



Multicultural & Diversity Center

NEWSLETTER

CLUBS

All clubs meetings take place in LRC 102A

Asian Pacific Islander Club (APIC)

Every Tuesday 1-2pm

Contact: Emily Chang
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Black Student Union (BSU)

1st & 3rd Thursday 3-4pm

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Latinx Student Union (LSU)

Every Tuesday 3-4pm

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RISE Club

Every Thursday 11:30-1pm

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Student Housing Advocate Alliance (SHAA)

Every Monday 2-3pm

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Queer Student Union (QSU)

Every Thursday 1:15-2:15pm

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The Multicultural & Diversity Center (MDC) is a dynamic and inclusive place that supports all students in their academic and personal journeys at the college.

We do this by creating community, home away from home, and a safe place for cultural expression, cross-cultural learning, access to college and other resources, and social justice work opportunities. The MDC is committed to retention and student success by offering activities related to leadership development, student connectedness and student equity. We are a student-centered program that fosters respect for all people.

Spring 2020 Events

JAN
30

Fred Korematsu Day
11am-1pm in LRC 102

ALL
FEB

Black History Month
TBA: Events and locations to be announced

MAR
9

International Women History Celebration
11:00am-1:00pm in LRC 102

MAR
31

Cesar Chavez Celebration
11:00am-1:00pm in LRC 102

MAY
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Asian Pacific Islander Celebration
11:00am-1:00pm in LRC 102

MAY
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Multicultural Grad Celebration
4:00pm-6:00pm at the Performing Arts Theater

Check out www.redwoods.edu/events for more information.

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Greetings from Multicultural & Diversity Center!

BY ALIA DUNPHY

It is with pleasure we send you our new Newsletter to keep you informed about the events, projects, and happenings at the MDC. We are hoping to have students contribute to this newsletter with stories, poetry, or through the continuation of the newsletter.

The MDC continues to be a home away from home to many students. During this year we hosted many successful workshops and events. We are working to offer more activities that promote student growth in their academic and professional paths. During the upcoming year, we look forward to continuing the work that promotes the mission of the MDC.

Thank you, MDC



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Victor Calderon

Hometown: Stockton, California

Can you describe yourself? Who are you? What is something you want people to know about you? What are your interests?

I went to college back in 2000 and did construction, I then moved to Tennessee for work. I did earthquake proofing and other construction related work. I lived in

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Techngoun Leang

Hometown: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Can you describe yourself? Who are you? What is something you want people to know about you? What are your interests?

My name is Techngoun Leang, but most people call me Tech. I am an international student from Cambodia. I am the youngest out of two. I have lived here for more than 2 years. When I arrived to the United States I came to Upstate New York where I lived for some time. I moved from New York to Eureka a year ago. I came to America to get out of my comfort zone and to get more opportunities than those available in my country. I feel that I can achieve more of my dreams here than back in Cambodia. I like to play video games, movies, anime, and hanging out with friends. I also like to volunteer if there's an opportunity to help.

What is your goal at CR? Why are you here? What do you want to accomplish during your time here? What are your educational or career goals?

I came to CR because it is close to home, so it was very convenient for me to come here. I want to get

Tennessee for 15 years, but moved out of there after my divorce. I got custody of my children and moved to Humboldt County. I worked a variety of jobs until I got a major hernia in 2016. I have had 9 surgeries since that initial surgery and have many more to go. I am currently I am currently dealing with an infection from my surgery, but my future is unknown so I try to make the best out of my time. I am trying to teach my children that life is worth living.

What is your goal at CR? Why are you here? What do you want to accomplish during your time here? What are your educational or career goals?

For health reasons, I couldn't keep doing labor intensive work. I decided to go back to school now and try to get a degree in Sign Language and Spanish. My goal is to change my career and help others in the community. To take sign language and Spanish classes. I want to work at the courthouse as an interpreter in Spanish and sign language. I want to better my life and hopefully live until I'm 100. I am hoping to be healthier to

accomplish my academic goals.

What activities or events have you participated at the MDC?

I have volunteered at the potlucks and have talked to other students to motivate them. I have attended the movie screenings and recently helped with Science Night. I also do outreach with students who might not know about the center.

How have you benefited from the MDC?

I have found a lot of people that need help and send them here. I am happy to have a place to relax and be myself. I like that I can volunteer and give back to my community.

Can you describe a favorite memory at the MDC?

I enjoyed seeing the smiles of kids during Science Night. It was nice to be able to help others and I encourage people to live to the fullest.

an Associate of Science in Computer Science before I transfer to a four year university. My goal is to get straight A's during my time here and continue that at the university level. My career goal is to work at a technology company where I can gain some experience to them open my own company.

What activities or events have you participated at the MDC?

I am currently a member of the Asian Pacific Islander Club (APIC) and an ally to the Queer Student Union (QSU). I volunteered at Science Night where I assisted children with the Mayan number system and helped them build marshmallow skeletons.

How have you benefited from the MDC?

There's a lot of nice people in the center. Alia and Irene have been really helpful in getting me connected to resources such as enrolling with EOPS. I have also gotten a lot of information about college because I am not sure how college works. Sometimes there's free food and it's a nice place to socialize with other people.

Can you describe a favorite memory at the MDC?

Volunteering at Science Night was a lot of fun. The kids inspired me with their talents and growth mindset.



Techngoun Leang

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- Techngoun Leang ”

A Look Back in Photos



Clockwise from above: Indian Tacos
Below: Science Night 2019



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