



CAP ALUMNI GIVES BACK: Ajani Jackson

(1st Wave – Richmond)

"Making Waves nurtured my drive to succeed and was committed to my academic goals by investing in my potential, so that I would not be deterred by environmental or financial limitations."

Ajani Jackson became a Wave-Maker in 1989 and is a proud alumnus of the first wave of the initial Making Waves program. Today he resides in greater Sacramento and enjoys a promising career in medicine, working as an Adult, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist for the underserved.



Ajani Jackson, Making Waves' Alumni

"I measure personal success by evaluating my own personal fulfillment in my career, life goals and achievements. The career path I have chosen offers me a chance to enrich my path of being an advocate for mental illness, a strong mentor for youth, serving the underserved and enhancing my knowledge to ensure quality care for my patients."

Ajani expressed his gratitude for the Directors of Making Waves who were most influential throughout his participation in the program, as well as acknowledged his peers who made the journey alongside him.

"Making Waves provided a social outlet to engage with peers of similar interests and enthusiastic goals for succeeding academically."

During college, Making Waves' CAP team provided Ajani the support system needed to embrace the tough academic rigors and establish the discipline necessary to be successful in all of his future endeavors.

"I feel the social component of Making Waves was especially helpful. The energy, support and unity I received by just being around the young, intelligent, and vibrant group of peers helped develop the foundation of self-confidence and reassurance in my abilities and self."

Ajani continues to stay abreast of Making Waves and proudly gives back to our community by offering support as a mentor, as well as financial contributions. We extend our gratitude for his ongoing support and dedication to our increasing community of fellow Wave-Makers, today and well into the future!

"I hope to continue to have the opportunity to take on more of an active role within the program by being more involved in alumni development and career guidance."