

EDI CARES Newsletter



Welcome to 2023, Raiders! We are excited to kick-off the new year with you whether you're attending in-person or virtually. Here in EDI CARES, we are committed to seeing you succeed. With the constant changes happening around us, we want to ensure that you are up-to-date on the events, opportunities and announcements happening in our division. Learn about what's happening in and around EDI CARES in our quarterly newsletter!

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THAT ENGAGE, EMPOWER & EQUIP YOU IN



Transfer Assistance



Personal Growth



Money Matters



Multicultural Programs

VISIT EDI CARES in-person at CAS 322
Monday - Friday • 8am - 5pm

YOU'RE INVITED
COME LEARN ABOUT EDI CARES SERVICES!

EDI CARES

Winter Welcome
January 19

FREE FOOD!

9pm - 4pm

EDI CARES Office CAS 322

RSVP HERE: <https://bit.ly/winterwelcomew23>

Event is only open to students!



Whether you're in your first quarter here at Pierce College or only a few quarters away from graduation, EDI CARES is here to support your educational goals. If you're a first-generation and/or income eligible student, you may qualify for additional support through EDI CARES. To learn more about how EDI CARES can support you, visit our website and social media pages at linktr.ee/edicares.

Apply today at bit.ly/edicaresapp

MEET THE NEW COLLEGE ACCESS TEAM MEMBERS!



The College Access Team is part of EDI CARES and works in the Clover Park and Franklin Pierce school districts. We are funded by two TRiO grants that support income-eligible and first-generation high school and middle school students in graduating from high school and matriculating to college.

MEET DOMINIQUE ELLERSON



Dominique is a College Access Engagement Manager located at Franklin Pierce High School. Dominique (she/her) is a Tacoma native and a product of TRIO programs. She's an alum of Tacoma Program Evergreen State College Upward Bound and SSS programs. She received her Bachelor's degree with a focus of social sciences and cultural studies.

MEET MATAVAI ASaeli



Matavai is a College Access Engagement Manager located at Washington High School. Matavai (he/him) received his Bachelor's degree in Ethnic, Gender, and Labor Studies with a Minor in Business. He most recently worked at Asia Pacific Cultural Center as a Youth Program Coordinator working with Tacoma Public Schools while spending 10 years at FedEx Ground most recently as an Operations Engagement Specialist.

MEET CLAUDIA KRUMPACH



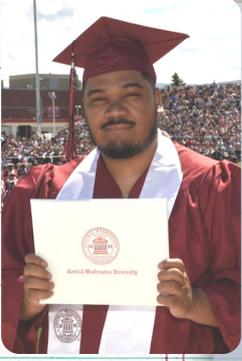
Claudia is a College Access Engagement Manager located at Clover Park High School. Claudia (they/she) received their Bachelor's in Human Resources Management and a minor in Labor Studies from the University of Washington. They previously worked at Evergreen State College as an Educational Specialist for the Upward Bound Tacoma program in their hometown of Tacoma at Lincoln & Mount Tahoma High School while continuing their grassroots organizing activities with Anakbayan-UW and Kabataan Alliance, both organizations fighting for the liberation of Filipino people across the globe.



MEET THE NEW STUDENT LIFE TEAM MEMBERS!



MEET IOPU IGNACIO



Iopu (he/him) is multicultural, Samoan and Filipino and is the new Student Empowerment Programs Engagement Manager. He was born and raised in Tacoma, WA. He is an alum of Pierce College, and Central Washington University where he attained his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Psychology. Iopu is most passionate about serving communities and giving back to the community that has instilled so much into him. As the new Student Empowerment Programs Engagement Manager, he will be responsible for leading and overseeing our clubs and organizations across the district.

MEET LAURA TAYLOR



Laura is the Student Engagement Manager for Leadership Development and Student Media at the Puyallup and Fort Steilacoom Campuses. She received her Bachelor's in English and a minor in Drama Studies from the University of Chico California and her Masters degree in Rhetoric and Writing from California State University Stanislaus. She also previously worked for 10 years as a English Professor at San Joaquin Delta College and Modesto Junior College in California. Her passion is helping students be successful not only at school, but also later in life by promoting skills anyone can use to be successful, with an emphasis in Technology through education.



Student Life is the hub for events, activities, clubs and student leadership! Events and opportunities are offered district wide. The FS Student Life Office is located on the 4th floor of the Cascade Building, across from the Campus Cafe and hours are Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. The PUY Student Life Office is located on the 2nd floor of the College Center Building, College Center, 210. Hours of operation are also Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. If you are looking to get involved in clubs or want to start a club, contact your Student Life Office today at DistrictStudentLife@pierce.ctc.edu or stop by our office!



WINTER QUARTER

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 4-5

STUDENT LIFE WELCOME WEEK

9:00 am-3:00 pm each day
FS & PUY Student Life Office
Come learn about campus resources, and enjoy free snacks
**Event only open to students*

JANUARY 10 & 11

FS & PUY CLUB FAIR

10:00 am-2:00pm each day
FS & PUY Student Life Office
Join any number of clubs at Pierce College. Check out the Club Fair at the FS & PUY campus to see how.
Event only open to students

JANUARY 19

EDI CARES WINTER WELCOME

9:00 am-4:00 pm
Location: CAS 322
Come learn about TRiO SSS, ASPIRE & LSAMP Programs, meet staff and enjoy free food
**Drop in event*
Event only open to students
<https://bit.ly/winterwelcomew23>

JANUARY 19

WINTER VILLAGE TIME

Come build community and connect with your Pierce College Presidents
1:00pm-2:00pm
FS CAS Performance Lounge & PUY Multipurpose Room
Event only open to students

JANUARY 23

PICTURE PERFECT

12:00pm-3:00pm
FS CAS Performance Lounge
Event only open to students

FEB 8TH

BLACK BUSINESS FAIR

Come and learn about Black businesses in the community
8:00AM-5:00PM
FS CAS Performance Lounge
Hosted by Black student union

FEBRUARY 14

HEARTS DAY SOIREE

1:00pm-4:00pm
Come celebrate Valentine's Day
FS CAS Performance Lounge
Event only open to students

FEBRUARY 15

POETRY SLAM & JAM

11:00am-2:00pm
FS CAS Performance Lounge

FEBRUARY 16

POETRY SLAM & JAM

11:00am-2:00pm
PUY CTR Multipurpose Rooms

FEBRUARY 22

BLACK EXCELLENCE HERITAGE CELEBRATION

3:30pm-5:30pm
FS CAS Performance Lounge
<https://bit.ly/blackexcellw23>

FEBRUARY 23

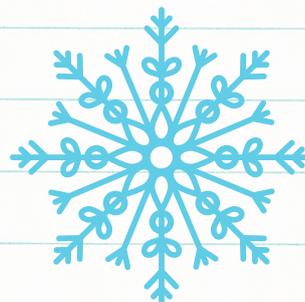
T RAY CONCERT

4:00pm - 6:00pm
PUY Campus
Come & enjoy a musical performance from T-Ray, the Violinist

FEBRUARY 24

BLACK BALL

7:00am-11:00pm
PUY Campus
Celebrate Black History month, enjoy music and dance the night away



WINTER QUARTER

Calendar of Events Continued



MARCH 2 & 8 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Come celebration Women's History Month with the office of Student Life

PUY & FS CAMPUS

Check your Pierce College email for more information



MARCH 7 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH RECOGNITION

11am-1pm, 1. **FS Performance Lounge and PUY MPRs**, Join us to learn how people with and without disabilities unite to form strong communities

MARCH 8 MONEY TALKS

Come learn about budgeting, credit scores and financial planning

1:00pm - 3:00pm

<https://bit.ly/transferfinlitw23>

MARCH 15 DONUT STRESS

11:00AM-1:00PM, 3:00PM-5:00PM

PUY Student Life Office

Come enjoy snacks and a movie

**Event only open to students*

MARCH 9 TRANSFER THURSDAY

Visit the UW-Seattle campus with

EDI CARES staff & learn about transferring to a 4-year college.

Email edi@pierce.ctc.edu to attend

Space is limited, and event is only open to students

MARCH 16 PUY RAIDER REVIEW

3:00pm-7:00pm

LIBRARY LOBBY, PUY CAMPUS

Come enjoy snacks, and study/prep for finals

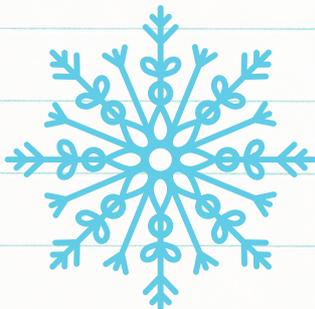
MARCH 20 SPRING INTO SERENITY

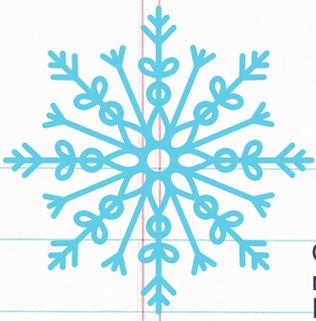
11:00am-2:00pm

Come de-stress and enjoy snacks

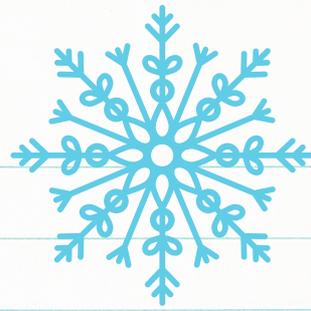
FS CAS Performance Lounge

Event only open to students





WINTER QUARTER Calendar of Events



Get active in Student Life by joining any number of upcoming monthly meetings! All meetings are hybrid. Contact Student Life at DistrictStudentLife@pierce.ctc.edu for details.

FS STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 1:00pm-2:00pm | Student Life Lobby



- January 17th
- February 7th
- February 22nd
- March 9th
- March 21st



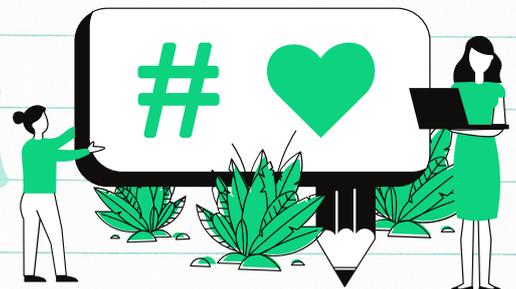
PUY STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 10:30am-11:30am | CTR Connection Cafe



- January 23rd
- February 13th
- March 13th

EDI CARES PRO-TIPS

- Follow EDI CARES on social media to remain up-to-date about upcoming events. Check out our handles at: linktr.ee/edicares
- Access Pierce College's Get Help page that consists of local support and resources available for students by going to: www.pierce.ctc.edu/help



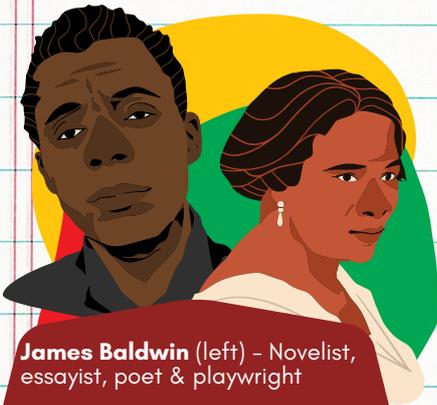


FEBRUARY

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual and national observance during the month of February, and we honor and celebrate the hard work and sacrifices of Black, African American, and African Peoples at our college, region, and nation. Black history is American history and therefore it's a critical part of our nation's history, that we should celebrate and acknowledge every day.



James Baldwin (left) - Novelist, essayist, poet & playwright

Madame C.J. Walker (right) - Entrepreneur, philanthropist, political & social activist

Black people have always been a people of excellence and ingenuity who have had a major impact on contemporary culture, and our world. From the inventive spirit of Madam C.J. Walker, the profound scholarship of James Baldwin and an even more contemporary, change maker, the late Virgil Abloh. Their work and sacrifices have created room and space for Black people today to continue to cultivate a culture of excellence, brilliance, and affluence. During this month, we also center the lived experiences of Black queer people who continue to face systemic injustice, discrimination and victimization, and we salute our Black queer activist such as Simone Bell, Laverne Cox, and Banyard Rustin.

We also recognize and honor the daily contributions of our Black sisters and brothers at Pierce College who work tirelessly every day to show up for our students, and each other amid despair and social unrest. We're a greater and stronger community because of your intellectual genius, passion, and resolve. Join us this month as we celebrate Black Excellence during our highlights events Black Excellence Celebration and Black Ball during the month of February.



Celebrate
with us!

**Black Excellence
Celebration**
FEBRUARY 22

3:30pm-5:30pm
FS Campus

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/blackexcellw23>

Open to students, staff and faculty!

Black Ball
FEBRUARY 24

7:00pm-11:00pm

PUY Campus

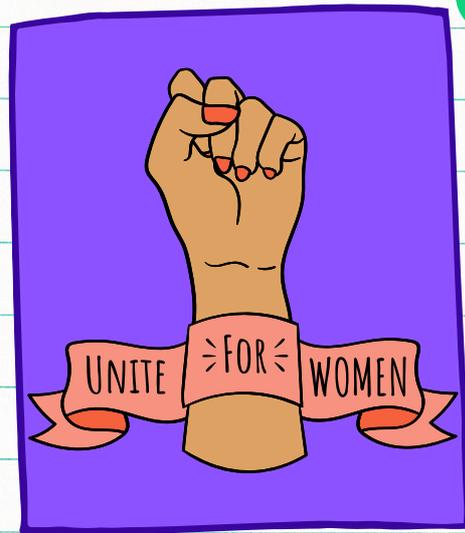
MORE INFO TO COME!

OPEN TO STUDENTS!

HOSTED BY STUDENT LIFE



MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



March is Women's History Month—a time to commemorate and celebrate the vital role women have played and continue to play in our nation's history. We salute and celebrate all women identifying students, staff, and faculty at the college. You continue to empower, uplift and affirm our communities. You are victorious, strong, amazing, capable, chosen and most importantly, you are enough. We salute you today, and forever!

From our unsung women of color heroes, Claudette Colvin, Audre Lorde, Laverne Cox, Tori Cooper, Dolores Huerta, Patsy Mink, Andrea Jenkins, and Annie Dodge Wauneka—and the women of color and all women who continue to fiercely overcome marginalization and battle systems of oppression day in and day out, we honor you! To the women of color are selfless, steadfast and deeply committed to the fight for racial and social justice. We acknowledge their often unseen labor, and we should stand with them on the frontlines of justice as both advocates and accomplices. This Women's History month, we celebrate our sheros and the amazing women in our Pierce Community. We're better because of you! Thank you for being a guiding light for your communities, and each other!



Women's History Month Celebration

MARCH 2 & 8

FS & PUY Campuses

Come celebrate Women's
History Month with the Office of
Student Life

Stay tuned for more info!





TRANSFER & FINANCIAL LITERACY EVENTS!

Check email & social media for details. These events are only open to students!

Budgeting & Financial Planning 101

Date: March 8th 2022

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Performance Lounge, 4th floor Cascade

Come learn how to build and manage a budget, and the importance of financial planning from a Key Bank speaker!



UW SEATTLE COLLEGE TOUR

Date: March 9th 2022

Time: All day

Come tour UW Seattle with EDI CARES staff and learn about academic programs. Food and transportation provided. Attendance is limited to the first 20 students who sign up! Email edi@pierce.ctc.edu to RSVP!



SEATTLE

Follow us on Social Media

Still looking to learn more or worried about missing an event? Connect with us on social media to stay up to date on events, opportunities & recaps!



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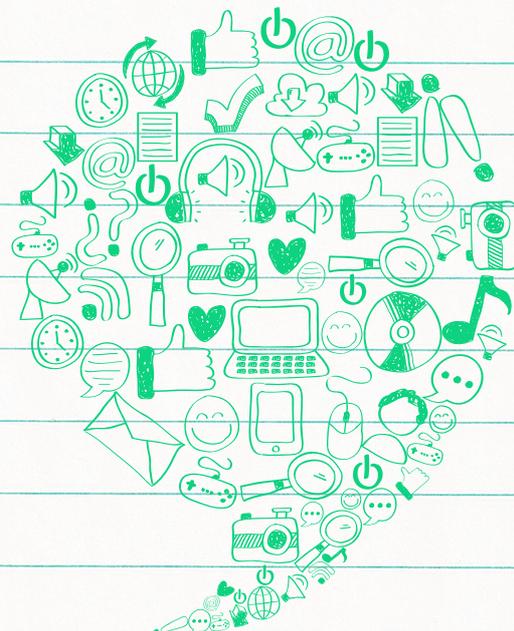
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Scholarships

Pierce College Foundation Scholarship

The Pierce College Foundation awards grants and scholarships on a quarterly basis to students.
APPLY Here: <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/foundation-scholarships>

Washington State Opportunity Scholarship

WSOS supports students with flexible financial aid funding and student support services such as mentorship, professional development and networking. Awards up to \$1,500 per quarter.

Due March 21, 2023

APPLY at: <https://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/>

American Indian Endowed Scholarship

The American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) helps financially needy students with close social and cultural ties to an American Indian community in the state of Washington. Award amounts range from around \$500 to \$2,000. About 15 students are selected each year to receive the awards. **Due March 1, 2023**

APPLY at: <https://wsac.wa.gov/american-indian-endowed-scholarship>

Workforce Education Resources for You

See if you may be eligible for additional funding support through Pierce College's Workforce Education programs by filling out a brief Start Next Quarter survey at www.startnextquarter.org

More college students are now eligible to receive additional assistance with groceries and other benefits through Basic Food (also known as SNAP). The amount of assistance you may receive is based on family size, income and expenses.

Go to www.washingtonconnection.org to see if you qualify and complete your Basic Food application. You can also apply by phone at 1-877-501-2233. Applying is easier than you think!

If your household is approved for Basic Food, you can also receive support from the Basic Food, Employment and Training (BFET) program at Pierce College. BFET can help you maintain your Basic Food benefits, access reduced-cost childcare, and connect you to resources to help you stay in school.

For more information, visit our website, email BFET@pierce.ctc.edu, or call 253-964-6264.

H.Y.P.E. Jobs Expo

The HYPE Jobs Expo and Summit is scheduled for January 12th & 17th and will be composed of a job fair, career exploration workshops, and a job fair. If you are looking for a job on campus or want to learn how to increase your marketability, come join us at the expo. It's FREE and open to all Pierce College students. The event is hosted by the Library and Learning Resources and Employee Learning & Development. Check your Pierce college email for more information!

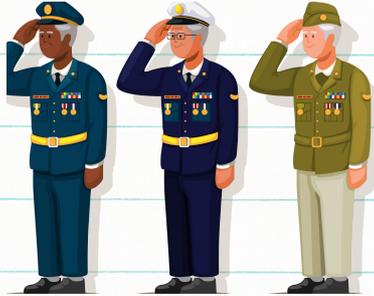




WHAT'S GOING ON IN EDI CARES?

NEWS

Veteran Resources Update



The Veteran Services Student Lounge located in the Cascade building on the 4th floor at the Fort Steilacoom campus is available for booking. Resources available for military students include textbook lending library, tutoring, employment, scholarships, financial assistance, housing, and more. Email CEVSS@pierce.ctc.edu or call the Veterans Support Services office at (253) 964-6364.



Access & Disability Services Update

The Access & Disability Services(ADS) is currently and temporarily very short staffed. This has forced us to adapt our coverage plan in order to best serve the needs of students. The best and most preferred way for students, staff and faculty to contact us is to reach out to ADS via email at ADS@pierce.ctc.edu or phone 253-964-6468.



Check out our new ADS website!

For info on how to request accommodations, visit the link below!

<https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/access-and-disability-services>