MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. The spring semester will be busy with welcoming back our students, holding our very first golf tournament as well as our annual American Indian Graduation Honoring Ceremony. Most importantly, we will be releasing our third edition of the State of American Indian and Alaska Native Education in California Report. We thank the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their investment in the CICSC so that we can produce this report. We are still looking to meet the generous $500,000 Matching Gift provided by one of California's most progressive, educationally responsible tribes--The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Please help us meet our matching gift goals by donating before our deadline of May 2015. Lastly, we invite students, staff, faculty, and community members to join us for First Fridays and get to know what the CICSC is about and all the people who work tirelessly to keep it running. We wish everyone the best in the upcoming new year.

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

Student Highlight

Anderson Gould, Jr.
Anderson Gould Jr., a United States Marine and an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, recently graduated from CSU San Marcos with a Bachelor's degree in Visual & Performing Arts. During the Fall 2014 semester, Anderson was Chairman of the American Indian Student Alliance. He was able to facilitate a variety of events to increase awareness and acceptance of American Indians and their culture.

Anderson is grateful for the help he received from the CICSC. The center has helped by informing American Indian students about scholarships funded by and for American Indian students. He was awarded a scholarship from the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California. The scholarships he received while attending CSUSM helped alleviate the financial stress of being a full-time student as well as working two jobs. Anderson hopes he can return the same type of support for American Indian students and Veterans so they too can focus on their education while in school.

Anderson's plans for the future are to prepare for a Master's Degree program and to expand on his business in photography, video and sound design (http://agouldjr.wix.com/photographyanddesign). We, at the CICSC, are very proud of Anderson's accomplishments and we wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

Megan Doughty
Creative Director, CICSC

Upcoming Spring Semester Events
First Fridays
Join us at the CICSC on the First Friday of every month during the Spring 2015 semester. Enjoy free food, meet the CICSC Staff, AISA members and other students. Also, learn more about the CICSC and what we have to offer.

Location: **CICSC-SBSB 1118**  
Time: **12:00 PM**  
Dates: **February 6, 2015**  
March 6, 2015  
April 3, 2015  
May 1, 2015

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**The State of AI/AN Education in California 2015**

A preview of the report on the *State of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Education in California 2015* will be available in March 2015. The education report is the third publication in a three-part series made possible by financial support from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. The 2015 report will provide a critical assessment of the data presented in the 2012 and 2014 reports, disaggregate and analyze educational data for districts serving largest segments of AIAN in the state as well as provide new resources for educators, such as an appendix with a list of California Indian professors.
CSUSM President's Report to Tribal Nations

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015
Location: TBD
Time: 10 am - 12:30 pm

CICSC Golf Tournament

Date: Friday, April 10, 2015
Location: Journey at Pechanga
More information coming soon...

American Indian Graduation Honoring Ceremony
Date: Friday, May 8, 2015
Location: CSUSM Social and Behavioral Sciences Building Courtyard
Time: 12 pm