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AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLEGE READINESS SUMMIT 2015

San José State University
Student Union Ballroom
November 13, 2015
8:00 AM  Buses arrive and registration open

8:30 AM  Entertainment: Gunderson Step Team, Oak Grove Step Team, and Akoma Arts

9:00 AM  Welcome
Dr. Reggie Blaylock, Vice President for Student Affairs
Drew Warnsley, BSU President
Romando Nash, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Keynote: Minister Sean Gardere

10:00 AM  Session 1: Student Panel

10:55 AM  Session 2: Workshops

11:50 AM  Session 3 // Group 2: Career Fair // Group 1: Lunch

12:55 PM  Session 3 // Group 1: Career Fair // Group 2: Lunch

1:55 PM  Closing (San José State Ballroom)

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**Session 1: Student Panel (10:00 AM - 10:45 AM)**

Boccardo Business Complex (BBC)

**Session 2: Workshops (10:55 AM - 11:40 AM)**

**Location**  
BBC 003  BBC 004  BBC 021  BBC 022  BBC 102  BBC 103  BBC 104  BBC 105

**Subject**  
Community College Path Transfer Career Options  Exploring Majors  Financial Aid  Financial Aid  Finding Your Career Through Four Pathways  Get Involved  Get Out of the Box

**Speaker**  
Florence Payne, Pamela Turner, Herlbs Hoang  Dr. Devonese Brooks  Egon_RCC  Anthony Babbianci  Philip Smith  Antonio Mejia  Dolores Mejia  General Green  Prentice Powell

**Location**  
BBC 016  BBC 017  BBC 018  BBC 201  BBC 204  BBC 220  BBC 222  BBC 224

**Subject**  
Journalism and Mass Comm  Road Map to College  Road Map to College  Staying Ahead  Skills to Survive High School and College Classes  Skills to Survive High School and College Classes  The Three Ps of Success in College  Why Colleges? What Can College Do For You

**Speaker**  
Dr. Dennis Chen  Vence Hyeapea  Dwayne Ajay  Dr. Kevin Ryan, John T. Kwan  Michael Espinoza  Dr. Ruth Wilson  Rosa Planey

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**Session 3: Career Fair (11:50 AM - 1:40 PM)**

**Location**  
BBC 003  BBC 004  BBC 021  BBC 022

**Subject**  
Vocational  Vocational  Social Services  Social Services

**Speaker**  
Tyra Yang  Lisa Majek  Janetae Janeway  Dr. Ruth Wilson  Ross Pusey  Marcus Powell  Marcus Powell  Kenyatta Doss  Tom Jones

**Location**  
BBC 102  BBC 103  BBC 104  BBC 105  BBC 106  BBC 107

**Subject**  
Business  Business  Education  Education  STEM  STEM

**Speaker**  
Alga Germinheiro  Carol Davis  Carol Davis  Brenda Smith-Ray  Dr. Frank Wells  Harriet Clay  Dr. Alyce Thomas  Carol Van Valen  Michael Feindick

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**Keynote: Minister Sean Gardere**

Minister Sean Gardere was born and raised in Richmond California where he first felt the call of God in his life. In 2003, Sean came to San José State University (SJSU) to play football. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Sociology and minored in African American studies. He later entered the field of education and received his teaching credential in 2012 from SJSU. Sean is currently working toward his Masters and administrative credential and plans to become a school administrator within the next few years. His ultimate goal is to charter a school for Black students. Sean has a passion for youth and has received profound gratification in his current profession as a special education teacher at Gunderson High School where he also serves as an advisor for the Black Student Union.

In 2006 Sean joined Bible Way Christian Center under the leadership of Pastor Oscar Dace and quickly began to realize his calling in ministry. Minister Sean is very active at Bible Way Christian Center; he volunteers with the children’s ministry, sings in the choir and currently serves as Youth Pastor. In January of 2012, Sean was ordained as minister and has been actively preaching the gospel since. He is married to Lorianna Gardere and together they have one daughter, Sierra.