

# WHO WE ARE

The Multicultural Dream Center provides all students with a brave space to challenge their worldviews and engage in cross-cultural interactions. We are a space dedicated to enhancing inclusive excellence on campus through various efforts, focused on supporting student retention and persistence.



Engage | Building Community | Grow | Learn

## MDC SPACE

In Bell Tower 1530, we have a physical space where students can access computers, academic tools (i.e. scantrons, green books), educational materials about diversity, study and social spaces. Free feminine hygiene products, condoms, snacks and much more! Stop by during our office hours to access these resources and chat with staff if you ever need anything. The Center also houses three programs: Intercultural Services, Underrepresented Student Initiatives and Multicultural Student Initiatives.

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION STUDENT COUNCIL (DISC)

DISC's mission is to empower students to build an inclusive campus environment that is safe and welcoming for all. Through this group you will build community and actively make a difference. To participate, sign up today at [go.csuci.edu/DISC](http://go.csuci.edu/DISC). You can also reach out to Kem French, Assistant Director of Inclusive Student Services, at [kem.french@csuci.edu](mailto:kem.french@csuci.edu) if you have any questions.



# MEET THE TEAM!



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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9 am to 6 pm  
Friday: 8 am to 5 pm

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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# MULTICULTURAL DREAM CENTER



# MULTICULTURAL STUDENT INITIATIVES

For more information about these events or program, reach out to Crystal Delatorre at [crystal.delatorre@csuci.edu](mailto:crystal.delatorre@csuci.edu).

## PURPOSE

Supports the retention and persistence of marginalized populations with a particular emphasis on students who are foster youth, adopted, in guardianship or kinship care, have experienced homelessness, Native American or Asian American and Pacific Islanders. Our services seek to meet the unique needs of students within our programs to improve access, retention and graduation rates.

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

- PATH Program (supports foster youth, adopted, in guardianship or kinship care, or experienced homelessness (email Crystal Delatorre @ [crystal.delatorre@csuci.edu](mailto:crystal.delatorre@csuci.edu) to join today!)
- MDC Study Skills Workshop Series
- Lunar New Year
- Foster Youth Awareness Month
- PATH Senior Ceremony

## ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER MENTORING PROGRAM

AAPIMP is a great opportunity for our incoming AAPI students at CSUCI to meet supports and build community on campus. The program also supports your academic pursuits, shares campus resources, and provides you mentorship for the year.



## NATIVE AMERICAN MENTORING PROGRAM

NAMP is a great opportunity for our incoming Native American students at CSUCI to meet supports and build community on campus. The program also supports your academic pursuits, shares campus resources, and provides you mentorship for the year.



# INTERCULTURAL SERVICES

For more information about these events or program, reach out to Kem A. French at [kem.french@csuci.edu](mailto:kem.french@csuci.edu).

## PURPOSE

To educate the campus community, specifically students, on issues of diversity and equity, while advocating for those who are historically underrepresented, underserved and undocumented. Intercultural Services is committed to affirming and celebrating the unique heritage of our students through promoting awareness, understanding, and appreciation for all peoples and cultures.

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

- Cultural Heritage Months
- Bridge the Gap
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration & Day of Service
- Women's Recognition Awards
- Rainbow Retreat
- Lavender Stoling Ceremony

## LGBTQ MENTORING PROGRAM

The Multicultural Dream Center is excited to announce the 2021-22 inaugural year of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Mentoring Program (LGBTQMP). It provides structure and opportunities for new students to find community, develop a sense of belonging, seek academic support, resources and affirmation.



## STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

"Challenge your perspective, and do not be afraid to have your voice heard as student assistant or as a human being."  
- Andrea Murillo '21 (Student Leader)

"The MDC has provided a wealth of academic resources and [has been] a source of emotional support for me as I navigate college."  
- Anonymous PATH Student

"I had no idea that people had my back, it's thanks to the MDC and USI that I feel like I belong here."  
- Anonymous Undocumented Student

#MyMDC

# UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENT INITIATIVES

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## PURPOSE

Supports the retention and persistence of marginalized populations including, but not limited to, those who identify as Latino, African American/Black, Asian American & Pacific Islanders, LGBTQ+, Assembly Bill (AB) 540, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA), or Undocumented. Our services seek to provide resources and foster a student-centered campus community dedicated to the holistic success of our students.

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

- Adulting 101 Series
- Mariposa's Achieving & Resisting (undocumented student support program (email Natalie Johnson @ [natalie.johnson@csuci.edu](mailto:natalie.johnson@csuci.edu) to join today!)
- Free Immigration Legal Services (Set up a meeting today! [go.csuci.edu/ILS](http://go.csuci.edu/ILS))
- Undocumented Student Workshops
- International Women's Day
- And Still We Rise Panel Series
- Women of Color Retreat
- Undocumented Student Stoling Ceremony

## WOMEN OF COLOR MENTORING PROGRAM

WOCMP is a great opportunity for CSUCI students who identify as Women of Color (WOC) to help other WOC like them succeed academically and socially through holistic mentorship all year round. **WOCMP**

## UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM

USMP is a great opportunity for CSUCI students who identify as Undocumented to help our undocumented student community succeed academically and socially through holistic mentorship all year round.

