



Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE)



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Ed Grier, Dean of the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University

"The Leavey School of Business and our Silicon Valley Executive Center are proud to partner with the African Diaspora Network. We look forward to launching this innovative program focused on racial equity in American entrepreneurship."

Agnieszka Winkler, Board Member, African Diaspora Network; Trustee, Santa Clara University

"We are so pleased to see African Diaspora Network's mission to help Africans and the African Diaspora and Santa Clara University's mission align around social justice. They have worked together to develop a much needed entrepreneurship and leadership program for Black entrepreneurs, providing mentorship, community building and access to resources for Black entrepreneurs based in the United States. Congratulations to the inaugural ABLE cohort as we continue to explore ways to strengthen communities of color in the United States, Africa and other parts of the world."

Anne Im, Director of Community Investment, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, on behalf of the CA Black Freedom Fund

“We are proud to support the African Diaspora Network that is building power within the Black community, with a focus on entrepreneurs. Their work aligns with the California Black Freedom Fund’s efforts to invest in organizations that are transforming our communities and advancing equity for Black communities throughout the state,” said Anne Im, director of community investment at SVCF.

Supervisor Otto Lee, District 3, County of Santa Clara:

"The County of Santa Clara proudly supports the Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) program," commented Supervisor Otto Lee of District 3. "Through our URJGENT Grants Program, we are able to fund this outstanding program. We are honored to be a part of the effort to address historical gaps and resources in funding for the Black community. Accelerating Black-led ventures is a significant step forward and provides a pathway for building bridges between communities of diverse backgrounds."

Guy Primus, CEO and Board Member, Valence; ABLE Program Advisory Committee Member

“As a member of the ABLE program advisory committee, I was impressed by the quality, caliber, and uniqueness of the applicants,” said Guy Primus, CEO of Valence, and ABLE program advisory committee member. “It was very encouraging to see both old problems examined from a fresh perspective, and emerging challenges being tackled by some of the best and brightest. I look forward to how ABLE will boost their visibility and provide the resources and relationships to help them build.”