

On Thursday, February 23, the Krinsk-Houston Law and Politics Initiative, together with Black Voices of UCSD, hosted a panel discussion and mixer event, entitled "Connect and Reflect: A Black Lawyers Panel. Panelists included UCSD alums Andre Bollinger and Stephanie Koppel, members of the San Diego Chapter of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, Marcel Stewart, Michael Bordeaux, and Royal de Mary, along with current Cal Western School of Law students, Jason Gant and Tariq Blake. The event was highly attended by our pre-law students who had the opportunity to learn about each panelist's inspiration to pursue a legal career, experiences in the profession, and tips to thrive from the law school application stage to practice. Founded in June 2020, Black Voices of UCSD is a student-led project with the goal of creating resources for Black students and anti-racists that provide insight on historical and contemporary issues that impact the Black community. They aspire to foster a space that emphasizes and educates the campus and greater San Diego community on issues that directly affect the Black community, and the Black Law Panel was a part of that vision to create more representation for people of color looking to join the legal field and to offer a different perspective in the legal profession. Our deepest gratitude goes out to all of the Panelists who were able to impart their wisdom and share their experiences with the UCSD Pre-Law Community. Please check out Black Voices of UCSD instagram page @bvofucsd to learn more about our organization, get involved, and stay up to date with their latest events!