



THE CICSC NEWSLETTER

The California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center





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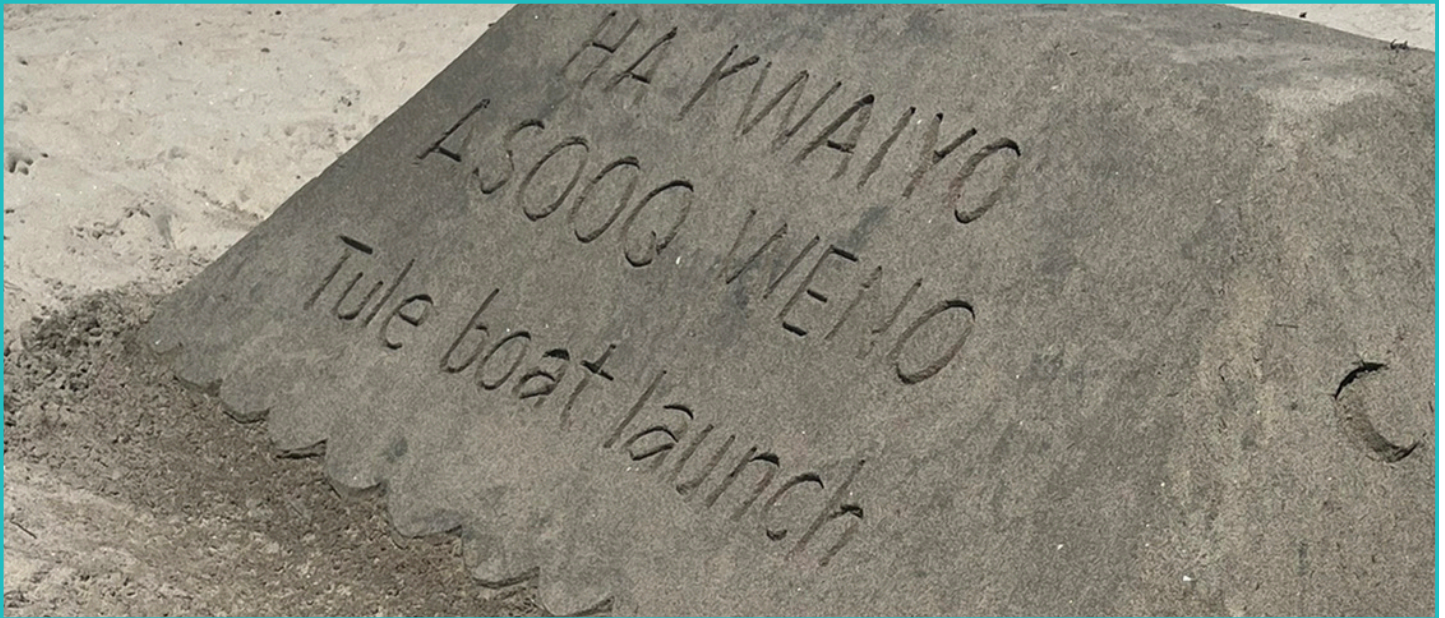
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Tule Boat Launch With Dr. Stan Rodriguez



On August 27, 2022, the students, staff, and faculty were invited to join Dr. Stan Rodriguez and other community members to help construct and launch over 50 traditionally made tule boats in the bay by Silver Strand Beach in Coronado. Throughout the year Dr. Rodriguez gathers volunteers to harvest tule and yucca to make these hand-crafted boats. This is a yearly event that Dr. Rodriguez coordinates and every year it becomes a bigger event with more people and more tule boats.



San Manuel College Fair

On October 1, 2022, at the community center park, The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians hosted approximately 20 different higher education centers to help promote the next step for juniors and seniors of San Manuel. We gave students information about Cal State San Marcos in hopes that they further their education here. Also, during this event we were able to communicate with the other colleges, such as UCLA, UCR, UCSD, and many more, in hopes to possibly collaborate in the future for more outreach events.

Discover CSUSM

On October 15, 2022, the campus hosts a yearly event called Discover CSUSM, where hundreds of incoming students come to explore the campus and check out all the different majors that CSUSM has to offer. The American Indian Studies department was in attendance for the event. This event allows future students to meet other students and join in an open house with their upcoming professors.



AISA Beading Workshop

Every semester we have familiar and new faces come into the center. One thing the AISA students like to do to create new connections are workshops that CICSC and AISA curate.

Beading is an indigenous artform and one of the traditions we like to keep alive. We continue to teach and guide those who have never done any type of beading. We, also, give the opportunity for others to share their knowledge with the group. On October 18, 2022, the AISA Students gathered for a beading lesson on how to make lanyard wristlets. These workshops are important because after teaching this artform, we can use our beading skills for fundraising events. Fundraising helps AISA host more of these events and provide more supplies for their projects.



Native American Heritage Month

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Tukwut Coloring Contest NOV. 1-30
Color through Nov. 1st-15th and voting is between 16-30th
Winner selected will win beadwork from one of our talented AISA members

Community Beading Workshop NOV. 8
Join us at the USU Plaza for a tutorial beading project during U-hour

Rock your Mocs NOV. 13-19
Spirit week during the days of Nov. 13-19th
A positive opportunity to be united and celebrate tribal individuality by wearing moccasins.

Storytelling with Dr. Stan Rodriguez NOV. 15
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a traditional Kumeyaay story told by Dr. Stan Rodriguez at the Serenity Circle 6pm-8pm

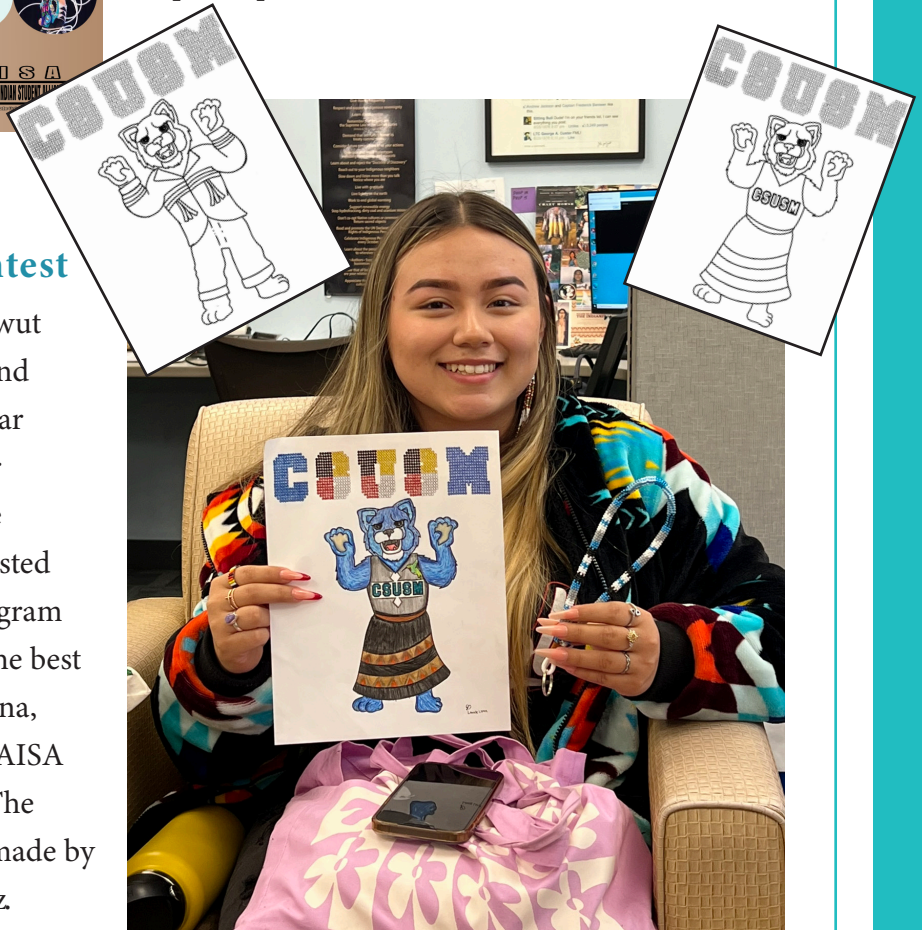
Blood Quantum Movie Night NOV. 18
We will be in the USU ballroom screening the movie production of the late Jeff Barnaby. 5pm-8pm
Snacks will be provided.

Native Dance Exhibition NOV. 29
Meet us at the Kellogg Plaza where we invite hoop dancers to perform during U-hour

Native American Heritage Month, taking place in November, is an annual month-long celebration honoring culture, tradition, history related to American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The CICSC collaborated with the Students of AISA and with the help of the American Indian Studies professors. We invited the whole campus and alumni to take part and participate in our events from a coloring contest to a native dance exhibition. We had an amazing turnout and participation for all the events.

Tukwut Coloring Contest

The CICSC illustrated the Tukwut mascot to wear a ribbon skirt and a ribbon shirt, which are popular in Native American fashion, for a coloring contest for the whole university to participate. We posted all the entries to the AISA Instagram page for the public to vote for the best one. The winner was Lanise Luna, who became a new member of AISA through this coloring contest. The winner won a custom lanyard made by AISA president Ilianna Ramirez.



Native American Heritage Month

Community Beading Workshop

The CICSC and AISA hosted an open invite to anyone on campus who wanted to learn how to bead hoop earrings using a wire wrapping technique. We had a lot of students who are first time visitors to the CICSC. Our conference room was packed with participants and even overflowed to our computer room as more students would come in.



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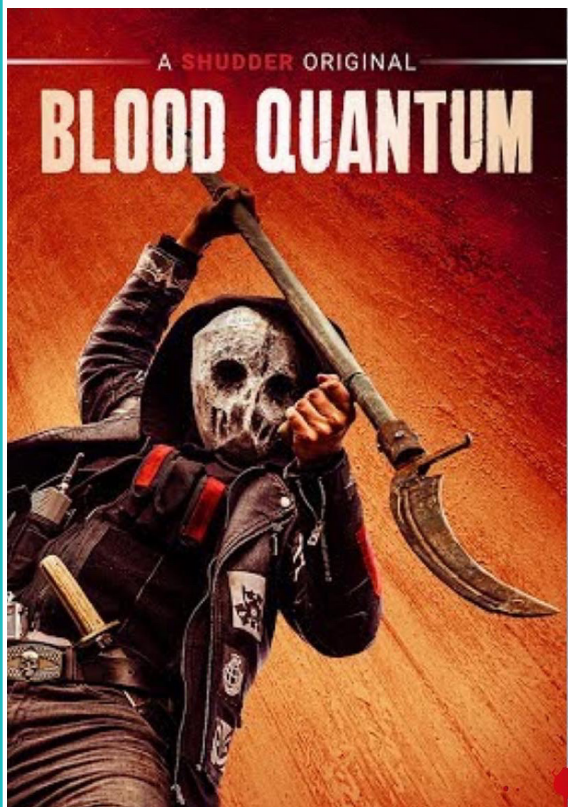
Every year students, alumni, and those from other tribal communities join us for a storytelling event. We gathered blankets, chairs, snacks, and our favorite hot beverage and gathered around the Serenity Circle to listen in on traditional stories. This year we had Dr. Stan Rodriguez and Priscilla Ortiz-LaChappa both tell two traditional Kumeyaay stories.



Native American Heritage Month

Rock Your Mocs

A positive opportunity to be united and celebrate tribal individuality by wearing moccasins. We honor our ancestors and indigenous peoples worldwide during the Rock Your Mocs events and commemorate National Native American Heritage Month.



Blood Quantum Movie Night

The staff and students organized a movie night in the USU ballroom. Popcorn and drinks were provided. For Native American Heritage Month we wanted to play the movie Blood Quantum that was Directed by the late Jeff Barnaby. Jeff Barnaby (Mi'kmaq) is a Canadian film director, writer, composer and film editor who is well known for the films Blood Quantum and Rhymes for Young Ghouls. The students, faculty and staff found it best to play his movie as a memorial of his recent passing in October 2022.

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Native Dance Exhibit



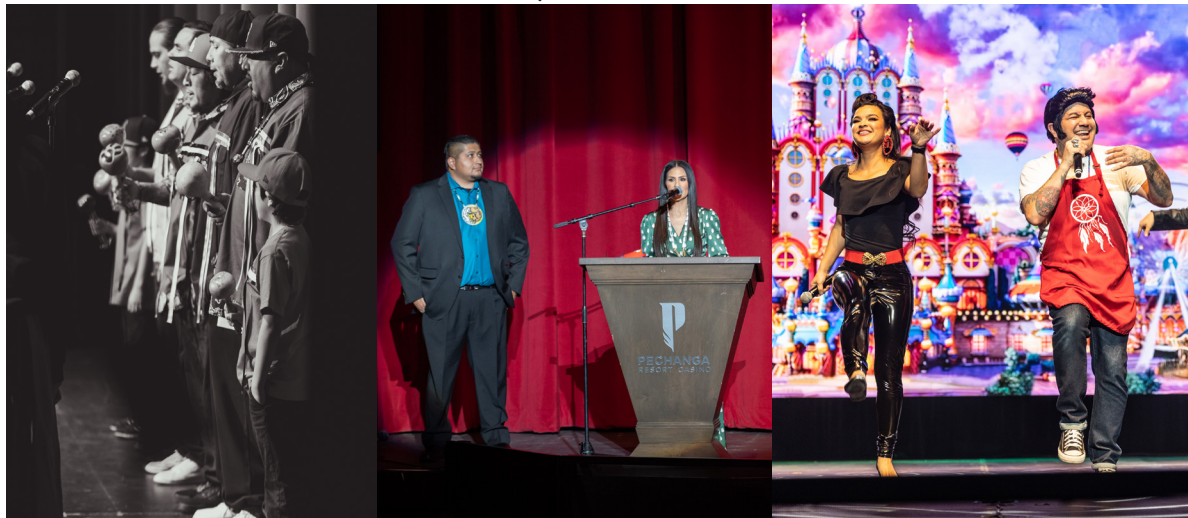
On November 29th, 2022, to end Native American Heritage month we invited the whole campus to join us at the Kellogg Plaza to engage in our Native Dance Exhibition. Nanabah Kadenehii (Diné), of Big Mountain, Arizona, told a story through hoop dancing. In parts of this dance the hoops were arranged to mimic various subjects such as birds, butterflies and other animals.

California's American Indian & Indigenous Film Festival Presents: **Bear Grease Christmas Special**



One of the biggest projects that the CICSC creates is the yearly California's American Indian & Indigenous Film Festival, which is hosted in early April. Bear Grease, the twist on the film and musical Grease, performed a theatrical performance for the 2022 CAIIF. We enjoyed them so much we invited them back for a holiday version of their one-of-a-kind show on December 17th.

A very special thank you to the entire cast of Bear Grease, Torres-Martinez Bird Singers, Pechanga Development Corporation, Pechanga Resort Casino, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, Cal State San Marcos, students of AISA, and Staff and Faculty of the CICSC.



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CSUSM GIVING DAY



CSUSM Giving Day is held on the same day as the global event of Giving Tuesday. This year the CICSC had a goal of \$7,000 and with the generosity of our alumni and supporters we were able to exceed our goal to a grand total of \$9,874. \$1,000 of that goal was won through an Alumni Social Media challenge held on behalf of CSUSM.





Support the CICSC



The CICSC works to promote ethically responsible research that produces beneficial outcomes for American Indian Alaskan Native tribal nations, communities and peoples. We are fully committed to supporting Indian culture with culturally relevant education and can do this successfully with support from donors like you, this is an exciting and powerful time to help our students and the CICSC.

The center is also proud to announce the beginning of our new education fundraising initiative,

“Rooted in Culture, Rising in Knowledge.”

We hope this new initiative will generate the revenue necessary to help our students successfully move through our programs and out into tribal communities.

The initiative can be viewed at:

www.csusm.edu/air/giving



Scan to donate to CICSC



American Indian Students Promoting a Positive Image of Native Youth



The American Indian Student Alliance (AISA) strives to be a resource for students who identify as American Indian or Alaskan Native by promoting a sense of community. We aim to increase the visibility and presence of our population at California State University San Marcos by advocating for equity and speaking out against erasure. We welcome allies to join and learn as we pursue our goal of unity and acceptance.

The American Indian Student Alliance (AISA) would greatly appreciate your donations and support! Donations help us host cultural events, engage in outreach to prospective native students, and support student needs. Please consider supporting our student organization by following the QR code listed and donating to the American Indian Student through CSUSM's giving website. We appreciate all of your contributions!



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