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CCLC Updates

The last three years have included many changes for everyone. For the CCLC, 2022, in particular, brought us two new directors! Sadly for us but excellent for him, our previous director Malcolm J. McLemore transitioned to a new role as Butte College's Director of Multicultural Programs and Services. We are excited about his recent journey and know he'll do great things on his new campus! Through significant changes, the CCLC student Cultural Program Coordinators and Inclusion Coordinators kept the diversity tide rolling through the fall semester by creating robust programming. In late January, we were happy to add a new Interim director Dawn T. Frank to the CCLC family, and she's been a great addition to the team. As we head into the spring 2023 semester, we look forward to her leadership as we chart the choppy waters of enrollment and budget challenges. We know we have the right skipper for the job. Through it all, you can count on the Cross-Cultural Leadership Center to keep doing the work of uplifting culture and diversity on Chico State's campus.

Meet our Interim Director

Dawn Frank is familiar with juggling multiple roles as she is currently the Senior Director of Chico State's Student Learning Center and a lecturer for our Sociology Department. She oversees the Student Transition & Retention Center (STAR) along with her Cross-Cultural Leadership Center Interim Director role. She's got her hands full! Luckily, Dawn has inherited a great set of professional and student staff on all sides to help her serve Chico State's students to the utmost. We all welcome her leadership and vision for what's ahead!



FALL 2022 Recap

The fall 22 semester was filled with celebrations for Latine Heritage Month, LGBTQIA History Month, Native American Heritage Month, Halloween, and an Embrace Nature, Embrace You camping trip. All our heritage month celebrations included a Dinner & a Story event that brought communities together for meaningful conversations over a delicious meal. Every community also celebrated with an Aux Talk musical conversation on Trinity Commons for the whole campus to enjoy. Our Halloween celebrations included pumpkin painting, a haunted corn maze, and a day of trick o treating! A few highlights of the fall semester were our Latin-American Independence day celebration which brought Banda Raizes Jaliscienses to campus! Seeing everyone dance and celebrate the beginning of our semester was so much fun! Our Embrace Nature, Embrace You camping trip was also a blast as we celebrated National Public Lands Day by giving back to public lands and building community with each other. Another highlight of our fall semester was almost filling a whole movie theatre with our Royal Night in Wakanda event.





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Spring So Far

The CCLC is in the middle of its spring semester now. We kicked off the New Year with a Lunar New Year-themed celebration to welcome everyone back on campus and headed straight into our Black History Month celebrations. We had a full calendar of events like Black Family Game Night and our Young, Black & Gifted Block Party. Seeing everyone out and enjoying themselves was amazing despite the cold. March now finds us in the middle of our Women's History Month celebrations and amazing programs like a Holi Festival of Lights and a Zodiac Party. We will begin our Asian & Pacific Islander History Month celebrations in April, and planning has already started with members of our campus API community. We intend to finish the Spring semester strong by programming until the last few weeks of the semester in May.

Billie Jackson Library for the Culture

The CCLC dedicated its new Billie Jackson Library for the Culture in September 2022. We were so honored to have Mr. Matt Jackson at the opening, and he spoke a few words about his wife's passion for education and students. We're honored to have this living memorial to this former Chico State alumna and staff member. Her commitments to this campus and community were innumerable, and we're so pleased to honor her memory in this way. We are working hard to catalog our collection electronically. This will make checking out books a breeze. We continue to accept donations of gently used or new books to our library, in which students can check out the books at no cost. Donations can be dropped at the Cross-Cultural Leadership Center in MLIB 172.



What's Ahead?

Before we know it, summer will be upon us, and the CCLC is prepping by working to hire its new team of student staff for the 2023-2024 school year. We're looking for new student Cultural Program Coordinators, Inclusion Coordinators, and one graduate-level student assistant. The success of the CCLC is always dependent on its students, their hard work, and their creativity. It's incredible to witness student projects take shape. The passion and care they invest in their programming are apparent to everyone. While time may fly rapidly, one thing that stays constant is the caliber of our students. This year we're graduating six students, Allen David Turner, Anna Marquez, Ermelindo Salgado, Romulo Howard, Shradah Shakaya, and Natalie Hernandez. As they go off to various jobs and graduate schools, they've left behind of incredible legacy of community and achievement. The CCLC will continue to thrive, but we always miss the students who invested so much of themselves in the center.

