MISSION STATEMENT

The AIRC is dedicated to supporting the needs of American Indian students and increasing Native visibility on campus by advocating student-centered programs, cultural events, and tools for academic success and well-being. The center serves as a vital link between American Indian students, the university, and tribal communities to foster student success through mentoring, leadership opportunities, and scholarly development. The AIRC also serves as a supportive space for students to help ease the transition from home to campus life.

THE AIRC’S OBJECTIVE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- To promote the value of a college education for American Indians
- To aid in the development of leadership skills among American Indian students
- To foster Indigenous knowledge and practices in our activities and help preserve the culture and heritage of American Indian students
- To serve as a liaison between Native communities and the University of California, Santa Cruz

SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF CHICANOS AND NATIVE AMERICANS IN SCIENCE

The mission of SACNAS is to encourage Chicano, Latino, and Native American students to pursue graduate education in order to obtain the advanced degrees necessary for science research, leadership, and teaching careers at all levels. The SACNAS office can provide information on many opportunities for minority students and professionals in the sciences. The annual national conference provides scientific symposia, keynote speakers who are at the forefront of scientific research, professional development sessions, and student poster and oral presentations. This conference, usually held in mid-October, provides a forum for students, faculty, and professionals in science and education to share research, address the unique accomplishments and challenges of minorities in science, form networks of mentors and colleagues, and gain access to educational and career opportunities.

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STUDENT ALLIANCE OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS
SANAI
SANAI is a student organization that provides academic and moral support for Native American students on campus and works to increase the awareness of both the university and greater Santa Cruz community about issues affecting the Indigenous people of North America. SANAI also has a rich history of collaborating with other student organizations and encourages all students to attend meetings and participate in programming.

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PEOPLE OF COLOR SUSTAINABILITY COLLECTIVE
PoCSC
The mission of the PoCS Collective is to make UCSC a leader not just in mainstream sustainability, but also environmental justice, in recognition of our changing demographics and pressing ecological challenges. We will accomplish this through:

- Raising awareness about the contributions that people of color have made to the environmental sustainability movement in general and at UCSC in particular;
- Reexamining the definition and values of the sustainability movement to identify how it can be more inclusive of all underrepresented populations;
- Creating critical dialogue about environmental justice through student discussion spaces, student of color caucuses, social media awareness campaigns, workshops, and speaker presentations.

The PoCS Collective represents a groundbreaking collaboration between the Ethnic Resource Centers, Colleges Nine and Ten, and the UCSC Sustainability Office, and we will continue to grow the coalition through outreach to departments, student organizations, and other units.

Use the #PoCSustainability hashtag to share what sustainability means to you.

UCSC SOPHIA GARCIA ROBLES MEMORIAL
DRUM FEAST
The annual UCSC Drum Feast celebrates the culture, songs, dances, and arts of Indigenous people in a “pan-tribal” atmosphere of fellowship, trust, respect, and empowerment. Dance groups from throughout the Americas, including Oaxacan, Pacific Islander, Aztec, and the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band have participated. Food and merchandise vendors, community groups and student organizations also take part in the festivities. The American Indian Resource Center hosted the first Drum Feast in honor of Sophia Garcia Robles on May 24, 2012. The Drum Feast brings together students, staff, faculty, and community members for a day of coalition building and festivity.

AMAH MUTSUN SPEAKER SERIES
The Amah Mutsun Speaker Series began in 2009 and was conceived by former AIRC Director Dr. Dennis Tibbetts and Amah Mutsun Tribal Chair Valentin Lopez. The series encourages a relationship between the Amah Mutsun (the original inhabitants of Santa Cruz) and the University of California by creating the opportunity for community members and scholars to come together and learn from each other. The speaker series has brought leading scholars, researchers, and community members to campus, including Maria Brave Heart, Sarah Deer, Deborah Miranda, Kat Anderson, Joseph Gone, Jessie Little Doe Baird and California Indian cultural experts Ron Christman, Caleen Sisk, and Hawk Rosales.

INDIGETHANX
Indigethanx is an event that provides an opportunity to rethink the Thanksgiving holiday and help educate the UCSC community about traditional Native foods and food traditions. Every even year the AIRC hosts a large potluck dinner open to all students and the Santa Cruz community, where Native students, faculty, and staff share traditional foods of their tribe. In odd-numbered years speakers are invited to present their research and knowledge about how Native people engaged with the land prior to contact and how they sustain those traditional practices today.

UCSC RESOURCE CENTERS
AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE AND CULTURAL CENTER
AMERICAN INDIAN RESOURCE CENTER
ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER RESOURCE CENTER
CANTÚ QUEER CENTER
CHICANO LATINO RESOURCE CENTER (EL CENTRO)
WOMEN’S CENTER