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Otter Inclusivity

Newsletter

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The purpose of this Otter Inclusivity newsletter is...

1. to promote the principles & philosophy of the National Coalition Building Institute; particularly in the areas of multicultural community building and healing from the impact of identity-based oppression,
2. to promote and communicate the activities of the CSUMB President's Committee on Equity and Inclusion, including [Priority 2](#) -- Inclusive Excellence -- of CSUMB's [Strategic Plan](#)
3. to be a forum for and promote the activities of the many CSUMB community affinity groups as well as the equity and inclusion work of campus and community partners.

1) to Subscribe to Otter Inclusivity [click here](#)

2) To submit an event to Otter Inclusivity for possible publication, click on this link: [Affinity Group Event/Awareness Form](#)

3) To submit a "My Take" guest article, send a word document (NOT pdf!) along with your name and email address to sgoings@csumb.edu

4) To submit a "In the Spotlight" biography and picture of a community leader, send a word document and digital picture to sgoings@csumb.edu

REVISED CSUMB Land Acknowledgement



THE ESSELEN TRIBE OF MONTEREY COUNTY

An Ancient Tribal Group

Cal State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) resides on the indigenous homeland of the Amah Mutsun, Esselen, Ohlone, Rumsen, Salinan people and territories. It is on these rich homelands, where CSUMB not only thrives as an institution of higher education, but also provides an education abundant with service and experience to a diverse community of learners. As our students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members explore the university's campus, remember to respect the land and take note of the natural beauty. Remember that ancestors rest below pathways and in other less traveled areas on campus. We Are Here - Let Ka Lai

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If you would like to learn more about Native American Tribes in Monterey County, please visit:

- **[Amah Mutsun Tribal Band](#)**
- Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista
- **[Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe](#)**
- **[Esselen Tribe of Monterey County](#)**
- **[Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan](#)**
- KaKoon Ta Ruk Band of Ohlone-Costanoan Indians of the Big Sur Rancheria
- **[Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation](#)**
- **[Rumsen Am:a Tur:ataj Ohlone](#)**
- **[Salinan Tribe of Monterey, San Luis Obispo Counties](#)**
- Tule River Indian Tribe
- Wuksachi Indian Tribe/Eshom Valley Band
- **[Xolon-Salinan Tribe](#)**

*This Land Acknowledgement was originally developed by Dr. Browning Neddeau, Dr. Shantel Martinez, and Chairwoman Louise

J. Miranda Ramirez (Tribal Chairwoman of the Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation). This statement was revised to include all of our campus sites, including CSUMB @Ryan Ranch, Steinbeck Center @CSUMB, CSUMB @North Salinas, the Marine Science collaboration with Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, and the Teacher Pathway Program, a dual program between Hartnell and CSUMB in King City. As the boundaries of our university may shift and along with it new information about the people and territories in our region, we will continue to review the Land Acknowledgement at our annual Tribal-University Convenings in collaboration with tribal leaders.

The revised statement was updated in consultation with Monterey County tribal leaders and CSUMB's Native American Council. The statement was confirmed at the February 2024 University-Tribal Convening, and signed by CSUMB President Quinones on March 11, 2024.

In the Spotlight:

April & May 2024 Cultural Heritage Celebrations

Check out the [*Cultural Heritage Calendar*](#) each week in order to know what parts of the CSUMB community are being honored and celebrated throughout the year.

April is...

Arab American Heritage Month
Autism Acceptance Month

May is...

Asian American, Pacific Islander, DESI Heritage Month
Jewish American Heritage Month
Haitian Heritage Month
Mental Health Awareness Month

April / May Holidays Include:

- April 1 = Atheist Day

- April 10 & 11 = Idul-Adha (Eid Al-Adha) (Muslim)
 - April 23 & 24 = Passover Begins (Jewish)
 - April 25 - 27 = Gathering of Nations (Native American)
 - April 29 & 30 = Passover (7th & 8th Days)
 - May 5 = Orthodox Easter
 - May 18 = National Armed Forces Day
 - May 27 = Memorial Day
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Mental Health Awareness Month Events



Poster Making Session

April 23rd, 2-3pm, Makerspace

Create a poster to support mothers in the local community participating in Mental Health Awareness Walks. Your poster will be donated to various non-profits for their use. You may also join and participate in the local walks.

4/30, 5:30pm | El Dorado Park, Salinas
5/2, 5:30pm | Castroville

Parental Mental Health Day

April 27th, 10am-2pm
University Center (4314 6th Ave, Seaside, CA 93955)

In honor of Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week, campus and community partners will gather to celebrate and support student parents. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear experiences from student parents and participate in various workshops and activities. Including yoga, a sound bath, a father's circle, health screenings, and more!

Collaboration with Basic Needs



Mental Health First Aid Training

April 26th, 9am-4pm
HWS Building 80, Room 90

Learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies to help someone in crisis and non-crisis situations, and resources for help.



Paint and Pancakes May 1st, 10:30-11:45am, Student Center West Lounge

Enjoy pancakes and opportunities to paint/craft.



My Mental Health is Blooming May 3rd, 1-3pm, OSU Plaza

Decorate a vase and select flowers that will boost your mood.
Collaboration with OC3



Otter Olympics May 3rd, 1-3pm, Main Quad

Lawn games, sport challenges, smoothies, snacks, and info from campus groups.
Hosted by EIM



Glowga May 6th & 13th, 5:15-6:30pm, OSU 210

Glow in the dark yoga! Hosted by SYE & Basic Needs



Yoga Sloga May 7th, 11:30am-1:30pm, Main Quad

Yoga then crafting!
Hosted by FYE



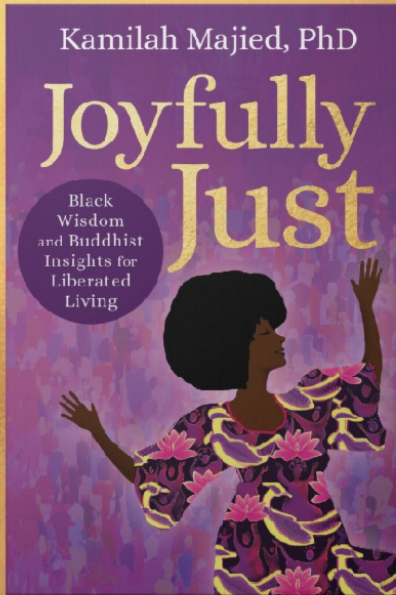
De-Stress and Craft May 9th, 1-3pm, Makerspace

Create a beaded flower bracelet.
Hosted by SYE & Makerspace



Maintaining Wellness and Joy as We Create a Just World

with Dr. Kamilah Majied, Professor of Social Work, CSUMB



**Tuesday, April 23, 2024
4 p.m.
CSUMB Library Room 3145**

Please join us for an interactive discussion about Maintaining Wellness and Joy as We Create a Just World. Dr. Majied will share key insights and practices to sustain wellness and positive engagement in social justice from her new book, *Joyfully Just: Black Wisdom and Buddhist Insights for Liberated Living*.

Register here to save your place:
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In the

Spotlight:

MARGARET KEITH, DISABILITY RIGHTS PIONEER...



**To Be Honored
with Lifetime
Achievement
Award at the**

***Student Awareness for Disability Empowerment
Affinity Stole Ceremony***

**6 PM on Friday May 10 at the
Otter Student Union Ballroom**

Margaret Keith is an advocate of people with physical, psychological, neuro-divergent, learning, and/or developmental disabilities regarding disability access, services, and inclusion. She is retired Director of the CSUMB Student Disability Resources department, now the Student Disability and Accessibility Center (SDAC). In collaboration with students, faculty, staff and community members, for over 23 years she directed the onsite and virtual development and delivery of academic support services. She provided consultation and presentations on welcoming diversity; communication with people who are Deaf; universal design for learning; emergency procedures; disability accommodations in housing, outdoor recreation, and other non-academic programs.

Margaret was elected and served three years on the statewide CSU advisory committee for services to students with disabilities for the 23 campus system. She actively served on various CSUMB groups such as the Health and Wellness Services Leadership Team; Accessible Technology Initiative Steering Committee; Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee; Mental Health Advisory Committee; Commencement Logistics team; campus Emergency Operations technical specialist team as Disability Access and Functional Needs

Coordinator, and other groups.

Margaret developed advocacy and support skills from the activists, coalition builders and mentors of the Independent Living, feminist, and civil rights movements. Her contributions to our communities have been recognized by honors such as Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities' Lifetime Achievement Award and Woman of the Year from then-California State Assembly member Sam Farr. Margaret lives in the Monterey Bay region with Marc, her spouse of thirty-nine years, and service dog, Arete.

In the Spotlight:

Affinity Stole Celebrations

Affinity Ceremonies,
formally known as
Affinity Graduation

Celebrations, honor the accomplishments and experiences of CSUMB graduates from historically underrepresented communities.



There are nine CSUMB Stole Ceremonies for graduating students:

- Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA)
- Black/African Heritage
- Latiné
- Family Friendly (students with children)
- Native American
- Students with Disabilities (SADE)
- Rainbow (LGBTQ+)
- Undocu-Otters (undocumented students)
- Veterans (U.S. Armed Forces)

These celebrations offer keynote speakers, performances, and cultural celebrations separate from CSUMB's Commencement. Participation is free and graduates may register for each Affinity Ceremony they identify with.

Graduates who register for the Affinity Ceremonies will receive a stole and certificate upon completing their participation in that ceremony. Graduates who register but do not participate in the ceremony will not receive a stole and certificate.

Graduates should note that registering for Commencement does not automatically register them for the Affinity Ceremonies, nor does registering for the Affinity Ceremonies automatically register them for Commencement.

With the exception of the Latinae Ceremony (which will be at the RaboBank Stadium located at 1034 North Main Street in Salinas), all ceremonies will take place on campus in the Otter Student Union Ballroom.

Here are the Dates and Times:

Rainbow (LGBTQ+) = Fri, May 3 @ 6 pm

Latinae = Sat, May 4 @ 3 pm

Undocu-Otter = Sun, May 5 @ 11 am

Veterans = Thu, May 9 @ 6 pm

Students with Disabilities = Fri, May 10 @ 6 pm

Native American = Sat, May 11 @ 11 am

Asian, Pacific Islander, DESI = Sat, May 11 @ 5 pm

Family Friendly = Sun, May 12 @ 11 am

Black / African Heritage = Tue, May 14 @ 6 pm

Volunteer at the 2024 Affinity Ceremonies

Whether you're a student, staff, or faculty member, there's a place for you at the Affinity Ceremonies. This year, the majority of ceremonies have once again grown in size. Apply now to volunteer and join us in honoring the hard work and accomplishments of our amazing students by submitting the **Volunteer Form** by Wednesday, April 27th. Feel free to include any family, partners, or friends in your guest count. We look forward to your participation.

Questions? Please email affinitygrads@otterstudentunion.org

In the Spotlight:
The Rainbow Raft Pride Center

RAINBOW RAFT PRIDE CENTER



SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ STUDENT SUCCESS

Excerpts from March 29, 2024 KAZU article by Janelle Salanga from <https://www.kazu.org/kazu-news/2024-03-29/finding-trans-community-around-the-monterey-bay>

Long-time CSU Monterey Bay professor David Reichard teaches history and legal studies. He was one of the advisors to the campus's first LGBTQ+ student group after arriving on campus in 1999.

“The activism of those students has been very responsive to the specifics of the time — for example, in 2000, when California was considering an anti-gay marriage proposition on the ballot, the students here really organized around that,” he said. “I remember tabling with them in the front of the post office. We had events on campus.”

Still, he recalled, not every LGBTQ+ student was gung-ho about public organizing.

“Some of the first group of students that I worked with in that [first iteration of the] club really didn't want to be public,” he said. “So we met in my office, because it had no windows.”

But he's seen the campus shift over the past 25 years, citing **drag shows in the fall** and CSU Monterey Bay's **Rainbow Graduation ceremony**, which Reichard said hosted “a record number of students this year.”

“That's a very public, visible event,” he said. “I mean, it's amazing.”

The Rainbow Raft Pride Center, which formalizes resources and creates a dedicated space for LGBTQ+ students, is set to open in May, and Reichard is working with students and staff to get the center going.

Part of its work creating visibility will be connecting students to the legacy

of trans and queer organizing on the CSU Monterey Bay campus.

“We have a plan to put a wall of CSUMB queer history here in the center, with images and photographs and documents,” Reichard said. “So students who come into the center know that they’re standing on the shoulders of a whole generation of students who organized before them.”

-- Janelle Salanga

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Grand **OPENING**

We are proud to announce the opening of the
Rainbow Raft Pride Center

Join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion!

May 8, 2024 12:00-1:00pm

Building 12 Central Lounge



RSVP HERE



For questions or accommodations email rainbowraft@csumb.edu

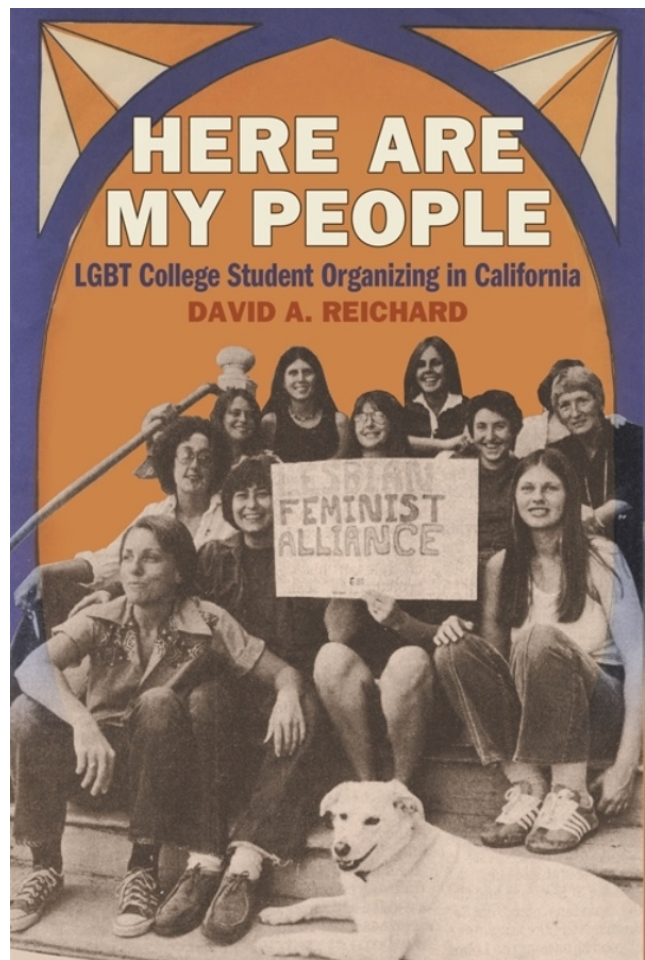
In the Spotlight:

Here Are My People:

LGBT College Student
Organizing in California

A Book By CSUMB
Professor David A. Reichard

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<https://ugapress.org/book/9780820366760/here-are-my-people/>

How a trailblazing group of college student activists made their mark on the history of the modern LGBTQ movement

Beginning in the late 1960s and throughout the 1970s, a new generation of LGBT students in California began to organize publicly on college and university campuses, inspired by contemporaneous social movements and informed by California's rich history of LGBT community formation and political engagement. *Here Are My People* documents how a trailblazing group of queer student activists in California made their mark on the history of the modern LGBTQ movement and paved the way for generations of organizers who followed.

Rooted in extensive archival research and original oral histories, *Here Are My People* explores how this organizing unfolded, comparing different regions, types of campuses, and diverse student populations. Through campus-based organizations and within women's studies programs, and despite various forms of reactionary resistance, student organizers promoted LGBT-themed educational programming and changes to curriculum, provided peer support like counseling and hotlines, and sponsored events showcasing queer creative practices including poetry, theater, and film. Collaborating across various campuses, they formed regional and statewide alliances. And, importantly, LGBT student organizers engaged California's vibrant gay liberation and lesbian feminist

political communities, forging new and important relationships in the movement which enhanced both on and off-campus LGBT organizing.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR/EDITOR

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About Mental Health

Awareness Month

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Since its inception in 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been a cornerstone of addressing the challenges faced by millions of Americans living with mental health conditions. Throughout the month, NAMI actively participates in this national movement, dedicated to eradicating stigma, extending support, fostering public education and advocating for policies that prioritize the well-being of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

This year, NAMI is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month with the Take the Moment campaign. We encourage you to join us in fostering open dialogues, cultivating empathy and understanding. We also urge you to share our resources to support individuals and families on their journey towards mental wellness. Through "Take the Moment," we shine a spotlight on NAMI's array of signature programs including: [**NAMI Basics**](#), [**NAMI Family-to-Family**](#), [**NAMI Family & Friends**](#), [**NAMI Homefront**](#), [**NAMI In Our Own Voice**](#), [**NAMI Peer-to-Peer**](#), [**NAMI Support Groups**](#) and our invaluable NAMI HelpLine, which is a free, nationwide peer-support service providing information, resource referrals and support to people living with a mental health condition, their family members and caregivers, mental health providers and the public.

This campaign also champions the importance of destigmatizing mental health by normalizing the practice of taking moments to prioritize mental health care without guilt or shame.

We at NAMI National have created this in order to support NAMI State Organizations, NAMI Affiliates, partners and ambassadors in efforts to promote Mental Health Awareness Month.

Join us, take the moment and let's make a difference together. Download our toolkit for more insights on this campaign, downloadable graphics, and more!

[**DOWNLOAD TOOLKIT**](#)

About Arab History Month

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<https://arabamericafoundation.org/national-arab-american-heritage-month/>



National Arab American Heritage Month 2024 “Celebrating Arab American Resilience and Diversity”

During the month of April, the Arab America Foundation formally recognizes the achievements of Arab Americans through the celebration of National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM). Across the country, cultural institutions, school districts, municipalities, state legislatures, public servants, and non-profit organizations issue proclamations and engage in special events that celebrate our community’s rich heritage and numerous contributions to society.

Arab America and the Arab America Foundation launched the National Arab American Heritage Month initiative in [2017](#), with just a handful of states recognizing the initiative. Each year, our grass-roots network of over 250 Arab American volunteers in 26 states gathers hundreds of proclamations from their states, counties, municipalities, and local school districts. If you would like to join a state team please contact [Dr. Amal David](#).

The President of the United States recognized the month of April as National Arab American Heritage Month with a special commemorative letter to our organization. In 2022, Congress, the U.S. Department of State, and 45 state governors issued proclamations commemorating the initiative. Additionally, the following states have passed permanent legislation designating the month of April as NAAHM: [Illinois](#); [Oregon](#); [Virginia](#); [Indiana](#) (Senate), and [California](#).

About Asian Pacific Islander DESI Heritage Month



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Who is APIDA?

"The history of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans (APIDAs) is an important part of the American experience. Works dedicated to APIDAs contribute to a fuller understanding of the history of the United States. Their stories encompass a rich legacy of achievement, along with hardships and sacrifices, that deserve to be explored."

There are a number of terms that are used to denote Asian and Pacific Islander populations, including Asian Pacific American (APA), Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI), and Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI). We use the term APIDA, which stands for Asian Pacific Islander Desi American, as a pan-ethnic classification that intentionally includes South Asians (Desi) as part of the community. There is a great diversity of identities and ethnicities encompassed under the APIDA umbrella, including East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander. This term ultimately includes all people of Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander ancestry who trace their origins to the countries, states, jurisdictions and/or the diasporic communities of these geographic regions.

Historically, APIDAs were grouped together by government classifications. There are conflicting views on the appropriateness of any classification or reference. While these communities use various names to describe themselves; these groupings are ultimately political and part of a dynamic, continuing process of self-determination and self-identification.

In the 2000 United States Census, the Federal Government defines "Asian American" to include persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander" includes Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Guamanian or Chamorro, Fijian, Tongan, or Marshallese peoples and encompasses the people within the United States jurisdictions of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. The previous "Asian and Pacific Islander" (API) category was separated into "Asian Americans" and

“Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders” In our references, Desi countries of origin include Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

APIDAs are generally grouped by regions, although it is important to note that some of these can be politically controversial. There is tremendous diversity, with Asia having more than 40 countries, and there are more ethnicities than countries (for example, the Hmong are an ethnic group from Laos). Asian diasporas are extremely large and ethnic identity oversimplifications do not apply. For example, people of Japanese origin in Brazil culturally identify as Brazilians, those of Chinese origin in Guatemala identify as Guatemalans; whereas hyphenated identities are more common in the United States as evidenced by terms like Asian American, or Korean American."

Notions of ethnic and national identity carry political, social and familial meanings too complex to analyze here.

See [***census data on API identities***](#) for more on identity and statistics.

- Central Asians: Afghan, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Georgians, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Mongolian, Tajik, Turkmen, Uzbek
- East Asians: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Okinawan, Taiwanese, Tibetan
- Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders: (in the United States Jurisdictions & Territories) Carolinian, Chamorro, Chuukese, Fijian, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Kosraean, Marshallese, Native Hawaiian, Niuean, Palauan, Pohnpeian, Samoan, Tokelauan, Tongan, Yapese
- Southeast Asians: Bruneian, Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Laotian, Malaysian, Mien, Papua New Guinean, Singaporean, Timorese, Thai, Vietnamese
- South Asians: Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Indian, Maldivians, Nepali, Pakistani, Sri Lankan
- West Asians: This is a contested term, most people from the region do not self-identify as such. West Asia is typically referred to as the Middle East; and geographically includes the countries of Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey (straddles Europe and Asia) United Arab Emirates and Yemen

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About Jewish

American Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage Month

May 2024



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May is **Jewish American Heritage Month**, a great opportunity to celebrate the important contributions Jewish Americans have made to America since the first group of Jews arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654.

The United States has many heritage months that celebrate the various communities that form the mosaic of our country, including Black History Month, Women's History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and more. By celebrating heritage months, we learn about one another, we honor the richness of our diverse nation, and we strengthen the fabric of American society.

Jewish American Heritage Month originated in 1980 when Congress passed a **resolution**, which authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating April 21-28, 1980 as Jewish Heritage Week. Following a series of annual presidential proclamations designating a week in April or May of each year as Jewish Heritage Week, President George W. Bush **proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month** on April 20, 2006. The proclamation began with efforts by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders that resulted in resolutions introduced by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania. These resolutions urged the president to proclaim a month that would recognize the rich history of Jews in America and the more than **350-year history** of Jewish contributions to American society. The resolutions passed unanimously, first in the House of Representatives in December 2005 and in the Senate in February 2006.

Since 2007, Presidents Bush, Obama, Trump, and Biden have all issued proclamations for Jewish American Heritage Month, which celebrate Jewish Americans and encourage all Americans to learn more about Jewish heritage and contributions to the United States.

Over the past 370 years, Jewish Americans have given to their communities and this nation as loyal and patriotic citizens, always grateful for the safe harbor that America provided for them. Jewish Americans have served in government and the military, have won Nobel prizes, headed universities and corporations, advanced medicine, created and performed in enduring works of performing and visual art, written great American novels, and become emblems of justice as members of the Supreme Court, and so much more. Perhaps most importantly, American Jews have

always pushed America to live up to its promise as a nation that upholds freedom and justice for all.

This month, we hope you will join us in celebrating the many contributions of Jewish Americans in the last 370 years and that you will learn more about the history, culture, accomplishments, and diversity of the American Jewish community.

About Haitian Heritage Month



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Haitian Heritage Month is a nationally recognized month celebrated in May every year. It is a great time to celebrate the vibrant culture, distinct art, delectable cuisine, and to get to know people of Haitian origin. If you're wondering why we are celebrating Haitian culture in May, we are here with the answer. Haitian Heritage Month is an expansion of the annual Haitian Flag Day, which falls on May 18. The flag day is observed with much pomp and splendor even by the diaspora. That's how it found its way to the U.S., a country that's home to a large Haitian population.

HISTORY OF HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Haiti, a country populated majorly by African descendants, gained its independence from French colonizers in 1804. The Battle of Vertières was a testament to the grit of the Haitian people, during which they overthrew the French to become a free country. Haiti was the first Black republic in the world to free itself from colonial rule. Today, the Haitian community exhibits these nuances of their history through their evocative art, literature, costumes, faith, and life.

Haitian culture is an amalgamation of Taino and African practices blended with European elements, thanks to French colonization. This mix of elements can be found in their cuisine too, which includes the rustic flavors of local dishes with a hint of French sophistication.

Moving on to cultural practices, Haitians are a joyous lot. Dancing is a way of life for this community and you can see this on any public occasion, be it a wedding or a church function. The practice of voodoo is also quite prevalent on the island and it entails the act of dancing as a ritual. Like in most communities of Caribbean origin, carnivals are a much-loved affair for Haitians. Their love for dance and music isn't restricted to their national boundary alone. You can experience a similar festive vibe in Palm Beach County, Florida, where the Haitian community hosts the biggest and most visited heritage month celebrations every year.

If you're planning to attend the celebration in Florida, dress up in a vibrant Karabela or a Dashiki shirt and dance and sing to your heart's content. Have fun!

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MEN OF COLOR ALLIANCE

NATIONAL COMPADRES NETWORK

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

MARIO OZUNA-SANCHEZ

Mario has over 29 years of experience working, developing and implementing healing informed culturally-rooted services; Boys of Men of Color initiatives, cultural rites of passage, teen pregnancy prevention, gang prevention & intervention, and community violence prevention, in Santa Clara County, specializing in East Side San Jose. He is nationally recognized for his skills at developing and delivering healing-centered, culturally relevant services to reach and welcome the most marginalized young and adult men in the community.



APRIL 24TH
4-5:30PM
AT OC3, RM 301

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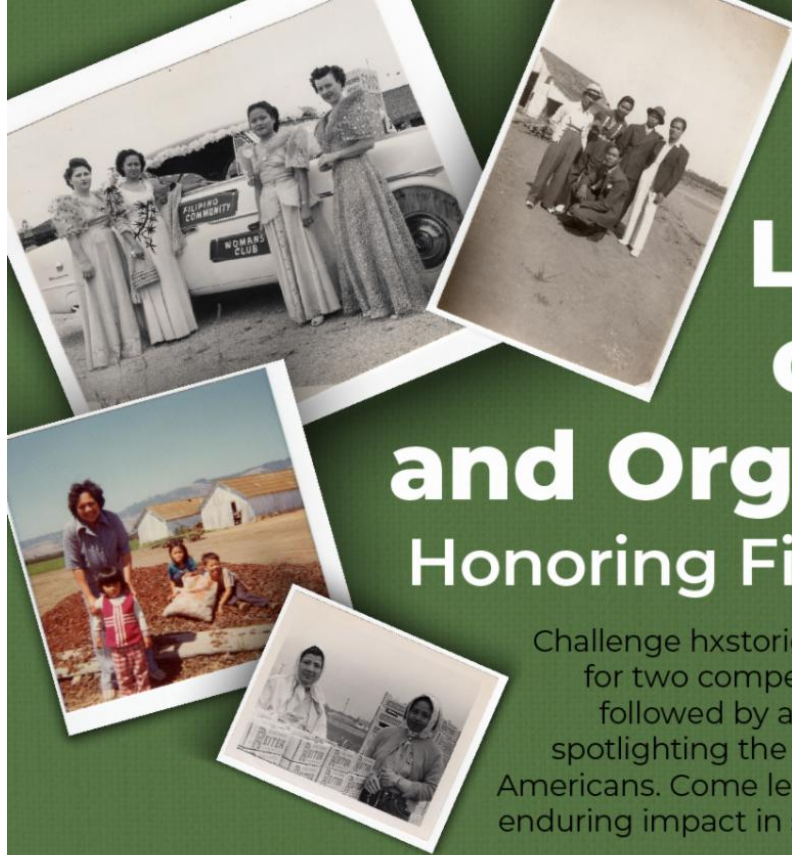


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Legacies of Labor and Organizing: Honoring Filipinx Labor

Challenge historical erasure with us! Join us for two compelling short film screenings followed by a dynamic panel discussion spotlighting the erased histories of Filipinx Americans. Come learn and celebrate Filipinx's enduring impact in shaping American history.

Featured Short Films

"The Delano Manongs: The Forgotten Heroes of the United Farm Workers" and "No Dogs"



Panel Discussion Led By

Dr. Kathleen Cruz Gutierrez
(UCSC and Watsonville is in the Heart)

Nickie Ttuhill-Delute
(Filipino American National Historical Society - Delano)

Manuel Bersamin
(The Tobera Project)

Erwin Mina
(Board President of the Filipino American National Historical Society Museum)

Free and Open to All!

Thursday, April 25th at 2pm
Otter Student Union, Room 310
Cal State Monterey Bay



Scan the QR Code or register at
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15th Asian Cultural Fair

April 27, 2024 11 am – 4 pm

Schedule of Events

<http://www.salinasace.org/asian-festival/>

11:00 – 11:30 Opening Ceremony: Buddhist Temple, 14 California St.
Master of Ceremonies: Larry Hirahara
Mayor Kimbley Craig
Councilman Orlando Osornio
County Supervisor Luis Alejo
Assemblyman Robert Rivas
Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren

12:00 – 2:00: Filipino Community Center – Ongoing Entertainment

12:00 – 12:30: Bonsai Demonstration – Buddhist Temple Gym

12:30 – 1:00: Kendo Demonstration – Buddhist Temple Gym

1:00 – 1:30: Combined Asian Entertainment – Buddhist Temple Gym Stage

2:00 – 2:40: Walking Tour of Chinatown: Start at Filipino Center, 250 Calle Cebu.
Tour Guides: Jason Agpaoa, Al Baguio, & Albert Fong

2:45 – 3:20: Continue Tour to Soledad St.: Republic Cafe, Moongate Plaza, and Lake Street (previously Japantown)

3:25 – 3:45: Tour ends at Buddhist Temple

4:00: Festival Ends—Thank you!

Ongoing Events:

Asian Food, Open-air Craft Vendors and Information Booths, History Displays, Produce Sale (Confucius Church), Asian Artifacts Sale (Buddhist Temple of Salinas), Classic Car Show. At Moon Gate Plaza, Soledad St.: Urban Arts Collaborative Gallery; ACE Gallery: "Nihonmachi in Chinatown" with Other Cultural Exhibits, and Meet the Archivists.

Parental Mental Health Day

HONORING PARENTING STUDENTS

Opening Remarks & Listening Panel (10:00am-11:15am)

Opening remarks will be provided by Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, Dr. Reuban Rodriguez. The moderated panel will provide a glimpse into the lived experiences of our local parenting students. Including students from Cal State Monterey Bay, Hartnell and Monterey Peninsula College. Morning refreshments will be provided.

Family Friendly Workshop Rotations (11:15am - 12:45pm)

Attendees and their families will have the opportunity to participate in two of the many free workshops and activities available. Including: yoga, a sound bath, a father's circle, craft kits, sleep tips, and more! Each workshop will include a 15 break in between sessions.

Closing Remarks & Community Resource Fair (12:45pm-2:00pm)

Following the workshops, CSUMB's President Vanya Quiñones will provide closing remarks. Attendees are encouraged to network with local community members, supporters, and university staff to learn more about the resources and services available on their campuses.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

10:00AM - 2:00PM

DOORS OPEN 9:30AM

Register Here



CSU Monterey Bay, University Center Ballroom
Nearest parking available in lot 29
4314 6th Ave, Seaside CA 93955

For questions or accommodations, please contact azamara@csumb.edu

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Tuesday, April 30
4:00 - 5:30pm
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Bilingual Story Time | Food
Free Books | Crafts



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ETHNIC AND GENDER STUDIES

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End of the Year Celebration

May 1st 3:00 PM

Otter Cross Cultural Center

Please join us to honor our graduating seniors and Ethnic Studies Research Award recipients and celebrate our growing program.

Light refreshments will be served



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Open Drop-In Hours

Tuesday-Friday

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MONTEREY BAY

Spring 2024

**Steven Goings,
former NAACP
Membership Chair,
asks you to please
join the Monterey
County Branch**



at <https://montereynaacp.org/membership/>

Why Join?

The famous case that ended legal segregation in this country – Brown vs. Board of Education – was brought, argued and won by NAACP lawyers. Rosa Parks' famous act of civil disobedience was not a chance occurrence as many erroneously believe. It was a coordinated action she undertook as secretary of the Montgomery NAACP.

It was the NAACP that first sounded the national alarm regarding voter suppression that began in earnest in 2010 as a backlash to the election of Barack Obama as our first Black president in 2008. Our record-breaking voter registration efforts in 2012 overcame those suppression tactics and ensured a second term for the incumbent president.

Fast-forward to 2023 and we are now experiencing a great rise in identity-based hate crimes and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation along with a resurgence of anti-democratic white supremacy, the greatest roll-back of civil rights and the most coordinated attack on voting rights since the 1960s.

The NAACP is leading the fight against all of these trends and your membership funds these efforts.

Deeper Involvement

Simply purchasing a membership is very helpful to the organization. But the work of the NAACP is done in committee and to be frank there is more work than workers! So if it works in your life to roll-up your sleeves and dive in, here are some of the standing committees that can always use support (you can find committee descriptions on our website at: <https://montereynaacp.org/committees/>)

Thank you for supporting our local NAACP!

Multicultural Equity Group | 1512 Vallejo Street, Seaside, CA 93955

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