



The UCSB Sport Management Club, the Black Pioneers Renaissance Organization, and the Black Student Union celebrate Black History Month by hosting the premier of the “Wilson Park Chronicles” short documentary, starring hip hop artist Earl “E-40” Stevens and Major League Baseball player, CC Sabathia.

**When:** February 28th, 2017  
**Where:** UC Santa Barbara, MultiCultural Center  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. (Movie), Q&A 7:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** Absolutely Free!

The UCSB Sport Management Club, the Black Pioneers Renaissance Organization, and the Black Student Union will host an exciting event to promote the short documentary, “Wilson Park Chronicles”, which was executive produced by Walter Boggan, Director of Admissions and Outreach for the UCSB Graduate Division.

“Wilson Park Chronicles” documents a community in the city of **Vallejo, California** where a fair share of African-American baseball players excelled at the highest level. It is rumored that Vallejo has had the most players (predominantly African-Americans) drafted by a Major League Baseball team than any other city in the U.S. per capita. Now, like MLB, the number of African-Americans playing baseball in **Vallejo** has dwindled. Through one-on-one interviews, the film examines the rich history of baseball in the city of **Vallejo** and what made the **Wilson Park** community so special. Furthermore, we look at what it will take to get our African-American youth back to playing “America’s Pastime.” The goal of this documentary is to demonstrate the misrepresentation of African-Americans in Major League Baseball and to celebrate Black History Month.

**A Question and Answer session will follow after the screening of the film with the following individuals:**

**Walter Boggan:** Executive Producer, “Wilson Park Chronicles”

**Brandon James:** Director and Editor, “Wilson Park Chronicles”

**Damon Jones:** Senior Vice President & General Counsel of the Washington Nationals

**Chris Smith:** Current H.S. Baseball Coach and Former Pro Ball Player, Anaheim Angels

**James Terrell:** Current H.S. Baseball Coach and Former Pro Ball Player, Seattle Mariners

## ***Wilson Park Chronicles...***

The sport of baseball has been a fixture in the African-American community as far back as the Negro Leagues. At its peak, a little under 30% of all Major League Baseball players were African-American. Today, we have seen that number drop below 10%.

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## ***Our Hope...***

Our hope is that individuals recognize how special **Wilson Park** and the city of **Vallejo, CA** was and continues to be. We want to bring attention to ways in which baseball played a positive role in the development of our youth and in particular, African-American youth.