

# Welcome to the Multicultural Dream Center!



## Meet the Team!

### 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.



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# Multicultural Dream Center



Engage



Learn



Grow



Build  
Community

### What We Offer

The Multicultural Dream Center hosts events, workshops, and trainings, and provides academic support. Housed within the center are three programs: Intercultural Services, Promoting Achievement Through Hope (PATH) Program, and Underrepresented Student Initiatives. Each of these programs offer various experiences for all students to grow and learn about various social identities. We also offer:

- Space for studying, hanging out, and computers
- Educational materials to expand your understanding of social identities
- Free scantrons, green books, and print ten pages, black and white per day
- Free feminine hygiene products and condoms

For local and national resources, click here.

### Contact Information

*For general information or inquiries, please feel free to email the Multicultural Dream Center email or phone number below:*  
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### Virtual Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 8 am to 5 pm



## Student Testimonials

“CI and the staff in the MDC became my soul and heart and the place I like to call HOME. Not only did I leave CI with an open mind in diversity, a growth in my professional and personal life, but I feel safe to say I was now a person who left an imprint in at least one individual at CI. Thanks to my experience in the MDC and the challenges Mo put me through, I left being on the board for three organizations, involved with four honor societies, more culturally competent to say the least and on to graduate school at CSU Fullerton. Thank you Mo and Hiram for being my rock throughout my undergrad career, and through my professional and personal growth.”

**- Yesenia Garcia '18 (B.A. Psychology)**

“The MDC has provided a wealth of academic resources and [has been] a source of emotional support for me as I navigate college. Both have been equally invaluable and I'm grateful every day to the MDC and Leticia for believing in my potential.”

**- 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**

**Schedule a meeting with the Staff today!**

<https://go.oncehub.com/MulticulturalDreamCenter>

**Free Immigration Legal Services Available  
Book Your Session Today!**

<https://carecenla.simplybook.me/v2/#book/location/1/count/1/provider/any/>

## Intercultural Services

This program provides students events, workshops, and space for students to learn about social identities. We host various cultural film series, cultural heritage months, and dialogue-based experiences to discuss their lived experiences and expand their understanding of diversity. [Check out our website!](#)

### Signature Events & Services

Cultural Heritage Months  
Bridge the Gap  
Cultural Film Screenings  
Dialogue Circles

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Celebration and Day of Service  
Women's Recognition Luncheon Awards  
Lavender Stoling Ceremony



## Promoting Achievement Through Hope (PATH) Program

This program supports and empowers students who are foster youth, adopted, in guardianship or kinship care, and/or have experienced homelessness. PATH provides services aimed to meet the unique needs of displaced students to improve access, retention and graduation rates. [Check out our website!](#)

### Signature Events & Services

PATH Retreat  
Advisory Committee  
PATH Senior Reception

One-on-one Mentorship  
Academic Support  
Off-Campus Resources



## Underrepresented Student Initiatives

Underrepresented Student Initiatives was established fall 2016 in the area of Retention, Outreach & Inclusive Student Services. Housed within the Multicultural Dream Center at CSU Channel Islands, Underrepresented Student Initiatives 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.

[Check out our website!](#)

### Signature Events

Adulting 101 Series  
And Still We Rise Series

Mariposa's Achieving and Resisting (MAR undocumented student support)  
Mariposa's Achieving and Resisting (MAR) Retreat  
Undocumented Student Ally Training  
Undocumented Student Stoling Ceremony  
Women of Color Peer Mentoring Program  
Immigration Legal Services

