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The noncredit programs of MiraCosta College and our partners are proud to present the following 2021 CLC student events to celebrate culture, diversity, and community with the people we serve. Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for a day or evening session. These events will be hosted on ZOOM, as well as livestreamed and recorded. Specific login information will be shared prior to each event.

SEPTEMBER 17	Expressions Celebration 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	This event will celebrate the student work featured in <i>Expressions</i> , MiraCosta College's noncredit art and literary magazine. There will be live speakers, as well as a video compilation of student work, interviews, and commentary.
OCTOBER 6	Health and Wellness Celebration 10:30-11:30 a.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Celebrate health and wellness with us in October! Come and be inspired by our guest speaker's story of surviving cancer and thriving.
NOVEMBER 3	National American Indian Heritage Month 10:30-11:30 a.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m.	November is National American Indian Heritage Month, and our guest speaker will help us learn about and honor our nation's indigenous peoples as a whole and San Diego county's specifically.
DECEMBER 1	Diversity Day Celebration 10:30-11:30 a.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Diversity Day is an annual celebration of the assortment of cultures and backgrounds of our student population. Come join us for a chance to learn about the languages, music, stories, and experiences that make our student body unique!
FEBRUARY 2	Black History Month Celebration 10:30-11:30 a.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Black history and culture are part of American history and culture. This presentation will provide students the opportunity to learn more about issues that have shaped and continue to shape the Black experience in the United States of America.
MARCH 1 & 2	Reading Festival Guest Speaker Sonia Gutiérrez March 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m. March 2, 7:30-8:30 p.m.	This annual literacy celebration is all about the power of words and stories. This year's author Sonia Gutiérrez will share her novel <i>Dreaming with Mariposas</i> . Within her stories, Gutiérrez's characters celebrate the strength of Mexican Indigenous heritage and the spirit world while also proving that communal practices and storytelling have the power to heal families. We hope you will join us!
APRIL 6	Autism Acceptance 10:30-11:30 a.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Autism acceptance will be the focus of our April Speaker Series. As of 2020, one child in 54 is diagnosed with autism, and our presentation this month will promote awareness and inclusion and celebrate acceptance of the autistic individuals in our lives.
MAY	Milestone Celebrations	Let's celebrate YOU!! Events this month are all about the important milestone for noncredit students: AHS Grad Fest & Graduation Ceremony; Citizenship Celebration; Adult Education Honor Society; Noncredit Certificates Celebration & more! Stay tuned for more details!

Expressions

September 17, 2021

[View 2021 Digital Magazine](#)

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Health And Wellness Celebration With Guest Speaker Crystal Carothers

October 6, 2021

[View the 10:30am-11:30am celebration](#)

[View the 7:30pm-8:30pm celebration](#)

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SPEAKER SERIES

— Celebrate —
Health and Wellness

October 6 · 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Please click the links below to register the webinar:
<https://miracosta-edu.zoom.us>

October 6 · 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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surviving cancer and thriving.

CRYSTAL CAROTHERS

A Story of Grit
and Resilience

Crystal Carothers is an NCESL instructor at MiraCosta College as well as a creative writing and copyediting instructor for UCSD Extension. When she's not teaching, she often shares her incredible journey of recovery from a rare bone cancer that left her unable to walk, stand, or sit for over a year. Refusing the conventional treatment of a debilitating surgery, Crystal went on her own healing path following her intuition, encountering divine guidance, and using meditation along with the power of her mind to heal. Today she can surf, bike, hike, and do all the things her doctors never thought possible.

To learn more about Crystal's story, visit:
cancerfreeforlife.com/about

National American Indian Heritage Month

November 3, 2021

[View the 10:30am-11:30am presentation](#)

[View the 7:30pm-8:30pm presentation](#)

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National American Indian Heritage Month

November 3 • 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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November 3 • 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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JOELY PROUDFIT (LUISEÑO/PAYÓMKAWICHUM), PH.D.

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Joely Proudfit (Luiseño), Ph.D., is a descendant of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians. As the first member of her family to complete a high school diploma, she serves as a role model for Native youth and encourages self-determination through knowledge and education. In fall 2008, she joined the faculty at CSU San Marcos as Program Coordinator for Native Studies. She now serves as Department Chair and is Professor of the newly established American Indian Studies Department. Dr. Proudfit is also the Director of the California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center (CICSC) at CSUSM. For more information, see her [full bio here](#).



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Diversity Day Celebration

December 1, 2021

[View the 10:30am-11:30am Celebration](#)

[View the 7:30pm-8:30pm Celebration](#)

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Join us - learn about the diverse student population at the CLC!

DIVERSITY | DAY
Celebrate Differences

2021

WHEN
Wednesday, December 1
Morning Festival: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
[Register here](#)
Evening Festival: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
[Register here](#)

WHERE
Zoom livestream and
online recorded

MORE INFORMATION
<http://bit.ly/2BaHtKs> 



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Black History Month Celebration

February 2, 2022

[View the 10:30am-11:30am Presentation](#)

[View the 7:30pm-8:30pm Presentation](#)

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momentum**

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**BLACK
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HISTORY**

With Guest Speaker, Don Love

2022

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February 2
10:30–11:30 a.m.
Register to attend
7:30–8:30 p.m.
Register to attend

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Online



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Don Love is a first-generation college student who received his K-12 and college education here in San Diego County. He is a graduate of Azusa Pacific University where he earned his undergraduate degree in Organizational Leadership and received his Masters Degree in Education with an emphasis in Counseling degree from Point Loma Nazarene University. He currently serves as a counseling faculty member at MiraCosta College and serves students in the Umoja Program. His educational philosophy is "to touch the lives of college students—the young and the young at heart—by empowering them to achieve personal and career happiness and success."

Mr. Love has been affiliated with the statewide Umoja Community in all of his 14 years as an educator. Umoja, (a Kiswahili word meaning unity) is a community and critical resource dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational experiences of African American and other students. His goal is to create a climate and culture of equity and inclusion for underrepresented students.

**BLACK
MONTH
HISTORY**

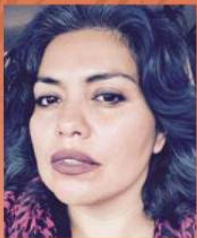
Reading Festival With Guest Speaker Sonia Gutiérrez

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READING FESTIVAL

Join us to learn more about Sonia Gutiérrez and her book, *Dreaming with Mariposas*.



Sonia Gutiérrez is the recipient of the Tomás Rivera Book Award 2021 for her novel, *Dreaming with Mariposas* (FlowerSong Press, 2020). In 2021, she also received an honorable mention for the Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Award for *Dreaming with Mariposas*. She is the author of *Spider Woman* / *La Mujer Araña* (Olmecca

Press, 2013) and co-editor for *The Writer's Response* (Cengage Learning, 2016). She teaches critical thinking and writing and creative writing at MiraCosta College, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at California State University San Marcos and recently joined the Puente Project at Palomar College. Her bilingual poetry collection, *Paper Birds / Pájaros de papel*, is forthcoming in 2022. Presently, she is working on her first picture book, *The Adventures of a Burrito Flying Saucer*, and poetry collection, *Sana Sana Colita de Rana*.

[See more here](#)

WHEN

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

- 10:30–11:30 a.m. [Register to attend](#)
- 7:30–8:30 p.m. [Register to attend](#)



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Autism Acceptance

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April 6, 2022

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[View the 7:30pm-8:30pm Presentation](#)



SPEAKER SERIES
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



ASH CYR

Ash Cyr (they/their/them) is 23 years old and has been speaking publicly for five years about "what it's like to have autism." They have spoken to numerous autism support groups, as well as teachers and students at public schools and special education schools. They have also spoken at MiraCosta College on two occasions. Their favorite topics are neurodiversity, what they have learned about themselves as an autistic individual, and how the world is changing to accommodate them.

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April 6 • 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
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April 6 • 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
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MiraCosta College shall provide access to educational programs and employment practices, and shall not discriminate based on accent, age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, economic status, ethnic group identification, gender, sex, marital status, medical condition, national origin, parental status, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Milestone Celebrations / Commencement

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2022 Adult High School/High School Equivalency Commencement Ceremony

The 2022 Adult High School/High School Equivalency Commencement Ceremony will take place outdoors at the Community Learning Center on Thursday, May 26 from 6pm-7pm.

[View Photos](#)

Grad Fest

Grad Fest will take place on Thursday, May 12 from 12pm-2pm and 6pm-8pm in the Student Gathering Space of Building 300. All Adult High School and High School Equivalency grads are welcome to join us for food, music, cap decorating, and the chance to learn about opportunities available for grads.

National Adult Education Honor Society Celebration

- [View the NAEHS 2022 Celebration](#)

THE 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION HONOR SOCIETY

2022

The mission is to provide meaningful recognition to deserving adult education students, to improve student employment opportunities, to develop student ambassadors for local adult education programs and to create adult education awareness with school administrators and state legislators.

Our outstanding ambassadors for adult education have dependable attendance, a cooperative attitude, and great work ethic.

For more information visit naehs.org

YOU DESERVE TO CELEBRATE!!



WHEN

May 13 • 1:00 p.m. [Register to attend](#)

WHERE

Online



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