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### Sayonara Summer!



The CCLC had a fantastic summer full of planning and a time of relaxation for our professional staff. Two of our student staff, Emerlindo Salgado and Sirena Rios, stayed on over the summer to help us with Summer Orientation and prepare for fall. We were also lucky to host an Upper Bound intern, Amiko Lee, who helped us prepare over a thousand postcards that went out to diverse students who were admitted to Chico State. We say it often, but it still holds, our student staff makes the Cross-Cultural Leadership Center great, and our work would be less dynamic and less fun without them!

## All We Do Is Win

We would be remiss if we didn't mention our Interim Director, Dawn Frank's, 2023 Outstanding MPP of the Year Award! We were excited to see her be recognized for her work for the CCLC, STAR Center, and Student Learning Center. She wears a lot of hats for three different and dynamic spaces. It's been a long journey from Safe Place to the Educational Opportunity Program to the CCLC, but we're glad that road has brought her home to us. Under her leadership, we're excited to keep moving toward the CCLC mission of supporting students from all walks of life by keeping them Connected, Respected & Affirmed.





### CCLC & STAR TAKE OVER SOU!

As part of pre-fall training, CCLC & STAR Center staff took a trip to Southern Oregon University to visit their diversity centers to learn and gain new ideas. Our Cultural Program Coordinator, Aishwarya Gowda, noted that SOU shares our "desire to serve our people & and communities." We were excited that the STAR Center student staff were also able to join us on this training, and we're hoping that more incredible collaborations will come out of our proximity in location and shared mission to serve students through our respective lenses of academic success & social connection.



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# So Hard To Say Goodbye



The spring semester was filled with successful programs our former Cultural Program Coordinators put on. We want to recognize Allen David Turner, Anna Marquez, Ermelindo Salgado, Romulo Howard, Shradah Shakaya, and Natalie Hernandez as they have ventured into exciting new opportunities. We acknowledge how much their passion was put towards our work. This upcoming year, we have two returning staff, Sirena Rios and Angie Silva. Sirena will now be a CPC, and Angie will be our Graphic Designer! We are excited to have you all meet the new crew soon! Keep an eye on our social media as we roll out introductions.

## Vibing Out

Get ready for one of CCLC's biggest events of the year! Wildcat Vibe is a night filled with great music, free food, and a chance to connect students with some of Chico State's diverse clubs and organizations. We are happy to collaborate with Associated Students, who generously help us cover some of our programming costs. In this era of budget consciousness, we're so thankful that we can keep the Wildcat Vibe tradition alive and well. Tacos Tenaya will be providing delicious tacos as students dance the night away. The campus community is welcome to come out; the vibes are available all night, but the tacos are first come, first served!





### **Guess Who's Back?**

Thanks to a generous award from Student Learning Fee, the CCLC will bring back our Diversity Summit on October 20th, 21st & 22nd. We will stay at the beautiful Sierra Friends Center in Nevada City, California. We're excited to work with friends at Chico State College Corps to bring a robust series of outdoor recreation, service, and a time of reflection on identity and diversity. Registration will go live in September, and we're excited to take our students on this transformative experience. Students must submit a \$20 deposit to attend, but scholarships will be available. Watch our social media for more information!