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**Showcasing
Black Excellence
Contributions by
Community Leaders**

*Presented by the 2023
San Joaquin Valley Black Expo*

purpose

To research and write an essay (100-1,000-word essay), and share with the community what you learned about a community leader (past or present).

essay prompt

Write an informative essay that identifies a person (who served in a community in the Valley) who has inspired others (actions, worth, or deed). This person leads or has led a life that exemplifies strength, courage, compassion, and/or positivity. They positively uplifted and improved the community in the Valley. This person is historically noteworthy.

guidelines

- Explain their actions (what they did) and how they influenced or changed, and how their actions improved areas of the Valley
- Must be original work
- Must clearly address the theme and guidelines
- Word Count
 - 3rd - 4th Grade: 100-300 words
 - 5th - 6th Grade: 300-500 words
 - 7th - 8th Grade: 500-700 words
 - 9th - 12th Grade: 600-1,000 words
- Typed in English with size 12 font and 1" margins
- Include citations, bibliography, or reference page

**calling all
students:
3rd grade
through
12th grade**

submission deadline

Friday, August 11th, 2023 — via sjvblackexpo@gmail.com

Prizes will be awarded and essays will be displayed during the
3rd Annual San Joaquin Valley Black Expo — September 15-17, 2023

email questions and/or to learn more!

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