

SECOND ANNUAL

# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Awareness Month



**MARCH 30: 1:00-4:30PM (FLEX CREDIT)**

**Ethnic Studies Teach-In**

The Ethnic Studies Teach-In is an afternoon-long virtual event that will bring together the campus community for a hands-on exploration of Ethnic Studies. Through a panel discussion and concurrent workshops, we will cover the history of Ethnic Studies, the new graduation requirements instituted at the high school and college level, and how Ethnic Studies can have a positive impact on our community. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Melissa Moreno, Founder of the California Community Colleges Ethnic Studies Faculty Council and Chair of Ethnic Studies at Woodland Community College.

REGISTER FOR THIS ZOOM EVENT: <https://bit.ly/EthnicStudiesTeachIn22>

**APRIL 2: 8:00AM-4:00PM**

**Undocu Summit: United We Rise, Together We Dream!**

*Location: Laguna Middle School*

Please register for this event and receive up-to-date information about the summit. Attendance is free.

CONTACT EMAIL: [ccc.undocu@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.undocu@gmail.com) or call (805) 628-2283

GET TICKETS: Eventbrite registration

**APRIL 4: NOON-1:00PM**

**Dolores Huerta Day Unity March**

*Location: Plaza behind the cafeteria, SLO Campus (5000 Building)*

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) will open the event with a unity clap and invite members of the campus community to make signs and then participate in a unity march. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to join in and march in a loop around campus in solidarity with MEChA, in the spirit of Dolores Huerta's calls for ¡Huelga! (Strike!) and ¡Si Se Puede! (Yes, we can!).

**APRIL 6: NOON-1:00PM (FLEX CREDIT)**

**Virtual Book Club: *There There* by Tommy Orange**

Join a discussion of this year's Book of the Year community read, facilitated by English Faculty Anne Jansen.

ZOOM LINK: <https://cuesta-edu.zoom.us/j/94440979053>

**APRIL 7 1:00-2:30PM (FLEX CREDIT)**

**National Poetry Month: Celebrating Indigenous Poets**

Attendees will read selected works by Indigenous Americans and watch a short clip of U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo. To be a reader, please contact Denise Fourie at [dfourie@cuesta.edu](mailto:dfourie@cuesta.edu).

ZOOM LINK: <https://cuesta-edu.zoom.us/j/3619380274>

**APRIL 7: 6:00-7:00PM**

**21 Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge Closing Dialogue**

Join us to celebrate the work of our campus community members in taking on the 21-Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge. This program is an opportunity for the campus to reflect and engage in dialogues that help us explore how racial injustice and social injustice impact our communities. For our closing event, we will be reflecting on this year's Challenge and how we can continue building momentum for equity and racial justice across campus. All are welcome! Sign up for the 21 Day Challenge.

FINAL EVENT ZOOM LINK: <https://cuesta-edu.zoom.us/j/93049620705>

**APRIL 13: 11:00AM-NOON**

**Exploring the History of Asian Americans on the Central Coast**

*Location: Room 6304, San Luis Obispo Campus*

The Central Coast is rich in history. High school student Emily Pan will showcase her initiative in building a website featuring Asian American history on the Central Coast. She will bring her passion for the project and share how it began and facts about Asian American history you probably didn't know. For questions, please email Ali Phelps at [allison\\_phelps1@cuesta.edu](mailto:allison_phelps1@cuesta.edu).

**APRIL 19: 1:00-2:20PM**

**Indigenous Sovereignty and Decolonization**

*Presentation by Ash Gillon*

Join our "Introduction to Social Justice and Ethnic Studies" course as we hear from guest speaker, Ash Gillon (Māori) on topics of Indigenous Sovereignty and Decolonization. Gillon is a PhD Candidate at the University of Auckland in Te Wānanga o Waipapa and the School of Psychology, exploring Fat Indigenous Wāhine experiences and enactments of body sovereignty.

ZOOM LINK: <https://cuesta-edu.zoom.us/j/95641036255>

**APRIL 20: 1:00-2:00PM**

**National Alliance of Campus Climate Fall 2020 Survey**

This session will present the goals, key findings, and recommended actions based on the NACCC survey that was administered to Cuesta College Students in Fall 2020. The survey was designed specifically for and tested by undergraduate students at community colleges and four-year postsecondary institutions across the country. The NACCC survey includes six content areas essential to understanding racial climate on campus. The six areas are: Mattering and Affirmation; Cross-Racial Engagement; Racial Learning and Literacy; Encounters with Racial Stress; Appraisals of Institutional Commitment; and Impact of External Environments.

ZOOM LINK: <https://cuesta-edu.zoom.us/j/96137973984>

**APRIL 21: 5:00-7:00PM (FLEX CREDIT)**

**Book of the Year: Author Tommy Orange Presentation, Q&A**

*Location: CPAC Mainstage and Virtual Simulcast*

Tommy Orange's wondrous and shattering novel *There There* follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize. Join us for an author presentation and Q&A.

\$5 GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS: [tickets.cuesta.edu](https://tickets.cuesta.edu)

STUDENTS FREE: *To reserve, please email [cuestabook@cuesta.edu](mailto:cuestabook@cuesta.edu)*

**APRIL 25: NOON-1:00PM**

**¡Somos Cuesta! Video Debut and Student Panel**

*Location: Plaza behind the cafeteria, SLO Campus (5000 Building) & Virtual*

Join students at Cuesta from Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA), Latino Leadership Network, and Dreamers United for a viewing of a short video that highlights Latinx student experiences, cultural clubs, and encourages belonging on campus. We will host a panel discussion and Q&A with student club leaders and learn about how students can get involved.

ZOOM LINK: <https://cuesta-edu.zoom.us/j/97079269106>

**APRIL 28: 4:30-5:45PM (FLEX CREDIT)**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ruja Benjamin**

Dr. Ruja Benjamin will speak on "Racial Literacy for the 21st Century." In this talk, she "discusses how and why racism persists as a form of vision and division. By putting academic scholarship in conversation with the latest headlines, she offers a wide-ranging toolkit to understand how racism distorts our relationships, communities, and institutions, and what we can do about it." Her presentation will include information related to the student experience and the challenges faced by community colleges related to technology, data and equity, including teaching and learning online. The presentation will also include a student-focused discussion around opportunities for careers in STEM for racially minoritized students.

*Sponsored by the Cuesta College Equity and Student Success Committee and the Cuesta Faculty Professional Development and Equity Education Committee.*

VIRTUAL EVENT: please sign up at Eventbrite to receive the link the week of the presentation.

