CICSC Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. It is with great pleasure that I write to welcome students, faculty, staff, and community members to a new academic year. We will be very busy the Fall semester with welcoming back new and returning students, releasing the third edition of the State of American Indian/Alaska Native Education in California Report, and hosting our annual film festival. We are also excited to begin the process of developing the American Indian Studies Department. I invite you to attend one of the many wonderful events we have scheduled this semester. Lastly, I invite you to our first event of the semester, Ishi: The Archive Performance by James Luna with Sheila Tishla Skinner.

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

Student Highlight

Laila Basquez

Laila Rae Basquez, a member of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, is a senior at CSU San Marcos majoring in Visual Performing Arts and minoring in American Indian Studies. She is currently the Chairwoman of the American Indian Student Alliance. Laila enjoys photography, reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Her parents have been her biggest role models because "no matter what life has thrown at them they continue to demonstrate that they can be stronger..."
than past experiences and still be able to show love through the darkest times."

Laila's future plans are to graduate from CSU San Marcos and return to her tribe to intern with Dr. Elliott, who is a fluent speaker in Luiseño, in order to continue learning the Luiseño language and strive to revitalize the language with youth. Her advice to incoming students is "to never give up. There may be rough bumps during the journey of your life, but as long as you never forget that you have friends and family to help you shoulder your burden, those bumps will smooth out and the weight will become easier to handle."

Megan Doughty
*Creative Director, CICSC*

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**Events**

**Student Health & Counseling Services Orientation**

*Wednesday, August 26, 2015*

Psychology interns and postdoctoral fellows that will begin work in Student Health and Counseling Services in August attended orientation at CSU San Marcos which included a stop at the CICSC. Dr. Joely Proudfit, CICSC Director; Tishmall Turner, CSUSM Tribal Liaison; and the CICSC staff welcomed the group and provided information on the CICSC, American Indian Studies Department and upcoming events.

**6th Annual Leave Your Mark**

*Tuesday, September 1, 2015*

During CSU San Marcos' Weeks of Welcome, the 6th Annual Leave Your Mark event was held. This annual event highlights the campus departments and how they support students in leaving their mark while they attend CSUSM. Dr. Proudfit, American Indian Studies Department Chair and CICSC staff were in attendance to provide information about the newly developing American Indian Studies Department as well as the CICSC.
The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), through partnership with The Wildlife Society, is sponsoring a research assistantship program for Native American students. The program will facilitate mentoring opportunities for USFS Research & Development (R&D) scientists with the students and promote student advancement and training for careers in natural resource and conservation-related fields. A short-term assistantship is available for Native American students interested in wildlife and forest resources and excited to learn and work with an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Applicants must be a member of an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, First Nations, or a Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or have some other indigenous identification, and be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program from an accredited academic institution. A bachelor's or master's degree in wildlife biology, ecology, forestry or other closely related natural resource discipline is preferred. Students with Associates degrees from TCUS or other community colleges will be considered. The appointment is for 3 to 5 months within the 2016 calendar year, depending on the project. Starting dates are negotiable within the context of the seasonability of the research topics. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please visit The Wildlife Society website. The deadline for applications is October 26, 2015.

Upcoming Fall Semester Events

Ishi: The Archive Performance
James Luna with Sheila Tishla Skinner
Date: **September 12, 2015**  
Location: **ARTS 111**  
Time:  
*Welcome Reception @ 4:30PM*  
*Performance Begins @ 5:45PM*  
RSVP: (760) 750-3535 or cicsc@csusm.edu

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**American Indian Student Welcome Lunch**

Join us at the CICSC for the American Indian Student Welcome Lunch. Enjoy free food, meet the CICSC Staff, CSUSM Tribal Liaison, AISA members and other students. Also, learn more about the CICSC and what we have to offer.

Date: **September 22, 2015**  
Location: **CICSC-SBSB 1118**  
Time: **12:00 PM**

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**3rd Annual San Diego American Indian Film Festival**