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Traditionally in the Northern Hemisphere, fall and winter usher in the "giving back and giving thanks season." For example, in the United States, this means getting together with friends and family for Thanksgiving in November. Then celebrating the birth of Christ for Christmas on December 25. Later, the Black community acknowledge and pay tribute for seven days to our African ancestral lineage through Kwanzaa. By the time we get into January and February, we begin with another round of New Year's resolutions that most of us are lucky enough to keep. Throughout these celebrations, a common theme should resonate-the power of gratitude.

Oprah Winfrey (@Oprah) says, "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." These are powerful words to live by considering 'Thank you' is the best prayer anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding." (Alice Walker- <https://alicewalkersgarden.com/>) Thank you for continuing this journey with me. In this season of gratitude, I pray that love may surround and comfort you in good and trying times.

Dr. Marcus Anthony Hunter /
Dr. Blackness



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HERE'S THE 411

August 2022

I had the pleasure of joining Ari Rastegar (@arastegar) on his podcast "The Gift of Failure". In addition to being one nation's top podcasts, 'The Gift of Failure' provides key insights on alchemizing losses into life-changing wins. For my part, I draw upon my father's passing and homeless to redefine the term fail into F(oward). A(ttitude). I(nspired). by L(essons). Featured guests include Sadhguru, Vic Mensa, Mark Bustos, G-Eazy, & Shayna Taylor. Be sure to check out The Gift of Failure book & podcast.

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September 2022

The Black Music in Action Coalition (BMAC / @bma_coalition) in partnership with Variety, the media and news company, (@Variety) hosted their second annual Music in Action Awards Gala on September 22 in Los Angeles. This year's nominees and award winners included Representative Maxine Waters (@RepMaxineWaters), artist Lil Baby (@lilbaby4PF), journalist Nikole Hannah Jones (@nhannahjones) and Culture Creators Joi Brown (@lamJoiBrown). The annual gala has been a place to amplify the impact musicians, executives, businesses, entrepreneur, and activities have made to social justice, change and/or equity over the preceding year. BMAC's mission is to continue raising awareness for racial and social justice within society.

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September ushers in Congress back to Washington DC for another legislative session. September also is the time the U.S. Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Movement (@ustrht) reconvenes with Representative Barbara Lee (@repbarbaralee). Representative Lee and Senator Cory Booker (@SenBooker) reintroduced legislation last year calling for the establishment of the first United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (U.S. TRHT via H.Con.Res 19 and S.Con.Res 6). The Commission will examine the effects of slavery, institutional racism, and discrimination against people of color, and how our history impacts laws and policies today. As a co-founder and co-chair of this Movement, I am proud of the hard work and service we are doing in pushing for truth and racial healing.



Representative Lee/H.Con.Res 19

[READ THE H.Con.Res.19 BILL HERE:](#)



Senator Booker/S.Con.Res 6

[READ THE S.Con.Res.6 BILL HERE:](#)

On September 29th I had the distinct honor and pleasure of moderating a conversation with Professor Lorraine K. Bannai. We discussed racial reconciliation, reparations and allyship between Asian and Black communities. Professor Bannai serves as Director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality (@korematsu) and Professor of Lawyering Skills at Seattle University School of Law (@SeattleULaw). The event was organized and hosted by Dow Chemical Company's (@DowNewsroom) Employee Resource Groups (ERG) including the Global African Affinity Network and the Asian Diversity Network. Dow's ambition is to be the most innovative, customer-centric, inclusive and sustainable materials science company in the world. At the center of that ambition is their core value of Respect for People. They are striving to create an environment where every employee is respected and valued and has an equal opportunity to develop, advance and be heard.



Asian Diversity Network

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October 2022

On the other side of the Autumnal Equinox, I had the great fortune to attend the Black Los Angeles Young Democrat's (BLAYD) (@BLAYoungDems) inaugural Sneaker Ball honoring Representative and Los Angeles Mayoral Candidate Karen Bass (@RepKarenBass). During my discussion with Representative Bass, we discussed the importance and her continued support of Representative Barbara Lee's legislation to establish the nation's first Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Commission. In this hotly contested race, Representative Bass is running to become Los Angeles's first Black woman mayor. BLAYD is leading the way across Los Angeles and the nation as one of the most relevant and effective Democratic clubs.



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In this edition, I highlight people and organizations that are driving forces within the U.S. Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Movement (@ustrht). These folks and organizations are doing great work in the push for social justice, racial equity, and Black reparations.



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I begin with Dr. Gail C. Christopher D.N., N.D (@DrGCChristopher). She is an award-winning change agent widely recognized for designing holistic strategies for social change. She is the former Senior Advisor and Vice President of the W K Kellogg Foundation and past Executive Director of The Institute for Government Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She was the driving force behind the America Healing initiative and the Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation effort. She chairs the Board of the Trust for America's Health. In 2019, Dr. Christopher became the Executive Director of the National Collaborative for Health Equity. (@NatlCo) Dr. Gail is a prolific writer and presenter, she is the author or co-author of three books including her most recent book **Rx Racial Healing: A Guide to Embracing Our Humanity**.

Next is Creative Acts (@creative_acts) whose mission is to transform urgent social justice issues through the revolutionary power of the Arts; to heal trauma, build community, raise power, and center the voices of those who are or have been incarcerated. Creative Act is a Black led, majority women-identifying organization that centers the global majority (BIPOC) and those with lived experience of incarceration in decision-making positions.

Sabra Williams (@sabraarbas), the Executive Director and Co-Founder of Creative Arts is a highly respected thought leader and influencer in the Social Justice world. She is called on for her inspirational key-notes, panels and workshops. Sabra is a Rockefeller Resident Fellow and three TEDx talks and is a visiting lecturer at UCLA and Adjunct Professor at USC. Her areas of expertise are the Arts, creativity and play, social justice, criminal justice reform, racial and social equity, incarceration, rehabilitation and reentry and the intersection of mental health, tech and creativity. She is currently writing a book about her work called, **Beauty In The Beast: The Power of the Arts Behind Bars**.



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Lastly, Dr. Paul Zeitz (@paulzeit) is a physician, epidemiologist and tenacious award-winning advocate for global justice and human rights with over 35 years of advocacy experience.



As a survivor of early childhood incest, he serves as the interim coordinator of a newly forming global movement to end sexual violence against children and adolescents and Keep Kids Safe, a U.S. based movement. Dr. Zeitz serves as the Executive Director of Build A Movement 2022 and he is a co-leader of #breathewithme Revolution. Dr. Zeitz is the author of two books: **Waging Justice**, **Waging Optimism**, and a third book, **Waging Love** is forthcoming.

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COMING SOON

The Election Results & Where do We go From There.

"A circle has no sides."

-Dr. Marcus Anthony Hunter

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