The African American Student Center has been a staple at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (CPP) campus for years, serving as a space for Black students to gather, socialize, and find resources. When assessing and engaging within the Black community, discussions surrounding Black identity began to spark. Black students began to question and deepen their own understanding of all the identities that fall under a Black identity.

Black students continued to take on the initiative task to facilitate more of the conversations surrounding Black identities. During these conversations Black students were vulnerable in opening up to have these conversations around identity. Black students started conducting a survey and facilitating conversations on the 12th of September. However, as the CPP student population became more diverse, some Black students began to feel that the name of the center didn't fully represent their experiences.

At first, these students kept their concerns to themselves, hesitant to voice their opinions in a public setting. But over time, they began to open up to one another, sharing their stories and frustrations about feeling marginalized within the broader Black community.

Slowly but surely, these conversations began to spread, and more and more Black students found themselves discussing the same issues. They realized that they weren't alone in feeling this way and that there was a need for change. It was until a call to action was made by one of our student leaders, while simultaneously having the same identity conversations.

It was during one of these conversations that the idea to rename the center arrived. Black students felt that "African American" didn't accurately reflect the experiences of all Black identifying students on campus.

The idea gained traction quickly, and students began to organize a survey to present to the administration. They also held town hall meetings to discuss the proposed name change and gather feedback from the wider community.

Despite some pushback from those who felt that the name change was unnecessary or divisive, the Black students persisted. They knew that this was an important issue, and they were determined to see it through.

Finally, after months of hard work and advocacy, the administration along with students agreed to renaming the center to the ***Black Resource Center***. It was a small but significant victory for the students, who felt that they had finally been heard and seen. More importantly, it was a testament to the power of conversation and the importance of creating spaces where marginalized groups can come together and find support. The ***Black Resource Center*** is NOT a new cultural & identity center. The name African American Student Center is being replaced by the ***Black Resource Center*** to best represents all students of the Black diaspora.