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Our illustrated newsletter Calendar is on page 2 of this newsletter.





HC Board Election

Elections to the Board of the Humanist Community will be held on February 26. Members may vote in person at the Forum, or vote by email or by a paper ballot. You can request a paper ballot from me at vp.humanists.org. Ballots with a final list of candidates will be sent out on February 14, and ballots must be returned by February 24.

You must be a valid member of the Humanist Community for your vote to be counted. You can join or check your membership status at www.humanists.org/blog/membership.

Secular Student Alliance Reaches Out to Black Nonbelievers

February is Black History Month, a time to focus on the often overlooked contributions of Black Americans on arts, science, and culture; and to create a society where humanistic values thrive.

Most Black Americans identify as Christian and, according to Pew Research, are more likely than the average American to stay in the religious tradition they were raised in.

Over the last decade, the share of Black Americans who say that they have no religious affiliation has risen more dramatically than whites, Hispanics, or Asians.

The SSA staff has initiated an extensive outreach campaign directly contacting students at public historically Black Colleges and Universities across the county, focusing on increasing the awareness of the growing number of nonreligious Black students and normalizing nonreligion in the Black community.

Black nonreligious people can feel especially isolated or misunderstood within Black communities. According to the US Secular Survey, Black participants were 42% more likely to always conceal their nonreligious beliefs. Being a member of a secular group has significant protective effects against adverse mental health, including loneliness and risk of depression.

Supporting students in highly religious communities is imperative, but arduous, work. You can help nonreligious Black students by making a donation to the Secular Student Alliance today at secularstudents.org/donate.

Humanist Forums

Forums are held Sundays at 11:00AM at the Mountain View Community Center at 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue, and simultaniously on Zoom, you can get the Zoom location from <u>meetup.com/humanistcommunity</u>.











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Go to meetup.com/humanistcommunity for Forum details

