

'Esak'tima Center

2022-2023 Year-End Report

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Who We Are:

[The 'Esak'tima Center](#) is committed to educational equity. The Center works to build a community where Native students feel part of a welcoming and affirming community where tribal history, diversity, equity, and social justice are valued and advanced through institutional programs and policies. The 'Esak'tima Center provides supportive services to assist students in their academic journey with Academic Advising, Academic Workshops, Peer Advising, Scholarship referrals, Cultural presentations, and workshops. Our supportive services will increase student success and graduation rates for our Native student population.

Points of Pride

- The 'Esak'tima Center has proudly brought in five of the nine local Tribal Nations to serve on its 'Esak'tima Committee and is now working hard to involve the other four Nations. The Committee selected the Nisenan name, 'Esak'tima', for the Native Student meaning, "A Place Where Knowledge Comes", to celebrate the historic presence of the Nisenan people in the Sac State area.
- The Center has celebrated Native traditions and cultures in its work with students through its hiring of an Elder in Residence and the provision of "Talking Circles" for its students providing a supportive community. Retention and graduation support is offered through these Circles.
- The 'Esak'tima Center worked diligently on its Grand Opening, now rescheduled for December 2023 or January 2024.

Data Outcomes

- Five of the nine Tribal Nations currently have representatives who serve on the 'Esak'tima Committee, an advisory committee to the Center
- The majority of students participating in the Talking Circles found them effective and would attend other sessions. They found them to be helpful in terms of retention support
- The Center anticipates a significant increase in Native Student enrollment through its summer outreach efforts to local tribes

Signature Programs

- Recruitment (seven tabling events at the University and three tribal outreach tabling events), and outreach to all Los Rios Community College Campuses
- Cultural events (12 workshops and eight University-wide events)
- Inviting and hosting Sacramento area school districts and Tribal groups to attend Future Hornet Day and to also learn about the 'Esak'tima Center services

Events and Activities

- On average, tabling at Sac State has reached over 200 students and tribal outreach tabling has reached over 300 visitors.
- On average, over 300 persons have attended the five-day Native Culture Week events, Indigenous People's Day, Multi-Cultural fair, and the 'Esak'tima Center events on campus
- Native Student, Faculty, and Staff Spring Welcome Event
- California Native American Day at the State Capitol
- Co-hosting the American Indian Summer Institute

Community and University Partnerships

- Buena Vista Band of Miwok Indians
- Lone Band of Mewuk Indians
- Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
- Wilton Rancheria
- United Auburn Indian Community
- Sacramento Native American Higher Education Collaborative (SNAHEC)
- Native American Studies Department, CSUS
- Ethnic Studies Department, CSUS
- Native American Faculty and Staff Association, CSUS
- Women's Resource Center, CSUS
- Disability Access Center, CSUS