Cross-Cultural  
Leadership Center



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**NOMINATION**



**NOMINATE HERE!**



A woman, Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, is shown in profile, facing left. She is wearing a red hijab and a colorful, patterned headscarf. She is holding a piece of paper in her right hand and appears to be speaking into a microphone. The background is dark and out of focus.

**Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins,  
AS President**

# Honoring Stories

**Women Like You Symposium  
2023**

“Honoring womxn of the campus community, sharing their journeys of empowerment and focusing on the resilience and rise of womxn in today’s social climate.”  
Hosted by Associated Students.



# Outstanding Faculty

## Dr. Seth Klobodu, Nutrition and Food Science

2023 Recipient of the University's Professional Achievement Honors, recognizing exemplary teacher-scholar achievement on our campus.





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# Black Dinner & a Story

Wednesday, February 7, 5—7 p.m.  
Cross-Cultural Leadership Center,  
Meriam Library, Room 172



California State University  
Cross-Cultural  
Leadership Center



# BLACK DINNER & A STORY

SCAM ME TO RSVP



5-7PM

Wednesdays

February 7th, 2023



Cross-Cultural  
Leadership  
Center (MLIB) 172

JOIN US FOR A SHARED MEAL FULL OF CONVERSATION AND CONNECT AS A WHOLE

A woman with dark hair in a bun, wearing a dark blue polo shirt and jeans, stands at a wooden podium on a stage. She is gesturing with her right hand, pointing upwards. Behind her is a large projection screen displaying the text "# I AM Remarkable" in a white, handwritten-style font. The background to the right shows a window with a view of greenery outside. In the foreground, the back of a person's head is visible, looking towards the speaker.

# I AM  
Remarkable

# Elevating Leaders

You Belong in Business:  
First-Gen Early Career Success  
and Leadership Summit 2023

Cherie Higgs, student speaker



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The Cross Cultural Leadership Center Presents

# YOUNG, BLACK AND GIFTED

5PM-8PM  
FEBRUARY 22, 2024  
SSC PLAZA

Fun  
Competitions

free  
food

# BLOCKPARTY

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Joshua Hamilton



Zhane Duckett

# Reaching Athletic Heights



Dylan White wins 2023 CCAA  
Cross Country Championship

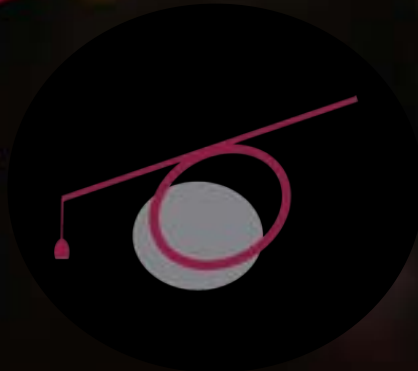
Join us in Selvester's  
Café immediately  
following the program  
for Happy Hour and  
conversation

*Tip & Sip*

CELEBRATING  
COMMUNITY AND  
CREATIVITY

JOIN US AFTER TIPPING POINT FOR  
TASTY TASTINGS, MUSIC AND  
ENGAGEMENT

Selvester's Cafe



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