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UPCOMING EVENTS



November 19th-21st
3rd Annual Film Festival
Hosted by the CICSC

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We have been extremely busy at the California Indian Culture & Sovereignty Center (CICSC) welcoming our new and returning students into the new academic year as well as holding our Native American Indian day activities on campus. Most importantly, we will be soon be

releasing our third edition of the State of American Indian and Alaska Native Education in California Report. We want to again acknowledge the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their investment in the CICSC so that we can produce this report. We hope to see you next month at our annual film festival. More information will be provided soon.

Joely Proudfit, Ph.D. (Luiseño)
Director, CICSC

Student Highlight

Cabrini Luna

Cabrini is a member of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. Cabrini is majoring in Psychology with a double minor in Criminal Justice and American Indian Studies. Cabrini is currently a Councilwoman in the American Indian Student Alliance at CSUSM. Friends and family would describe her as open-minded,



ambitious and honest. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her son, family and friends. Her son has made a big impact on her life and has made her a stronger person. She has learned how to take on many things at once as well as being able to accomplish anything she sets her

mind to. Her grandma has been a positive influence in her life. Cabrini's future plan is to become a counselor for Veterans suffering from PTSD as well as youth. Her advice to students is "We are no less of a people than anyone else. Do not let stereotypes bring you down. You can truly do whatever you set your mind to. Make yourself proud and your tribe proud!" Cabrini is grateful to the CICSC for providing a place she feels welcomed. Since her first semester at CSUSM and through AISA and the Center, she has made new friends, has a space to do homework and study, and in her own words, "I have something I'm proud to be a part of on Campus."

*Megan Doughty
CICSC Creative Director*

Upcoming Event

Fundraising Week at the CSUSM

October 12th-16th, 2015



The week of October 12-16 is fundraiser week at CSUSM. The American Indian Student Alliance hope to sell handmade earrings throughout the week and interact with the students on campus. We will be selling the earrings for ten dollars. We have different members of AISA making the earrings. A special thank you to Tiara Rogers who taught us how to bead and the rules that go along with that such as beading when you are in a good mood so as not to affect the earrings negatively. If you would like to purchase earrings or order customized earrings, please contact us at aisa.csusm@gmail.com.

Laila Basquez (Luiseño)

AISA Chairwoman

Events

Ishi: The Archive Performance James Luna with Sheila Tishla Skinner

Saturday, September 12th, 2015



On September 12th, the California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center and CSUSM Office of the Tribal Liaison had the privilege of hosting an amazing event by James Luna with Sheila Tishla Skinner in *Ishi: The Archive Performance*. The performance

was open to the campus community, as well as the local and tribal community. Many tribal community members attended, among them were eight students from Sherman Indian High School. The event began with a Welcome Reception which included appetizers and a chance to mingle with the artists and staff from the Department of American Indian Studies, Office of the Tribal Liaison, and members of the American Indian Student Alliance. Once guests took their seats, they were absorbed by the story of Ishi; whom was thought to be the last "wild" American Indian. A video clip at the beginning of every scene themed each of Luna's powerful performances throughout the show, along with Tishla's moving dialogue. Overall, *Ishi: The Archive Performance* was a huge success and thank you to all who supported the event. We also wish James Luna luck in his ventures on taking this performance international. [Photos Link](#)

Dancy Turner (Luiseño)
CICSC Student Assistant

American Indian Student Welcome Luncheon

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015

The Office of Tribal Liaison, California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center and American Indian Student Alliance welcomed back the returning and new American Indian Students to a luncheon for the new Fall semester on September 22. Students gathered at the center to mingle

and to discover what other resources are on campus to help achieve success. It was a great turn out and best of luck to all the students on their journey to higher education.

Ernestina Martinez (Navajo)
CICSC Student Assistant