

'Esáktimá Center Assessment Report 2023-24

Who We Are

[The 'Esáktimá Center](https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/esaktima-center/) (<https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/esaktima-center/>) is committed to educational equity. The Center works to build a community where Native American 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 'Esáktimá 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.

'Esáktimá Center Program Team

- Native Student Success Senior Lead: Jose A. Mejia,
- Native Student Success Coordinator & Advisor: Rena Horse, Pit River/Paiute
- Student-Staff Advisor -Spencer Munoz Pearson
- Student-Staff Advisor- Mickey Nelson
- Student-Staff Advisor- James Navarro
- Student-Staff Advisor-Ashley Bozzo

Our Services

- Early Outreach & Admissions Presentations
- CSU Application Support and Workshops
- Student Advocacy
- Transitional Support
- Academic Advising
- Peer Advising
- Cultural Awareness & Activities
- Leadership Development Opportunities
- Faculty Mentorship
- Civic and Community Engagement
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Campus Community & Networking Opportunities
- Referrals to other Services
- Computer & Study Room

Points of Pride

- The 'Esáktimá Center had a successful grand-opening in March of this year.
- The center received a \$10,000 scholarship donation from the Wilton Rancheria.
- The center received a \$5,000 donation from the Wood Rogers Engineering Firm.
- A Native American Advisory Board Committee was created to work and provide guidance to the Center.

Applications, Admissions, Outreach, & Enrollment Data

- 397 Native American self-identified applications were received for Fall & Spring semester.
- 127 new self-identified primary & multi-racial Native American students were admitted to Sac State for the academic year.
- 322 self-identified primary & multi-racial Native American students were enrolled at Sac State in Fall 2023; 307 were enrolled in Spring 2024.
- The 'Esáktimá Center visited eight Local Community Colleges campuses in the fall for Transfer Day and/or for Native American Heritage Month events.
- 12 high schools & Tribal groups were hosted at the Center for presentations and campus tours.

Advising & Retention Events

- 496 EAB student appointments were held during the academic year.
- On average, 6-8 students visited the 'Esáktimá Center each day during open hours.
- Approximately 424 students attended our events in Spring and Fall.
- The Center hosted 18 cultural events during the academic year.

Programming & Signature Events

- Over 150 students stopped by the table during New Student Orientation Sessions
- June 26 – Hosted the annual American Indian Summer Institute group
- Aug. 24 – Virtual Native American Fall Summit
- Sept. 21st – Fall Native American Student Welcome
- Sept. 22nd – California Native American Day at State Capitol
- Oct. 9th – Indigenous People's Day (campus march, prayer, singing and spoken word)
- Oct. 27th – Future Hornet Day Native Welcome
- Month of November – Native Heritage Month (Local Dancers, Bird Singers, Workshops)
- January 10th – Hosted the Virtual Native American Spring Summit
- February 7th – Spring Welcome and Blessing
- April 10th – Virtual Mixer for Fall 2024 admitted students
- May 6th – Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Walk (Campus march, spoken word)