

EDI CARES Newsletter



*Welcome
Raiders!*

**FALL QUARTER
2022**



Welcome to 2022, Raiders!

We are excited to kick-off the new quarter 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



Access & Disability Services



Personal Growth



Money Matters



Multicultural Programs



Military Veteran Services

EDI CARES HAS MOVED!

Visit us in-person Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at the Fort Steilacoom Campus in CASCADE 322 & at the Puyallup Campus Mondays & Tuesdays, 8am-5pm in the Student Success Center

LEARN MORE ABOUT TRIO, ASPIRE OR LSAMP!



Visit our website at pierce.ctc.edu/edi
OR
Email us at: edi@pierce.ctc.edu

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

EDI CARES EVENTS



= Hybrid Event with virtual & in-person attendance options

Email edi@pierce.ctc.edu to RSVP an in-person spot.

OCTOBER 4-5TH

FS and **PY** Campuses Student
Lobby Constitution Day
11:00am - 1:00pm

OCTOBER 5TH

EDI CARES Welcome
FS Campus: Cascade Room 322
11:00am - 1:00 pm
<https://bit.ly/fallwelcome22>

OCTOBER 6TH

FS and **PY** Campuses Student
Lobby Constitution Day
11:00am - 1:00pm

OCTOBER 12TH

Hispanic Heritage Celebration
11:00am - 1:00pm
FS Campus: Student Life Performance Lounge
RSVP by emailing
DistrictStudentLife@pierce.ctc.edu

OCTOBER 13TH

Village Time with Dr. Julie White
FS Performance Lounge, 4th floor,
Cascade Building
12:00pm - 1:00pm
<https://bit.ly/fall2022vt>

OCTOBER 14TH

Village Time with Dr. Matthew Campbell
PUY MPR, 1st floor, College Center Building
12:00pm - 1:00pm
<https://bit.ly/fall2022vt>

OCTOBER 18TH

Filipino Heritage Month Celebration
1:00pm - 4:00pm
FS Performance Lounge
<https://bit.ly/fahmf22>

OCTOBER 19TH

National Transfer Week
FAFSA workshop
11:00am - 2:00pm
FS Sunrise building #102
<https://bit.ly/fafsawrkfa22>

OCTOBER 20TH

National Transfer Week
UW Tacoma College Tour
FS Pickup/dropoff 11:30am - 4:00pm
<https://bit.ly/collegetouredicares22>

OCTOBER 25TH

PY Club Fair
9:00am - 12:00pm
Connection Café

OCTOBER 26TH

FS Club Fair
9:00am - 12:00pm
Student Life Lobby, 4th floor Cascade
Building

OCTOBER 31TH

Halloween Event
2:00pm - 4:00pm
FS Performance Lounge

NOVEMBER 7-11TH

Honoring our Veteran Students and Families Week
More info to come!

NOVEMBER 9TH

First Generation Student Recognition Event
1:00pm - 3:00 pm
FS, Student Performance Lounge
bit.ly/1stgenrecfa22

NOVEMBER 17TH



Students of Color Empowerment Summit
12:00pm - 3:00pm
FS Performance Lounge and **PUY**, MPR and Online
<https://bit.ly/fall2022empowermentsummit>

NOVEMBER 29TH

Indigenous Excellence
3:30pm - 5:00 pm
FS Student Performance Lounge, Cascade Building,
4th floor
[bhttps://bit.ly/indigenousfa22](https://bit.ly/indigenousfa22)

DECEMBER 7TH

DONUT STRESS
11:00am - 1:00pm
FS Student Life Lobby, 4th floor, Cascade
Building
Come enjoy food as you prepare for finals!

DECEMBER 8TH

DONUT STRESS
11:00am - 1:00pm
PUY Campus, Connection Cafe
Come enjoy food as you prepare for finals!



October Cultural Celebrations

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community.

This month celebrates the independence days of several Latin American countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th, and Chile on September 18th. They also include holidays that recognize Hispanic contributions such as Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Day that is celebrated in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

EDI CARES Presents
Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Wednesday, October 12th
11:00am - 1:00pm

Student Life Performance Lounge
FS Campus

Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, build community and learn about campus resources!

Email DistrictStudentLife@pierce.ctc.edu to attend!

Open to Students!



Kamusta!

October is Filipino American History Month, and we invite you to celebrate with us. EDI CARES has awesome activities lined up this month, include lumpia-making with Mel and Abi as a part of the EDI CARES Fall Welcome on October 6th at 12pm. (A central Filipino value is "pakikisama" which means to "go with the flow"-- so...just do it!)

Since our country was founded, Filipinos have consistently held America to its promise: Filipinos have fought for democratic values whether the call was for farmworker or immigrant rights or for veterans' benefits. During WWII, many Filipinos joined the U.S. Armed Forces and bravely sacrificed their lives to defend the Allied cause. In the 60s and 70s, **Larry Itliong** and the **Delano Manongs** started the action that grew into the famous Delano Grape Strike, paving the way for figures like Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez.

So... keep calm and learn about Filipinos! Inyang kayong lahat!

EDI CARES Presents
Filipino American History Month Recognition Event

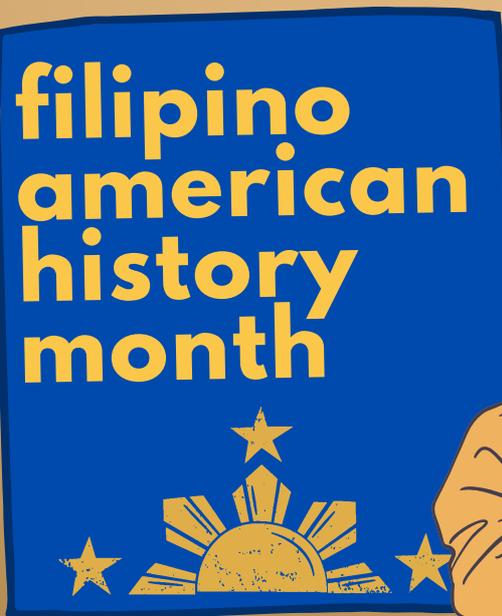
Tuesday, October 18th
11:00am - 1:00pm

Student Life Performance Lounge
FS Campus

Come learn about Filipino American history & heritage, while enjoying food, music and community!

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/fahmf22>

Open to Students, Staff & faculty!





Indigenous Heritage Month



November Celebrations

November is Native American Heritage Month! It's a time to celebrate the rich histories, diverse cultures and important contributions of our nation's first people. Native Americans have had an extraordinary impact on shaping our nation's way of life and culture from medicine, religion, art, agriculture and much more. We honor and celebrate the brilliance, excellence, and indigenous ways of knowledge and practice of our students, staff and faculty! Native American Heritage Month is a time to not only acknowledge the systemic injustices indigenous populations have and continue to face in America, but also to work to actively rectify harm done to these communities. As inhabitants of America land, we owe it both to our ourselves and our native and indigenous communities to confront our country's racist history and work to ensure we cultivate communities of civility, honor and justice.

EDI CARES Presents

Indigenous Excellence Celebration

**Tuesday, November 29th
3:30PM-5:00PM**

Student Life Performance Lounge
FS Campus

Come celebrate Indigenous Excellence, enjoy traditional song, dance, food and build community!

Space is limited!

Open to Students, Staff & Faculty!

Register Here:

<https://bit.ly/indigenousfa22>

November 11 is Veterans Day, a federal holiday that is meant to honor all veterans of the uniformed services who served or are still serving during times of peace as well as war on the anniversary of the end of World War I. On Veterans Day, Americans are encouraged to commit themselves to the cause of peace and to honor the Nation's veterans for their courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice. Our Veteran students, staff and faculty as well as their families are courageous, brilliant, and self-sacrificing, and we honor and celebrate your heroism and dedication!

EDI CARES Presents

Veterans Day Celebration Week

November 7th-10th

Student Life Performance Lounge
FS Campus

Join us for a celebration honoring our Veteran students, and their families!

More info to come! Stay tuned!

Open to Students!

We Salute & Honor our Veterans & Families!



The EDI CARES Get Down

What's happening in EDI CARES?

**Welcome
Our New
Director
of Student
Life PUY!**

Aki Smith



Aki Smith will be starting in the role as Director of Student Life for the Puyallup Campus on October 3rd. Aki is excited to start cultivating a culture of student empowerment and legacy, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in student services, racial equity and community engagement. As the past ASPIRE retention manager, Aki was instrumental in building and cultivating support services for Black and Brown students, and ensuring all students felt empowered and affirmed. Aki recently completed his Masters in Community Planning at the University of Washington, Tacoma this summer! Congrats Aki!

WAKANDA IS GROWING!

Welcome Access & Disability Services & Veteran Services to EDI CARES aka Wakanda!

October is Disability Awareness Month. Students with permanent or temporary disabilities may be eligible for services. Please contact Access and Disability Services (ADS) at ADS@pierce.ctc.edu or 253-964-6468 for more information on required documentation and the process for eligibility.

Pierce College EDI CARES Record Number--10 summer camps!

Pierce College EDI CARES successfully launched a record number of ten different culturally empowering summer camps to meet the needs of high school age youth in Pierce County this summer. Through these summer camps, EDI CARES served over 160 middle school and high school students in Pierce County. These 10 summer camps were diverse and centered on the following themes: racial equity, STEM, college and career readiness, financial literacy, environmental injustice, and indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing. Kudos to our Retention Managers, Admin Team, Student Ambassadors and Leadership team for this innovative work!



October is Disability Awareness Month



Scholarships



2023 - 2024 AANAPISI SCHOLARSHIP

The Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Scholarship Program is a collaboration between APIA Scholars, AANAPISIs and the communities they serve to provide scholarships, expand institutional capacity, and mobilize local resources to help foster economic development.

The AANAPISI Scholarship is available annually to students attending APIA Scholars AANAPISI partner campuses including Pierce College!

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship awards range from one-time \$2,500 awards to multi-year \$5,000 awards.

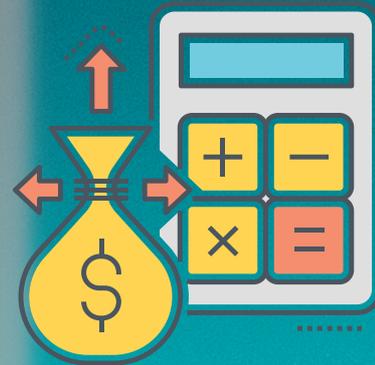
In addition to scholarship funds, APIA Scholars have access to leadership development, workforce readiness, mental health resources, and other culturally-specific programming designed to support them through graduation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The AANAPISI Scholarship Program application must be completed and submitted electronically online. To access and complete the application, please follow the link below or visit apiascholars.org.



Scan or Visit
bit.ly/AANAPISIScholarship



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants Must:

- Be able to describe their ethnicity, heritage, or ancestry in relation to the countries, territories, or lands in Asia or the Pacific Islands
- Be a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States
 - Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to apply
- Plan to enroll as a full-time student, in an undergraduate degree-seeking program, during the Fall 2023 semester
- Have completed the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Plan to attend one of APIA Scholars AANAPISI Partner Institutions during the Fall 2023 semester (or Winter quarter)

For more details about eligibility criteria please visit apiascholars.org.

APPLICATION DATES

APPLICATION OPENS - SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

APPLICATION CLOSES - JANUARY 19, 2023

SCHOLARSHIPS DISBURSED - FALL 2023

SUBMIT



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LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

2022-2023 Dr. Juan Andrade
Scholarship for Young Hispanic
Leaders is Now Open!

More Info:

<https://bit.ly/drjuanscholarship>

Deadline: November 30th



EDI CARES COLLEGE PROGRAMS WELCOME EVENT

EDI CARES Welcome Event

October 5th
11:00am - 1:00pm
FS Campus,
EDI CARES Office,
Cascade Room 322

Meet EDI CARES College Programs Staff, learn about our TRiO SSS, LSAMP & ASPIRE programs and build community! Event is Open to Pierce College Students!

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/fallwelcome22>



Dr. Ciera Graham
Dean of Student Success
EDI CARES Pierce College District



Terry Green
Faculty Counselor/Advisor

POPCORN AND TREATS ON US!



Jennifer Bradley
Retention Manager



Michelle Tate
Administrative Assistant III

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!



@edicarespiercecollege



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EDI CARES STUDENT RESOURCES

Each quarter, we will highlight resources available to all students in EDI CARES. Tap in to any of these student resources available to all students across the district. Check your Pierce email & social media for details.

Student Life Food Pantry

The Student Life Food Pantry offers snacks and hygiene products to Pierce College students in need at both the Fort Steilacoom & Puyallup Campuses. At the Fort Steilacoom Campus, the food pantry is located in the Cascade Office, 4th floor(across from the cafe). At the Puyallup campus, the food pantry is in College Center, 210



Orca Bus Passes

Are you a Pierce Student in need of a bus pass to get to and from school? Visit the Student Life Office at the Puyallup or Fort Steilacoom Campus



Are you a Veteran Student?



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.

Veteran and military affiliated students of Pierce College can receive information and support in accessing numerous on and off campus services. Information and resources regarding VA Education, Disability, Healthcare, Work Study and other VA benefits is available and MVSSC coordinators can connect students with Veteran Services Officers that can assist you with your VA claims. 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

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



Get active in Student Life by joining any number of upcoming monthly meetings!

FS STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

OCT 19TH 1-2PM

NOV 16TH 1-2PM

LOCATION: 4TH FLOOR, STUDENT LIFE LOBBY

PUY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

OCT 19TH 11:30-12:30PM

NOV 16TH 11:30-12:30pm

LOCATION: COLLEGE CENTER, 1ST FLOOR, CONNECTION CAFE

Need computer or internet?

Apply to borrow a Chromebook and or wireless hot spot during Fall Quarter contact

www.pierce.ctc.edu/library

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