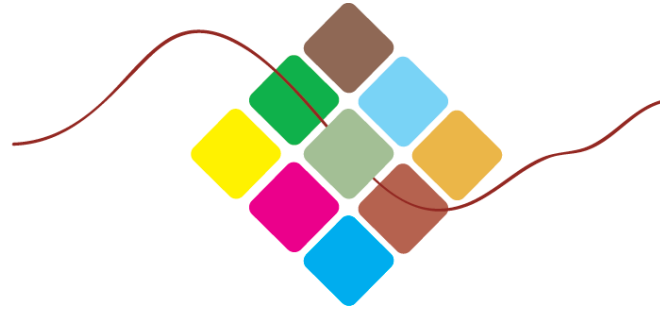




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Student Engagement and Community Engagement
Within The Context of Cultural Diversity

Student Engagement



Research shows that diversity experiences:

- Increase satisfaction with college
- Increase critical thinking
- Increase cultural awareness
- Increase commitment to racial understanding
- Decrease materialism



What If There Was A Place...

- where students, faculty, staff and the community could come together and enhance their sense of belonging?
- where cultural performances, visual arts and historical exhibits would be featured?
- where existing cultural study offices could be co-located with conference and library facilities?





Our Purpose

The Central Valley Cultural Heritage Institute (CVCHI) is dedicated to the celebration and study of the cultural heritage, diversity and contributions of the people of California's Central Valley.





Benefits for Students

- Foster a supportive environment for multicultural interaction
- Increase engagement and sense of belonging
- Bring together academic course content with cocurricular and community activities
- Contribute to the retention of a diverse student body



Benefits for campus and community

- Reinforce awareness of diversity as a strength
- Provide campus service and community and campus expertise on culture and diversity
- Engage the community and campus through:
 - Educational seminars and lectures
 - Exhibits and performances
 - Cultural competency training
 - Community service projects
 - Cultural Tapestry of the Valley Web site



Sample of Recent Activities

- Welcoming Diversity Workshops presented to over 3,000 campus and community members
- 100 campus and community members trained as workshop facilitators
- Diversity Conferences: “Culture and Community Building” Fall 2005; AA Student Retention Spring 2007
- “Building Bridges Tackling Fears”
- Diversity Awareness Week 2007
- Consultation on cultural and diversity issues to campus and community members





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- Cross Cultural Clusters with Fresno Metro Ministries
- Cultural performance: “The Story of Tahirih” 2002
- Support to student clubs and organizations
- Book discussion facilitation: “Uprooting Racism” for Women’s International League of Peace and Freedom Spring 2006
- Cultural Tapestry of the Valley demonstration Web site
- Selected as a Tier 1 Project for Fresno State’s comprehensive campaign



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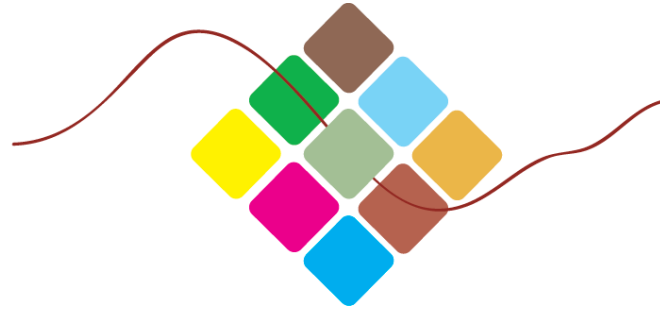
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Recent Contributors



- Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute
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- California Pistachio Commission
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