

# Black Graduation and Achievement Ceremony Program

Friday, June 16

5-8 p.m.

Visual & Performing Arts Center

*And so, lifting as we climb, onward and upward we go, struggling  
and striving, and hoping that the buds and blossoms of our  
desires will burst into glorious fruition 'ere long.*

– Mary Church Terrell



DeAnza College



**BFSA Network**

2023

# Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

**Phinhas Asmelash**

**Brianna Atiock**

**Bertukan Bailey**

**PeelGadol Ben Yisrael**

**Trevis Dampier**

**Eyob Feisa**

**Thandiwe Johnson**

**Taylor Jordan**

**Eden Kifle**

**Paulina Madsen**

**Misak Maranon-Davis**

**Aysia Minor**

**Mayra Moniz**

## **BFSA Scholarships**

**Misak Maranon-Davis**

Student Achievement

**Aliyanna Ralls**

Student Scholarship

**Jonathon Taylor**

Academic Excellence

## **W.E.B. Du Bois Awards**

**Mayra Moniz**

**Mickaela Norris**

**Sofia Nonga**

**Mickaela Norris**

**Goodnews Okpon**

**Joshua Pitt**

**Aliyanna Ralls**

**Joseph Rodgers**

**Fakiya Salim**

**Devin Stanford**

**Anisah Strong**

**Emanuel Surafel**

**Jonathon Taylor**

**Cassius Williamson**

**Edward Wilson**

## **Sankofa Awards**

**Paulina Madsen**

**Aysia Minor**

## **UMOJA Awards**

**Bertukan Bailey**

Commitment Award

**Sofia Nonga**

Leadership Award

**Devin Stanford**

Excellence Award

**Edward Wilson**

Resilience Award

# Program

## • Opening Performance •

**Five Diamonds and a Princess**

*African Dance and Drumming  
Ile Omode School, Oakland, California*

## • Welcome •

**Derrick E. Felton, MSW, MPA, MBA**

*Vice President, BFSA Network  
Instructor, Psychology; Counselor, Psychological Services*

## • Black National Anthem •

**"Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

*Eden Kifle, Umoja Student*

## • Greetings and Acknowledgements •

**Michele LeBleu-Burns, Ed.D.**

*Dean, Student Development and EOPS*

## • Introduction of Guest Speaker •

**Mr. Felton**

## • Guest Speaker •

**Sabrina Ama Awuah**

*Alumna, De Anza College; Former Umoja Student  
Alumna, University of California, Davis (Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior)*

## • Introduction of Student Speaker •

**Mr. Felton**

## • Student Speaker •

**Sofia Nonga**

*President, Black Student Union*

## • Performance •

**Five Diamonds and a Princess**

## • Presentation of Scholarships and Awards •

**Leah Smith, M.A.**

*Counselor, English Performance Success*

**Maurice Canyon, M.S.**

*Counselor/Coordinator, Umoja Program*

## • Presentation of Certificates •

**Glynn Wallis, M.A.**

*Counselor, EOPS*

## • Closing Remarks •

**Mr. Felton**

## • Closing Performance •

**Five Diamonds and a Princess**



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