



FROM DREAMS TO DEGREES: LIFTING EACH OTHER AS WE CLIMB

17TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN GRADUATION

Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church

408 W MacArthur Blvd.

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#2025PeraltaBlackGrad

GRADUATION PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Lawrence VanHook, D.Min.

Chair, African & African American Graduation

President, Peralta Association of African American Affairs (PAAAA)

Musical Director, Marcus VanHook

Processional	Gregory Hodge, Esq., <i>Drummer</i>
Master of Ceremonies	Lawrence E. VanHook, D.Min.
Greetings & Invocation	Bishop Lawrence Brandon, <i>Pastor Evergreen MBC</i>
Libation	Gregory Hodge, Esq.
Musical Selection	Black National Anthem— <i>Lift Every Voice & Sing (Lyrics page 3)</i>
Occasion	Gregory Hodge, Esq.
Introduction of Chancellor	Lawrence E. VanHook, D.Min.
Welcome & Recognition	Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson, Ed.D., <i>Chancellor, Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees</i> College Presidents: Dr. Denise Richardson, Ed.D., <i>Berkeley City College</i> Ms. Melanie Dixon, <i>College of Alameda</i> Dr. Rebecca Opsata, Ph.D., <i>Acting, Laney College</i> Dr. David Johnson, Ph.D., <i>Merritt College</i>
Recognition of PAAAA Scholarship Recipients	Douglass Cobb, <i>Chair, PAAAA Scholarship Committee</i>
Recognition of Peralta Honorees	Lawrence E. VanHook, D.Min.
Gone but not Forgotten - In Memoriam	Lawrence E. VanHook, D.Min.
Graduate Student Speaker	Vanessa Irene Foreman Vargas <i>BCC, PAAAA Scholarship Awardee</i>
Musical Selection	Ashling Cole, <i>Guest Soloist</i>
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Lawrence E. VanHook, D.Min.
Keynote Speaker	Rowena Brown <i>At-Large Oakland, City Councilmember</i>
Kenté Cloth Proclamation	Ramona Butler, <i>EOPS/CARE Coordinator, Berkeley City College</i>
Introduction of Class of 2025 Graduates	Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson, Ed.D.
Benediction	Lawrence E. VanHook, D.Min.
Processional	Class of 2025 Graduates

BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM

125th Year Anniversary

Lift every voice and sing, till earth Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song, full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song, full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers signed?

We have come, over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered;

Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who has by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet, stray from the places, our God,
where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget Thee,
Shadow beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

--James Weldon Johnson

HISTORY OF THE KENTÉ CLOTH

WHAT IS KENTÉ CLOTH?

Kenté is an Asante ceremonial hand-woven cloth. Historical accounts trace its origin to the early weaving traditions of West African Kingdoms between 300 A.D. and 1600 A.D. Kenté as we know it today, was developed in the country of Ghana during the 12th century A.D. It received its name from the term "kenten", which means "basket", because of the cloth's resemblance to the woven design of a basket. Kings, Queens, and important figures of state in Ghanaian society wore the cloth during ceremonial events and special occasions.

Like most of Africa's visual art forms, Kenté is a visual representative of history, oral literature, religious belief, social values, and political thought. Kenté is reserved for very important social or religious occasions and is not meant to be used for commonplace activity, or ordinary wear. Today, as those of the African Diaspora gain a renewed sense of pride for their motherland, they wear the Kenté cloth for inspiration and as a reflection of the connection to their African ancestors.

WHAT IS THE DONNING OF THE KENTE?

Donning of the Kenté is a ceremony to commemorate the transition of graduates of African descent, Africans, African

Americans, Caribbean and Pacific Islanders, from one historical moment in their lives to the next.

At Peralta Colleges (College of Alameda, Berkeley City College, Laney College, and Merritt College), the Donning of the Kenté is the Rite of Passage for those persons who have taken the journey through their educational programs and are now graduating to the next leg of their life's journey where service and scholarship merge for the glory of God, and the liberating healing of our various communities.

"Proclamation"

It was for this day that your ancestors rejoiced to see your birth, because they believed that you were the one of promise; the one who would move your family's legacy forward and closer to their vision of a prosperous future. May all of your family's hopes for a bright future be mingled with yours and completely realized because you are a graduate of the Peralta Community College District. Together, with the ancestors we rejoice at this great accomplishment by exclaiming . . .

"Nyame meda wo ase!" . . . "Thank You God!"

PERALTA ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

The **Peralta Association of African American Affairs (PAAAA)** is an affiliate of the **Western Region Council on Black American Affairs (WRCBAA)** and the **National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA)**, which are committed to:

- ✚ Improving educational opportunities and professional development for African American/Black students, faculty, staff and administration.
- ✚ Developing collaborative relationships with educational, business, and public service institutions with compatible goals.
- ✚ Networking to maximize the achievement of career goals for African American/Black students, faculty, staff, and administrators.
- ✚ Ensuring the articulation of positions on issues affecting African American/Blacks in the formulation of policy and decision-making.

The Peralta Association of African American Affairs (PAAAA) recognizes the accomplishments of African American students attending Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College, who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership skills, and community service in the various communities where they live, work and study.

Be part of the reemergence to support Black student success!

DONATE TO PAAAAA

A gift of any amount to the Peralta Association of African American Affairs (PAAAA)

Scholarship and/or Graduation fund can help students achieve their dreams.

With your assistance, PAAAA can continue to provide students with scholarships and celebrate their accomplishments.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rowena Brown, *At-Large Oakland, City Councilmember*



Rowena Brown was sworn in as Oakland's Councilmember, At Large, on January 6th, 2025. She is a proud East Bay native with deep roots in Oakland and a lifelong commitment to public service. An alumna of the Peralta Colleges, Rowena credits her time there as a pivotal moment that launched her educational journey as a student of African American Studies and Political Science.

As a student leader of the Associated Students of Laney College and the Inner Club Council, she formed the Laney Law Society. She led initiatives to increase student engagement on campus and brought back the acclaimed Laney Day to uplift the spirit of all on campus. She is a graduate of Laney College, Mills College, and the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco.

Rowena also brings a wide range of experiences to her new role, having served as a State Legislative District Director, City of Oakland constituent services coordinator, workforce development coach, civics education teacher, and award-winning community organizer. As Councilmember, Rowena is focused on bringing increased transparency, collaboration across all levels of government, and creating transformative change for all Oaklanders.

STUDENT SPEAKER



Vanessa Irene Foreman Vargas, is a Psychology major at Berkeley City College and part of the Umoja Community Leadership.. Through the Umoja Community, Vanessa has worked to create culturally relevant spaces that support the success and mental wellness of Black students, and with the Undocumented Community Resource Center (UCRC), which provides vital resources and advocacy for undocumented students. Vanessa has been accepted to University of California Berkeley and University of California Davis and will be attending University of California Berkeley in Fall 25.

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