

# THE DEDICATION OF JOHN R. LEWIS COLLEGE

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ



# MAY 6, 2022

THE QUARRY AMPHITHEATER

# JOHN R. LEWIS COLLEGE

The naming of [College Ten](#) as [John R. Lewis College](#) is a profound honor and a great responsibility for [UC Santa Cruz](#). Our campus community will strive daily to live up to the legacy of Representative Lewis, to answer his call to create a more just and equitable society, and to leave the world a better place than we found it. Through transformative educational experiences -- both inside and outside of the classroom -- that develop crucial skills, knowledge, and perspectives, our college actualizes our students' profound potential as positive change agents.

John R. Lewis College is home to approximately [1500 students, three-quarters of whom are people of color, one-third of whom are first generation, and almost two-thirds multilingual](#). Its mission is to foster a community that welcomes and affirms people to be their whole selves; to honor our multiple identities and lived experiences; to contend with difference; to think deeply and critically; and to be agents of social change. Our students, since the founding of College Ten in 2002, have been drawn to affiliate because of our theme of Social Justice and Community, values that imbue everything we do.

College Ten's curriculum and programs were designed from the outset to co-create learning opportunities with students, ones that foster student leadership training, peer-to-peer learning, community engagement, and critical sense of belonging. As a site of pedagogical praxis, the college combines the sharing and production of knowledge with reflection and action. Students learn to locate themselves in the arc of history, they learn that exemplary and everyday people have worked together, across difference, distance, and generations, with patience and perseverance to create a better world. John R. Lewis College will seek new avenues for social justice impact while building upon these strong foundations. Our goal is that our students become, and continue to be, on the vanguard of such efforts.

In this spirit, we center the [demands](#) from the [Black Student Union \(BSU\)](#) to combat [unrelenting anti-Blackness](#) on campus and beyond. While this is a time to celebrate and appreciate the work we have done as a college to get us to this point in our history, this must also be a time for action. We have an opportunity and a responsibility to call upon ourselves and our institution to work harder to address the concerns and demands that Black, African American and Caribbean students have been voicing.

Here at UC Santa Cruz and beyond, the memory and legacy of John Lewis remain vibrant, alive, impactful. That legacy will be central to how we remember and teach the lessons of history and to how we forge a future worthy of those who have struggled and sacrificed in the name of justice and equity. It is a legacy we strive to live up to as we deepen, create and expand programs dedicated to transformative education inspired by John Lewis.

# SCHEDULE

3:00pm

Music by DJ Courtnie Prather

Hands-On Activities

Campus & Community Org Tables

Early-Bird Give-Aways

4:00pm

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks

John Brown Childs

Blessing

Reverend Dwight Andrews

Welcome from the Student MCs

Cheru Robinson and Ray Diaz

Dedication Remarks

Cynthia Larive, Chancellor of UC Santa Cruz

and other Executive Leadership

Spoken Word Performance

Terisa Siagatonu

History of College Ten / John R. Lewis College

Flora Lu, Provost of John R. Lewis College

Sarah Woodside Bury, Senior Director of

College Student Life for John R. Lewis College

Keynote Address

Wisdom Cole, Youth and College Division of  
the NAACP

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LaTosha Brown, Co-Founder of Black Voters  
Matter

Call to Action

Xaul Starr and Airielle Silva from the  
Black Student Union

Ribbon Cutting and First Official Photo of

John R. Lewis College

5:30pm

DJ Courtnie Prather

Campus & Community Org Tables

Hands-On Activities

Give-Aways

Commemorative Swag

# FEATURING



## Dwight Andrews *Blessing*

Senior Minister at First Congregational Church UCC of Atlanta and a Professor of Music Theory & African American Music at Emory University. He is also an accomplished musician. Reverend Andrews views his preaching, teaching, community work and music, as discrete parts of a single public ministry.

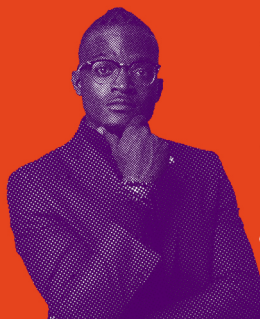
## Terisa Siagatonu *Spoken Word Artist*

Slam poet and community leader born and rooted in the Bay Area, and recipient of the *Champion of Change Award* from President Obama. Terisa is an alumna of UCSC College Ten / John R. Lewis College, and wrote her first poem in her dorm room in House 6 / Angela Davis House.



## Wisdom Cole *Keynote Speaker*

Civil rights advocate and national organizer, and one of *Complex Life's 32 Young Activists Who Are Changing The World*. As NAACP's National Director for Youth and College Division, Wisdom trains young people in effective organizing tactics and tools to mobilize their political power.



## LaTosha Brown *Keynote Speaker*

Renowned political strategist and organizer. Co-Founder of *Black Voters Matter*. LaTosha is a nationally recognized voice speaking truth to power, raising consciousness, and leading from a deep love for humanity, justice and democracy.



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The planning and execution of the dedication celebration was truly a team effort. We are indebted to all the event presenters; our amazing MCs Cheru Robinson and Ray Diaz; the entire University Relations Team (especially Kristin Palma and Meg Corman, Nichole Silva, Nicki Torres, Paolina Fisher, Nick Gonzalez, Andrea Limas, Scott Hernandez-Jason, Joop Rubens, Kayla Isenberg, Carolyn Lagattuta); and the Quarry team, led by José Reyes-Olivas.

In the months before this dedication, John R. Lewis College, the [Institute for Social Transformation \(IST\)](#), and the [Center for Racial Justice](#) co-organized a series of five events entitled, "Necessary Trouble: Thinking with the Legacy of John R. Lewis." Our thanks to Chris Benner, Evin Knight, Joni White, Traci Takeuchi, John Raedeke, Juan Perez, Diana Hogue, Kristin Palma, Allison Soergel and many others for bringing the presentations to fruition, and to all the faculty, student, alumni and community members who shared their expertise. Each of the Necessary Trouble events was recorded and can be viewed on the [IST website](#).

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