

EDI CARES Newsletter



Welcome
Raiders!



SPRING QUARTER
2022

Spring is here, Raiders! As the end of the 2021-22 school year draws nearer, we look forward to remaining connected with you whether you're attending class 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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JOIN EDI CARES FOR FREE COLLEGE SUPPORT SERVICES

THAT ENGAGE, EMPOWER & EQUIP YOU IN



Transfer Assistance



Personal Growth



Money Matters



Multicultural Programs

VISIT EDI CARES in-person at **CAS 301**
Monday - Friday • 8am - 5pm



EDI CARES

Spring Welcome

April 20

12pm - 1:30pm

Student Life Performance Lounge

Come hang out with EDI CARES, grab food and learn about upcoming opportunities! Open to all students, staff and faculty.

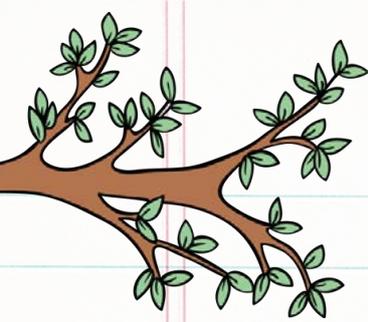
Register at:
bit.ly/springatpierce

APPLY TODAY

for **EDI CARES SUPPORT!**

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



SPRING QUARTER Calendar of Events



\$ = Student Life event. Contact Student Life for details at FS (StudentLifeFS@pierce.ctc.edu) or PY (StudentLifeFS@pierce.ctc.edu)

\$ **APRIL 4 - 7**
STUDENT LIFE WELCOME WEEK
Drop by the Student Life office on your campus to see what's happening this quarter.

\$ **APRIL 12**
PUY CLUB FAIR
Check out and join clubs on campus

\$ **APRIL 12**
FS CLUB FAIR
Check out and join clubs on campus

APRIL 20
SPRING WELCOME
Come build community and learn about EDI CARES
12:00pm - 1:30pm
FS In-Person: CAS Performance Lounge
bit.ly/springatpierce

\$ **APRIL 22**
EARTH DAY EVENT
PUY Campus

APRIL 26
MONEY TALKS TUESDAY
Funding your future right
1pm - 2pm
bit.ly/mtt1sp22

\$ **APRIL 26**
PUY BLOOD DRIVE
8am - 3pm
Puyallup Campus

\$ **MAY 3**
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
FS Student Life Lobby

MAY 3
GET LINKEDIN!
Maximizing your digital brand
11:30am - 1:00pm
bit.ly/getlinked22

MAY 5
PLU COLLEGE TOUR
Learn about transferring to PLU. Transportation provided.
12:00pm - 4:00pm
bit.ly/pierce2plutour

\$ **MAY 7**
SPRINKER ICE SKATING EVENT

MAY 11
THE SAMURAI CODE
How Bushido Changes Lives
11:30am - 1pm
bit.ly/samuraicode22

MAY 12
SELF-CARE & PAINT
A Pasifika Storytelling Paint Session
2:30pm - 4:00pm
bit.ly/kiaora22

MAY 18
SPRING VILLAGE TIME
3:00pm - 4:30pm
bit.ly/springvt22

MAY 26
LAUGHING MATTERS
Asian Americans, Comedy, and Inclusion. Online event
11:00am - 1:00pm
bit.ly/laughingmatters22

\$ **JUNE 1**
TIE DYE-VERSITY
Puyallup Campus Event

\$ **JUNE 7**
LAVENDAR GRADUTION
4:00pm - 6:00pm
FS In-Person: CAS Performance Lounge
bit.ly/piercelavgrad22

JUNE 10
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
Building Legacies and Celebrating Excellence
2:00pm - 5:00pm
bit.ly/edicarescelebration

JUNE 17
PIERCE COLLEGE GRADUATION DAY

**Calendar Updates
Online at:**
pierce.ctc.edu/calendar



May is

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER

Heritage Month

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. This Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we celebrate and honor their gifts, culture, and historical and continued contributions to our nation, and our college. In 1992, Congress created AAPI Heritage Month in commemoration of the first Japanese immigrants to arrive in the country on May 7, 1843, as well as the contributions of more than 15,000 Chinese immigrants in the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869.

Asia and the Pacific encompasses a myriad of people from across the Asian continent, and across Oceania, including members from the South Asian, Southeast Asian, East Asian, Micronesian, Melanesian and Polynesian communities. Though the grouping of these communities under terms such as "Asian Pacific Islander" and similar variations of it includes all people of the Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander ancestry, Asians and Pacific Islanders represent two distinctly different groups. As of 2000, "Asian" and "Pacific Islander" became disaggregated as two separate racial categories on the U.S. Census.

The vastness of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities spans a reach of more than 30 countries where over 100 different languages are spoken, and where the experiences are equally as varied. From our migration stories to our stories of colonial resistance, each reflects the continued resilience of the communities that comprise the Asian and Pacific Islander Identities and are highlighted in the work of prominent figures such as Dr. Haunani Kay Trask, Carols Bulosan, Yuri Kochiyama, Grace Lee Boggs, Pauline Park and Justice Mary I. Yu.

Thank you to our Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Pierce College students, staff and faculty who continue to join us in the fight towards building and sustaining a culture of anti-racism. We admire you and we're incredibly thankful for your talents, advocacy, and brilliance.

AA&PI Heritage Month Events

**MAY
3**

Get LinkedIN!:
Maximizing your
Digital Brand

11:30am-1pm
Hybrid Event

Register at:
bit.ly/getlinked22

**MAY
11**

The Samurai Code:
How Bushido
Changes Lives

Guest:
Lori Waley

11:30am-1pm
Hybrid Event

Register at:
bit.ly/samuraicode22

**MAY
12**

Self Care & Paint
*A Pasifika Storytelling
Paint Session*

Guest:
Mane Tuiaana

2:30pm-4:30pm

Register at:
bit.ly/kiaora22

**MAY
26**

Laughing Matters
Asian Americans,
Comedy, and Inclusion

Guest:
Michelle Liu

11am-1pm
Online Event

Register at:
bit.ly/laughingmatters22



Hello JUNE



We celebrate our LGBTQIA students, staff and faculty and invite you to celebrate Pride Month with us!

JUNE IS
PRIDE
MONTH



Tie Dye Versity

JUNE 1

PUY Campus
Check Canvas for details



Lavender Grad

JUNE 7

4pm - 6pm
FS Performance Lounge
bit.ly/piercelavgrad22



Save the Date
End of Year Celebration
June 10, 2022
2pm - 5pm | HEC

bit.ly/edicarescelebration



Juneteenth holds a special significance in the lives of Black Americans, and in our nation's history. While Independence Day is commonly and traditionally celebrated on July 4th. June 19th is a marker of Black independence, freedom and liberation. On June 19th, 1965, Union soldiers occupied Galveston, Texas and announced that slaves were now free from the rule and bondage of their slave masters. This historic occasion came two and half years later after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. After June 19th, 1865, former slaves celebrated Juneteenth by delivering inspirational speeches, singing songs of jubilation and praise, and holding gatherings with family and friends centered on celebrating Black culture in all of its beauty, joy and greatness. Juneteenth implores us to recognize and center the humanity of Black people. Black people are remarkable in all of our shades of melanin; Black people are brilliant in all of our forms of knowledge creation, and Black people are innovative, constantly pushing the limits and boundaries of creativity and originality.



PLU

**Transfer Thursday College Tour:
Pacific Lutheran University**

Are you considering transferring to PLU? Join EDI CARES on a campus tour to learn more about admissions, programs and resources at PLU. Transportation provided.

May 5, 2022
12pm - 4pm

Register today at:
bit.ly/pierce2plutour

The EDI CARES Get Down

Tap in to any of these regularly scheduled EDI sessions aimed at supporting your success here at Pierce! See the event calendar for registration details.



Money Talks Tuesdays: April 26 & May 24

Money Talks Tuesday will teach you how to become a baller on a budget. You'll learn foundational money management habits, learn the language of money and how to create generational wealth. Bring all of your questions week after week until you feel confident enough to teach your whole family.



Transfer Thursdays: May 5th

Transfer Thursday will cover all the information you need to know about transferring to your next school. Finding the right fit, financial aid, and more. Need assistance writing your application? Not sure what major is right for you? Need help managing the whole process? We got you!



Village Time: May 18th

Join us for Village Time across the Pierce College District for an opportunity to engage with your college presidents on topics that impact you and your success here at Pierce College. See the Calendar of Events for details!

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 Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) Scholarship

The Legislature created this award of excellence to help high-performing students achieve their CTE education and career goals, providing postsecondary tuition support. **Due May 6, 2022**

APPLY at: wtb.wa.gov/wave

\$1000 Car Review/Essay Scholarship for African American Students

CarIndigo has released a Scholarship Program to support the African American community of our country. The scholarship offers a grant of \$1,000 to the top 10 African American students, who are 18+ years in age & are permanent residents in the U.S. **Due May 10, 2022**

APPLY at: bit.ly/carscholarship22

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.

Contact Us

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Welcome Center, Cascade 301

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8 am - 5 pm



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