

EDI CARES Newsletter

*Welcome
Raiders!*

**FALL QUARTER
2021**



Welcome to the 2021 - 2022 school year, Raiders! We are excited to kick-off the new school with you whether you're attending in-person or virtually. Here in EDI CARES, we are committed to seeing you succeed. With the constant changes happening around us, we want to ensure that you are up-to-date on the events, opportunities and announcements happening in our department. Learn about what's happening in and around EDI CARES in our quarterly newsletter!

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JOIN EDI CARES FOR FREE COLLEGE SUPPORT SERVICES

THAT ENGAGE, EMPOWER & EQUIP YOU IN



Transfer Assistance



Personal Growth



Money Matters



Multicultural Programs

VISIT EDI CARES in-person at **CAS 301**
Monday - Friday • 8am - 5pm

EDI CARES

Fall Welcome

October 6

Come build community and learn about EDI CARES. Open to all students, staff and faculty.

12pm - 1pm: Fall Welcome

1pm - 2pm: Filipino History Month Celebration

Register at: bit.ly/fallwelcome2k21

LEARN MORE

APPLY TODAY

for **EDI CARES SUPPORT!**

Whether you're in your first quarter here at Pierce College or only a few quarters away from graduation, EDI CARES is here to support your educational goals. If you're a first-generation and/or income eligible student, you may qualify for additional support through EDI CARES. To learn more about how EDI CARES can support you, visit our website and social media pages at linktr.ee/edicares.

Apply today at bit.ly/edicaresapp



FALL QUARTER

Calendar of Events



SEPTEMBER 30

LATINO TALKS: MENTAL HEALTH

6:00pm - 7:30pm
bit.ly/latinotalkedicares

OCTOBER 6

FALL WELCOME & FILIPINO HISTORY MONTH

Connect w/ students & EDI CARES staff; Learn about campus programs & more.

12:00pm - 2:00pm
bit.ly/fallwelcome2k21

OCTOBER 19

MONEY TALKS TUESDAY

Funding your future right.

1:00pm - 2:00pm
bit.ly/mtt1fall21

OCTOBER 21

TRANSFER THURSDAY

Learn about transferring to a 4-year college.

1:00pm - 2:00pm
bit.ly/tt1fall21

NOVEMBER 8-10

FIRST GEN WEEK

Information to come

NOVEMBER 10

FALL SUMMIT WITH EVERGREEN TACOMA

Gather in community across college campuses

Time: TBA

bit.ly/edifallsummit

NOVEMBER 18

FALL VILLAGE TIME

Connect with your Pierce College presidents

1:00pm - 3:00pm
bit.ly/fall21vt

NOVEMBER 30

MONEY TALKS TUESDAY

Funding your future right

12:00pm - 1:00pm
bit.ly/mtt2fall21

DECEMBER 2

TRANSFER THURSDAY

Learn about transferring to a 4-year college.

1:00pm - 2:00pm
bit.ly/tt2xfall21

EDI CARES PRO-TIPS

- Follow EDI CARES on social media to remain up-to-date about upcoming events. Check out our handles at: linktr.ee/edicares
- Access Pierce College's Get Help page that consists of local support and resources available for students by going to: www.pierce.ctc.edu/help



national hispanic heritage month

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community.

This month celebrates the independence days of several Latin American countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th, and Chile on September 18th. They also include holidays that recognize Hispanic contributions such as Virgin Islands–Puerto Rico Friendship Day that is celebrated in the U.S. Virgin Islands.



EDI CARES Presents

Latino Talks:

Mental Health

Thursday, September 30

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Register at: bit.ly/latinotalkedicares

When mental health is not a conversation within your community – you start a conversation. For the Latinx/Hispanic community, mental health and mental illness are often stigmatized topics resulting in continued suffering in silence. This silence intensifies the range of experiences that may lead to mental health conditions including immigration, acculturation, trauma, and generational conflicts.



Recommended Read:

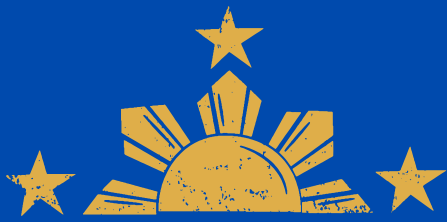
**For Brown Girls with
Sharp Edges and Tender
Hearts**

by
Prisca Dorcas Mojica Rodríguez





filipino american history month



Kamusta!

October is Filipino American History Month, and we invite you to celebrate with us. EDI CARES has awesome activities lined up this month, include lumpia-making with Mel and Abi as a part of the EDI CARES Fall Welcome on October 6th at 12pm. (A central Filipino value is "pakikisama" which means to "go with the flow"-- so...just do it!)

Since our country was founded, Filipinos have consistently held America to its promise: Filipinos have fought for democratic values whether the call was for farmworker or immigrant rights or for veterans' benefits. During WWII, many Filipinos joined the U.S. Armed Forces and bravely sacrificed their lives to defend the Allied cause. In the 60s and 70s, **Larry Itliong** and the **Delano Manongs** started the action that grew into the famous Delano Grape Strike, paving the way for figures like Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez.

So... keep calm and learn about Filipinos!
Ingat kayong lahat!

EDI CARES Presents

Fall Welcome Filipino American History Month Celebration

Wednesday, October 6
1pm - 2pm

Register at:

bit.ly/fallwelcome2k21

featuring:

- Music Artist/Educator Rocky Sandoval
- Lumpia Making Workshop
- Reading of the Filipino American History Month Proclamation

Recommended Read:
America is in the Heart
by
Carlos Bulosan



The EDI CARES Get Down

Tap in to any of these regularly scheduled EDI sessions aimed at supporting your success here at Pierce! Check email & social media for details.



Money Talks Tuesdays: Oct. 19th & Nov. 30th

Money Talks Tuesday will teach you how to become Baller on a budget. You'll learn foundational money management habits, learn the language of money and how to create generational wealth. Bring all of your questions week after week until you feel confident enough to teach your whole family.



Transfer Thursdays: Oct. 21st & Dec. 2nd

Transfer Thursday will cover all the information you need to know about transfer to your next school. Finding the right fit, financial aid, and more. Need assistance writing your application? Not sure what major is right for you? Need help managing the whole process? We got you!



Village Time: Nov. 18th

Join us for Village Time across the Pierce College District for an opportunity to engage your college presidents Dr. Julie White (FS) & Dr. Darrell Cain (PUY) on topics impact you and your success here at Pierce College. Tap in on Zoom, connect with your peers and share your thoughts!



Follow us on Social Media

Still looking to learn more or worried about missing an event? Connect with us on social media to stay up to date on events, opportunities & recaps!



@edicarespiercecollege

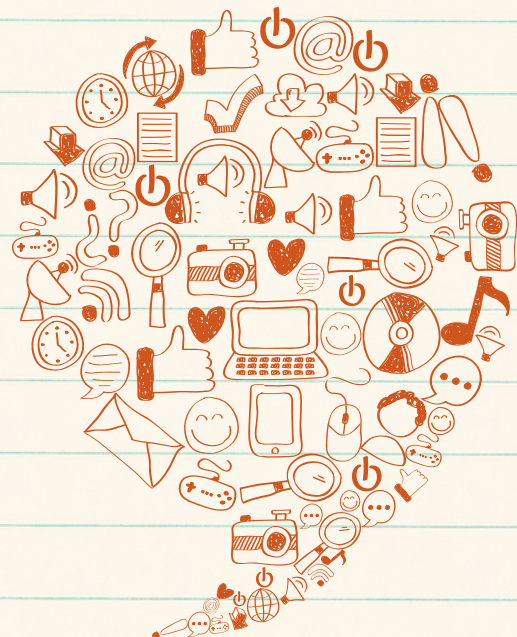


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Welcome Our New Directors of Student Life!

If you're on campus this quarter, make sure to drop your Student Life office to welcome our newest directors of Student Life, and get involved on your campus!



Mical DeGraff
Student Life Director
Pierce College Puyallup

My name is Mical DeGraff, and I'm the new Director of Student Life for the Puyallup campus! I'm originally from Michigan, but I have been in the PNW for about 7 years now. I got my Master's in Higher Education Administration from the University of Michigan (GO BLUE). I have worked in LGBTQ Student Affairs and Student Life for about 10 years at a variety

of colleges, most recently at Shoreline Community College. This is my first position at Pierce College, and I'm so excited to help unite the Student Life offices with the EDI CARES/Wakanda team!

Joey Adams
Student Life Director
Pierce College Fort Steilacoom

My name is Joey Adams and I am one of your new Directors of Student Life for the district via the Fort Steilacoom campus! As a military brat and Tacoma native with life experience of living all across the United States as well as over in Germany for several years, it exposed me to various different environments, cultures and amazing people. I am a graduate of Henry Foss High School in Tacoma, WA as well as Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

I have a true passion for supporting, motivating and inspiring our students especially our most vulnerable and marginalized because all of our students need to know and feel that they are seen, heard and valued here at Pierce College. I am excited to be in a position that will assist in ushering in a new era for the college by unifying the offices of student life across the district like never before as well as becoming a part of the EDI CARES/Wakanda team in order to best support and serve our students!





2021 - 2022

AANAPISI SCHOLARSHIP

The Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Scholarship Program is a collaboration between APIA Scholars, AANAPISIs and the communities they serve to provide scholarships, expand institutional capacity, and mobilize local resources to help foster economic development.

The AANAPISI Scholarship is available annually to students attending APIA Scholars AANAPISI partner campuses including **Pierce College!**



ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship awards range from one-time \$2,500 awards to multi-year \$5,000 awards.

In addition to scholarship funds, APIA Scholars have access to leadership development, workforce readiness, mental health resources, and other culturally-specific programming designed to support them through graduation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The AANAPISI Scholarship Program application must be completed and submitted electronically online. To access and complete the application, please follow the link below or visit apiascholars.org.



Scan or Visit
bit.ly/AANAPISIScholarship

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants Must:

- Be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census
- Be a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States
 - Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to apply
- Be enrolled as a full-time student, in an undergraduate degree-seeking program
- Have completed the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Plan to attend one of APIA Scholars AANAPISI Partner Institutions during the Spring 2022 semester (or Winter quarter)

For more details about eligibility criteria please visit apiascholars.org.

APPLICATION DATES

APPLICATION OPENS - SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

APPLICATION CLOSES - NOVEMBER 10, 2021