

WHO WE ARE

The SIX(6) Centers (branches) for T.R.E.E.:

- African American Student Center (AASC)
- Asian Pacific Islander Student Center (APISC)
- César E. Chávez Center for Higher Education (CECCHÉ)
- Native American Student Center (NASC)
- Pride Center
- Womxn's Resource Center (WRC)

WHAT WE DO

- Annual Cultural Events
- Career Readiness Workshops
- Community Building
- Leadership Development
- Wellness Events
- Peer & Alumni Mentor Programs
- Cultural Graduations
- Scholarships
- Physical Spaces - All Gender Restrooms, Menstrual Products, Fridge, Microwave, Printing, etc.
- Online Space - Discord

Sit under
our T.R.E.E.
and
BRANCH OUT!



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T.R.E.E.

**CENTERS FOR
TRANSFORMATION,
RETENTION, EQUITY
& EMPOWERMENT**

f.k.a. The Cultural Centers

VISION

We empower ALL to flourish through transformational and culturally responsible practices that foster an inclusive educational environment that values the whole self by celebrating intersecting experiences; honoring ancestral creativity; building community; and growing critical consciousness.

MISSION

The Centers for Transformation, Retention, Equity and Empowerment (T.R.E.E.) create culturally engaging community spaces to validate and elevate our students' identities, lived experiences, and cultural wealth. We use cultural and identity-based retention frameworks to support the empowerment of our students as they actualize their educational, personal, and career goals.

THE VALUES THAT GROUND OUR WORK



ADVOCACY

OUR CENTERS GREW FROM SEEDS OF RESISTANCE. IN THE EARLY 1990'S, THE "THIRD WORLD GRASS ROOTS MULTICULTURAL COALITION" WAS ESTABLISHED TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO ORGANIZE AND INITIATE CHANGE ON-CAMPUS TO SUPPORT DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATIONS. TODAY, WE LIVE THE LEGACY OF ADVOCACY BY CHAMPIONING AND CHALLENGING SERVICES, POLICIES, PROGRAMS, PROCEDURES THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. OUR ROOTS GROUND US IN THE SOIL OF POSSIBILITY.



COALITION BUILDING

LIKE THE VAST ROOT SYSTEM OF TREES, SO TOO IS OUR NETWORK OF CHANGE AGENTS. WE DEVELOP AUTHENTIC AND ACCOUNTABLE INTERCONNECTED RELATIONSHIPS BY CREATING SPACES WHERE WE RECOGNIZE, ACCEPT, AND CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES. COLLECTIVELY, WE ADVANCE THE INTERSECTING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES BY DISRUPTING SILOS AND RACIST AND DISCRIMINATORY BEHAVIOR THAT UNDERMINE SOLIDARITY.



CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY

WE VALUE THE LIVED EXPERIENCES OF EVERY PERSON. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTAND THE INTERSECTIONAL AND INTERSECTING IDENTITIES OF COMMUNITIES, THE DIVERSITY OF HERITAGE, THE REGIONS WE LIVE IN AND THE RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE TO THE LAND, OUR TRUTH, STORIES, AND EACH OTHER. WE ARE ROOTED TO LEARNING AND UNLEARNING THE WAYS WE HAVE BEEN SOCIALIZED, SO WE CAN DISMANTLE SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION AND ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITIES' EXPERIENCES.



EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

EDUCATION ENRICHES THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. IT EMPOWERS POSSIBILITY, IMAGINATION, AND INNOVATION. IT CAN TRANSFORM STUDENTS PERSONALLY, SOCIALLY, ECONOMICALLY, AND POLITICALLY. OUR PROGRAMS FOSTER CURIOSITY AND NOURISH A GROWTH MINDSET TO RETAIN OUR STUDENTS AND INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY FOR LEARNING.



IDENTITY EXPLORATION

WE DESIGN AND FACILITATE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS THAT ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO BRAVELY EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR IDENTITY. THESE EVENTS CAN INCLUDE MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS OF CULTURE SUCH AS RACE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER, CLASS, ABILITY, SPIRITUALITY, AND NATIONALITY, WHICH REFLECT THE FLUIDITY OF HUMANITY.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

INSPIRED BY OUR LEGACY OF COURAGEOUS LEADERS, WE SOW SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE, JUSTICE, AND TRUTH THAT CULTIVATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND CAREER READINESS.