

# FRESNO STATE

## Join us for the unveiling of the **Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Monument**

*This event is free and open to the public*

**September 12, 2024**  
**5 to 6:15 p.m.**

*Peace Garden at Fresno State*  
*Located near the Library*



**Keynote speaker:** Siyabulela Mandela, Ph.D., an independent consultant on Human Rights, International Development and Conflict Resolution

The Nelson Mandela Monument will be the newest addition to the Fresno State Peace Garden, which houses monuments dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Cesar Chavez, and Jane Addams. Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) is renowned for his pivotal role in mobilizing resistance against institutionalized racial segregation and discrimination in South Africa. From the harsh conditions of imprisonment, Mandela emerged as a leader dedicated to racial reconciliation and social justice. As South Africa's first democratically elected president, he led the African National Congress and successfully negotiated the end of apartheid after serving 27 years in prison. Mandela's relentless efforts to dismantle oppressive laws and create goodwill among all communities show a path forward for uniting our divided societies.

**Presented by:**

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