



**Pan African Studies Department
40th Anniversary Gala Event
Saturday, November 7, '09
The Grand Salon, USU
9:00am-4:00pm
Program Schedule**

9:00-9:30 am: (Drumming Circle around Grand Salon)

CSUN Student: African Libation

CSUN Student: Native American Blessing

9:30-10:00: (Opening Ceremony)

Prayer

Singing "Lift Every Voice & Sing"

Happy Birthday Song-Stevie Wonder

Welcome: PAS Chair, Dr. Tom Spencer-Walters

Words of Welcome from the Dean's Office: Associate Dean, Dr. Christina Von Mayrhauser

Acknowledgement of the Planning Committee: The Chair

Keynote Address: Dr. Adewole Umoja

10:00-11:00: (LA City Recognition)

Introduction of the Mayor

Mayor Antonio Villairagosa's (or designee's) Presentation

Historical Retrospective Video: "Storm at Valley State"

Open Discussion across generations- Members of the old and new BSU to lead

11:00-11:20: (Recognition Awards) Founding members of the Department:

Presented by Dr. William Watkins

Dr. Adewole Umoja (formerly Archie Chapman)

Rev. Bill Burwell

Mr. Arthur Jones

Dr. Jerome Walker (Posthumously)

11:35-11:50: (Recognition Awards: Charter Faculty members and emeritus faculty)

Presented by Prof. Emeritus, James Dennis

Charter Members

Vern Bryant
John Bland
Rehema Gray
Sarah Foley
David Fulton (posthumously)
Eleazu Obinna
Barbara Rhodes
Corky Urris
Hubert Palmer

Emeritus Faculty

Vern Bryant
James Dennis
Bill Burwell
Barbara Rhodes
Rosentene Purnell
Tiyo Soga (posthumously)

11:50-12:00: (Recognition of Alumni)

Presented by Shante Morgan, Managing Editor, Newspaper

12:00-1:00: (Tribute to Prof. Tiyo Soga)

Mayor's Office Award- Presented to Prof. Soga's Widow, Mrs. Muriel Soga
Video Tribute
A historical biography of Tiyo Soga III, by Dr. Darryle Gatlin, PAS Professor
Open Testimonials
Amazing Grace- Gospel Choir

1:00-2:30: (Lunch catered by Grandpa Fred's BBQ)

Address by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr Harry Hellenbrand

- Student DJ Dewayne Leblanc will provide music from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.
CSUN students' presentations: African dance, poetry reading, and singing.

2:30-3:40: "The Karen Lo Project", Professional Talent Plus Gospel Singers

3:40-4:00: Closing Acknowledgements- Dr. Joseph Holloway, Professor, Pan African Studies

**4:00-5:30: Business Meeting with Alumni, Professor James D. Dennis
(In the PAS Writing and Computer Center)**

Event co-sponsored by the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Black Student Union, African Student Organization, and Phi Beta Delta Honor Society.

