



Imani Jabali, a member of the Shrine of the Black Madonna since 1989, has served as Youth group leader, mentor, and tutor, organizing various outings for the youth group. She participated in various summer programs as a Spanish language instructor.

In 2006, she established the CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY program, bringing elementary, middle and high school-aged students to the Shrine to experience the Black Holocaust Exhibit, African Drumming and Dance, dynamic speakers and cultural/historical movies in one event. Over the years, more than seven thousand students and guests have been a part of this program.

Sister Imani worked on the first Committee to organize the Malcolm X Parade and Festival in the West End as well as serving on the first Malcolm X Banquet Committee in Atlanta and officiating the Banquet. She established the first Commemorative Banquet Book.

Working in conjunction with the **Hands on Atlanta** organization, she organized hundreds of students to participate in the Shrine Hands-on-Atlanta Day community clean-up.

Imani has served as a community organizer, working closely with elected officials, including Assemblyman Charles Barron, Representative Cynthia McKinney, and Commissioner Stan Watson.

Research/Awards

- Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching, Fall 2015, Chile
- Selected for highly competitive teaching exchange program to research Afro-Chilean history, culture, and the community's presence in Chilean society
- Granted an additional scholarship to expand research in Argentina and Uruguay Developed a documentary and capstone project highlighting research
- Represented the University of Tarapacá to formally present findings at an international conference of college and high school educators from Chile and Peru and received unanimous excellent reviews from conference participants
- Organized a final presentation for university professors, community leaders, and the broader community to share thesis findings and research
- Invited to participate on several radio programs and panel discussions to share research