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## SSTOC WELCOME SSTOC Does It Again!

By April M. Yee

What's up, SSTOC? By now, most of us know what the acronym SSTOC stands for—Services to Students Of Color. SSTOC is a coalition of on-campus units that includes the African American Resource & Cultural Center, Asian American/Pacific Islander Resource Center, Chicano/Latino Resource Center, and Native American Resource Center, along with the Academic Excellence Honors Program (ACE), and the Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP).

Every year, SSTOC organizes a Welcome Program for new Students of Color and EOP students. The program includes a Peer Mentor Program, faculty/student dinner, community building activities, and student-to-student dialogue around academics and campus life.

I was a SSTOC Peer Mentor last Fall, during the program's kick-off year. I had a great experience, so I decided to participate in the program again. For this year's program, 23 mentors from diverse backgrounds worked hard to make the Welcome Program another success.

The Welcome Program is a two-day event. On Friday night, the Faculty/Student Dinner had a huge turnout! It excited me to see so many new and energetic faces, along with the supportive faculty who participated in welcoming the students.

Students liked what they saw on Friday night and returned for the next day's programs. SSTOC filled Saturday with activities and discussion to get the incoming students in gear for the academic year. This is where the incoming students got to hook up with their mentor and learn about different resources available to them on campus. We played community building games, ate good BBQ, and enjoyed student performances. By the end of the day, I, along with the other students, felt a strong sense of community and satisfaction from the program—so much energy and motivation for the new year! It was great! SSTOC members will continue to have activities throughout the year.

*If you are interested in finding out more about SSTOC and its programs, contact the Asian American/Pacific Islander Resource Center. Call 459-2427 or email AAPIRC@cats.ucsc.edu.*



**SSTOC welcomes new faces to UCSC.**

photographed by Nancy I. Kim

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## "Move"

By Nancy I. Kim, AA/PIRC Director and Slug Alumna

"In two months," we were told in March 2000, the new Bay Tree Bookstore building would be ready for AA/PIRC to move. I'm not sure which calendar system they used, because AA/PIRC relocated in August 2001 — over a year later! After much anticipation, AA/PIRC migrated down Cardiac Hill and up to the third floor of the new building, where we share a space with the Native American Resource Center, Chicano/Latino Resource Center, and African American Resource and Cultural Center. I know our centers' movement from being scattered neighbors to cooperative roommates will facilitate more collaboration between members of our communities and enrich our sense of individual identities.

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## Introducing the AA/PIRC Staff . . .

Come and meet the AA/PIRC Student Assistants. Student Assistants have various responsibilities—coordinating and implementing AA/PIRC programs, projects, and sponsored events, representing the center at various functions and campus gatherings, and providing clerical and administrative support. In spite of their dedication and commitment to the center, here are brief biographies about each Student Assistant:

### **Cheryl Lingabanan**

Hi! “Cheryl-from-Merrill” here. I’m a second year, MCD Biology major, born and raised in the East Bay Area (Pittsburg & Antioch). If you stop by and don’t find me at AA/PIRC I’m either out co-coordinating the Filipino Student Association’s (FSA) Isang Himig Choir, helping out at the Newman Campus Ministry Center, or kickin’ it with my mentee from the Kuya-Ate Mentorship Program (KAMP). But chances are you’ll find me here. After all, this is the place to be. I’m looking forward to working as a Student Assistant this year. This is my chance to offer opportunities in the AA/PI community, help individuals grow, and at the same time develop and strengthen who I am. “We make a living by what we get—we make a life by what we give.”

### **Kio Tong-Ishikawa**

Aloha! I’m usually not that corny, but hopefully that gave you a big hint on my background. Anyway, my name is Kio; I was born and raised in Kaneohe, Hawaii, and am currently a 2nd year Merrill student who is “in-between” majors. I am one of two Student Assistants here at AA/PIRC and am also involved in several student organizations such as the Chinese Student Association (CSA), the Japanese American Student Association (JASA), and People of the Islands (POI), a new Pacific Islander organization that we’re starting this year. If you



**Asian American/ Pacific Islander Resource Center Staff**

*From left to right: April Yee, Kio Tong-Ishikawa and Cheryl Lingabanan.*

want information on any of these organizations or you’re looking for a place to relax between classes, then feel free to stop by the resource center and hang out.

### **April Yee**

Hello everyone! This is my 4<sup>th</sup>—and hopefully my last—year at UCSC! I am an American Studies and Psychology major, affiliated with Oakes! College. This year, I am the CUIP (Chancellor’s Undergraduate Internship Program) Intern for the AA/PI Resource Center. My other activities include being a Core member of the Chinese Student Association (CSA) and Community Unified Student Network (CUSNs) through the Asian and Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APISA). I am also a Services to Students Of Color (SSTOC) Peer Mentor. UCSC has so many great opportunities and programs—both academic and social—to take advantage of. Our door at the ethnic resource centers is always open for you to find out more about these opportunities. Come by! I’d love to hear from you!

## Move

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I didn’t realize how timely the importance of community would become. The academic year, unfortunately, began with the tragedy of Sept. 11th and the World Trade Center. We were all moved. I personally felt deep sorrow for those who had lost family members, friends, and homes. I also felt a deep sense of fear for the violent and ignorant racist backlash that would follow, for my cousin who enlisted in the military, and of eminent polarization of American communities.

As AA/PIRC Director and a member of the Hate/Bias Incident Advisory Board, I promise to advocate for institutional change that will ensure the safety of students of color and do whatever I can to help Muslim American and South Asian American students feel fully supported at UCSC. I encourage everyone to educate themselves and participate in dialogues that will facilitate understanding. In order to prevent further political bloodshed and encourage understanding, it is imperative that we as a community bond with our neighbors and understand our global roommates.



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### Excerpts from the keynote speech

## UNIVERSITY CULTURE 101: HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION AT UCSC

by Professor Judy Yung

Good evening. It is with a heavy heart that I extend a warm welcome to all the new students here tonight who have chosen to join us at UCSC. Needless to say, I congratulate you on your wise decision. I say "with a heavy heart," because like many of you, I am still recovering from the traumatic events of September 11 and the senseless destruction and loss of human lives. Our world will never be the same again. We will never be the same again. Yet, even as I join the rest of the country in condemning the terrorist attacks and in grieving over the tragic deaths of the innocent victims and those who tried to save them, recent developments in the aftermath of September 11 has made me nervous and fearful for the safety and future of our world.

As our nation prepares for war, I fear that we may forget that it is justice and not vengeance that is our goal. I fear that in our anger and hurt national pride, we will rush into a protracted war that can only result in massive destruction and the senseless loss of more innocent lives. I heard President Bush say last night to Congress and the American people, "Our war on terror begins with Al-Qaida, but it does not end there. It will not end until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped and defeated." That sounds like an impossible war to me. I fear that in giving our government and law enforcement unlimited powers to combat terrorism, we will be jeopardizing our civil liberties in the process as happened in previous wars. Remember how Japanese Americans were wrongly interned during World War II. And finally, I fear that the pervasive fear and anger in this country will fuel an ugly tide of hate crimes against members of immigrant, ethnic and religious minority commu-

nities. Already there have been reported harassment, threats, and wrongful killings of Muslims, Arab Americans, and Asian Indians among us.

There are no easy solutions but we must all bear some responsibility. The task for the university is to help us understand the root causes of the terrorist attacks and the measures that must be taken to protect our safety, our civil liberties, and the future of the world. We must all work together to stay on top of developments, to courageously speak our minds as Congresswoman Barbara Lee did in casting the only vote against giving President Bush unlimited power to wage war, and we must work together to promote cross-cultural understanding and tolerance in these volatile times.

At the most fundamental level, our task as faculty is to educate and prepare you for your future roles in society, which brings me back to my task at hand this evening: University Culture 101, or as I have subtitled it in my mind: How to get the most out of your college education at UCSC.

Let me first emphasize that we should not take a college education for granted. We are all indeed privileged to be here at UCSC. Millions of people all over the world, particularly in the less developed and poorer countries, are lucky if they even get an elementary school education. And for a long time in this country's history, women, people of color, and the economically disadvantaged were denied equal access to a college education. I know that if my parents had not immigrated to this country from China and if they had not encouraged me, a daughter, to go on to college, I would not be here today. And I still remember how I was turned down by Columbia University for grad school, not because of my grades, but because I didn't have the financial resources to get through grad school. Through the efforts of civil rights activists in the 1960s and to this day, policies have changed so that you and I can claim our rightful places in the university. We all belong here and we all share a common goal; to educate ourselves in order to achieve success in the world, however we want to define "success," whether it be to get a good-paying job, to pursue a meaningful career, or to satisfy your thirst for knowledge.

Whatever your reason for coming to UCSC, we know that you are the cream of the crop and that you deserve to be here. Aside from your intellectual capabilities, we know you have much to offer us in terms of your perspectives and life

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## Recent Hires and Promotions in the AA/PI Community

### Welcome to UCSC!

**Aaron Aina Akamu**, Oakes College Programs Coordinator

**Rebecca Hanson**, Deffered Payment Plan Representative, Student Business Services

**Steve Kang**, Dean of the School of Engineering

**Audrey Kim**, Ph.D., Counseling & Psychological Services

**Lynda Koepfer**, HR Assistant, Educational Partnership Center

**Darby Li Po Price**, Senior Analyst, Affirmation Action/EEO

### Congratulations!

#### PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS:

**AliceYang Murray**, History,  
(Ph.D., Stanford University)  
Asian American history, historical memory;  
women's history; race and ethnicity; 20th  
century U.S.; oral history

**Deborah Woo**, Community Studies  
Asian Americans; culture and health/ mental  
health; education and work

**Karen Tei Yamashita**, Creative Writing/ Literature,  
(B.A. Carleton College)  
History and anthropology of Japanese immigra-  
tion to Brazil; Asian American literature; mod-  
ern fiction; playwriting

**Judy Yung**, American Studies  
Asian American History, culture, women and  
comptemporary issues; comparative race and  
ethnicity; oral history; Chinese American women;  
interracial marriage

## Opportunities

- Internships, Scholarships, & Programs -

Korean American Youth Leadership Program (KAYLP) Internship - Help build leadership among Korean American teens in the Silicon Valley. Academic credits can be arranged. Please contact Mikyung Kim at Korean American Community Services for more information: kaylp2001@hotmail.com or (408) 920-9733.

AAUW Educational Foundation Fellowships and Grants Career Development - The grants support women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the workforce. For more information, please check out <http://www.aauw.org/3000/fdnfelgra/career.html>

The Hate/Bias Peer Response Team is a group of volunteer peer educators who receive training to serve as both prevention consultants and supporters to targets or witnesses. The response team helps to develop an outreach program including educational and free speech forums and leadership for college programming. For an application or more info, please contact AA/PIRC.

Want info on more internships, scholarships, & programs, visit the AA/PIRC

## People of the Islands

**by Kio Tong-Ishikawa**

People of the Islands (POI), the new Pacific Islander organization on campus, is calling out all students who either appreciate or claim the ethnicities and cultures of the beautiful islands of the Pacific. The paperwork has finally been turned in, and as an official organization, POI will be having the "POI Grand Opening" at the end of the quarter to gather the Pacific Islander community before winter break and show them that even in freezing Santa Cruz, some Island warmth can be felt. Anyone interested in organizing this first official gathering should feel free to contact Kio at [kio@cats.ucsc.edu](mailto:kio@cats.ucsc.edu). Not into planning? Well, then just look out for POI's Grand Opening and show your support!

The brand-spanking new Thai American Group (TAG) established itself to provide a cultural understanding and unity among all students, especially Thai-Americans, at UC Santa Cruz. TAG wants to show UCSC that Thai culture is more than just Thai food and cooking. But since food is important to any culture, TAG is sponsoring a Thai cooking workshop in Winter quarter, along with other great events, such as the TAG Winter Reception and New Year Banquet! This quarter, TAG is co-sponsoring ORGanIZM, a collaborative dance with five other student organizations. Join in the fun! For more information about TAG, contact Mike at [limanon@cats.ucsc.edu](mailto:limanon@cats.ucsc.edu).

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experiences. We look forward to working with you to make the most of your four years here. Speaking from experience, I know that you will not be the same person you are today when you graduate from UCSC in 2005. We expect you to grow intellectually, emotionally, politically, and spiritually, and that you will be better prepared to tackle the world. Aside from equipping you with the tools of your trade, so to say, we will hopefully also instill in each of you the necessary critical social and political skills to function effectively and responsibly in an ever changing, increasingly complex, and culturally diverse world.

Now to the question at hand, how to succeed in college? My good colleague in the Chemistry Department, Professor Jin Zhang, has a clear-cut formula which he shared with Summer Bridge students this summer: **S = I + O + W**. To be Successful, you must apply your Intelligence, take advantage of Opportunities, and Work hard. That's how he was able to make it to the United States as a foreign student, get his Ph.D. in Chemistry, and become an expert in laser spectroscopy.

**I for Intelligence:** Now, we know each of you must be pretty intelligent to make it to UCSC. Well, you need to stay focused on learning and to put that mind to work. Come to class prepared, awake, and with an inquisitive mind. Read, listen, and process the material carefully and critically. Learn how to prepare and do well on all your assignments and exams. Manage your time, set priorities, keep up with your classes, develop good study habits, and respectfully engage in discussions with your instructors and classmates. As in life, there are no short cuts. You will get as much as you put into your education.

**O for Opportunities:** Take advantage of the many educational opportunities and resources available to you on this campus. I myself am a graduate of UC Berkeley, and I taught at Stanford and Cornell before coming to UC Santa Cruz so I can say that we have a wonderful faculty and dedicated staff here who really care about your education. Look at how many of us are here on a Friday night. Engage us in class, come to our office hours, and help us get to know you better. Take advantage of your college advisors, EOP, the learning center, our wonderful libraries, and student support groups. Don't be afraid to ask for help, whether it be about research, tutoring, advising, or counseling. That's what we're here for. We want you to succeed at UCSC.

**W for Work:** No matter how smart you think you are,

you will need to work hard at learning. So much of the course material and ways of thinking will be new to you. We will all make demands on your time and on your mind with assignments and exams. Use the course syllabus as a guide to how much work you will need to finish for each class and make sure you have the time to do it all and to do it well. At times, you will have to turn down that temptation to go surfing or dancing. The quarter system—ten weeks—goes very fast. Once you fall behind, it will be difficult to catch up. So again, study hard, set priorities, manage your time well, and keep up with your classes.



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but you might consider taking some electives in another department, learning a foreign language, doing the Education Abroad Program, or getting involved in fieldwork. Much of your learning will take place in your classes, but you might think about balancing that kind of learning with extra-curricular learning by attending campus events, participating in student organizations, or contributing to a worthy cause. And while studying and learning should be your foremost objective and priority at UCSC, you need to balance that with a social life as well. College need not be all work and no play. UCSC offers you a golden opportunity to get to know people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. You will make lifelong friends here, if not lifelong partners.

So that is my message for the evening: Success in college = applying your Intelligence + taking advantage of Opportunities + Working hard + maintaining a Balanced life.

I would like to end with a description of a beautiful mural that we have at Oakes College in our Mural Room, titled "The Promise of Loma Prieta" because it was painted by Juana Alicia with the help of students soon after the 1989 earthquake. The painting covers the entire wall of one side of the room from floor to ceiling. In it, we see our heroes: Freida Karlo, Harvey Milk, Dolores Huerta, Eli Wiesel, Malcolm X, Maxine Hong Kingston, and many others who have made a political difference in our lives. At the front of the mural are the doors of our university open to everyone, and students are

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# “Pendulum” by Hypoetical

*Music Review by Verve*

Those who have been blessed with the opportunity to experience Hypoetical’s debut album, “Mind Mechanics (featuring Memphis Reigns),” will recognize a number of tracks on his sophomore release, “Pendulum.” This purely instrumental compilation is definitely an auditory delicacy consisting of the artist/producer’s work circa 2000-2001. Like the rare truffle mushroom found deep underground, listening to “Pendulum” is like delving deep into the mind of the artist/producer. The variety of beats on this album reflects Hypoetical’s diverse and multi-faceted personality as



well as his ability to evoke a plethora of emotions through sound. “Pendulum” is definitely a welcome addition to anyone’s music collection, having just the right amount of versatility to allow one to kick a freestyle, groove to, or just relax with. A must have for anyone who appreciates great music!

Hypoetical is Oakes graduate, Adriel Almirol (class of 2001). He is a native of San Jose, California, who loves to work on music for pure enjoyment and artistic expression. His first full-length release, “Mind Mechanics” was produced in Santa Cruz, California, out of his very own room. It features fellow Oakes student, Romelo De Los Santos, also known as Memphis Reigns, as well as Oakes graduates, Dave Edquilang of Addict Merchants (class of 2001), and Bryan Bowens, also known as DJ Ology (class of 2001).

Jennifer Tan is a 4th year Oakes student writing under the pen name “Verve.”

## Arab Americans: “Making a Difference”

*Arab Americans have been contributing to all aspects of American society and culture for decades; in honor of these contribution, AA/PIRC presents this word search theme.*

- ABDUL, Paula: pop star; famous singer/dancer
- ADAMANY, David: longest serving President of Wayne State University in Detroit
- ATIYEH, Victor: former Oregon Governor
- BLATTY, William Peter: author of “The Exorcist”
- DEBAKEY, Dr. Michael: invented the heart pump
- GEORGE, Bill: former Chicago Bears Linebacker; NFL Hall of Famer
- HAYEK, Salma: actress; “Desperado,” “Fools Rush In,” “Wild Wild West.”
- JABARA, Colonel James: Korean War hero in the U.S. Air Force
- LIGHTNER, Candy: founder of MADD
- MCAULIFFE, Christa: courageous school teacher who lost her life aboard the Challenger
- MITCHELL, George: Senate Majority Leader
- NADER, Ralph: Green Party Presidential Candidate
- NAJIMY, Kathy: comic actress who played a fun-loving nun in the “Sister Act” films
- NOOR, Queen: Arab American Lisa Halaby married to King Hussein of Jordan
- ORFALEA, Paul: founder of Kinko’s
- THOMAS, Marlo: first actress to play a single independent woman for “That Girl”
- SHALALA, Dorina: Secretary of Health and Human Services; first Arab American appointed to U.S. Cabinet
- ZAPPA, Frank: legendary rock singer

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<http://www.aaiusa.org/aboutaai/publications/kasem.htm>

## Fall into AA/PI Events

### September

- 9/24 Indian Student Organization (ISO) Fall Reception
- 9/27 Asian American/Pacific Islander Fall Leadership Mixer
- 9/27 Chinese Student Association (CSA) Fall Reception
- 9/29 Kuya-Ate Mentorship Program (KAMP) BBQ

### October

- 10/1 Poetry Reading by Alan Chong Lau
- 10/1 CSA Moon Festival
- 10/3 Filipino Student Association (FSA) Fall Reception
- 10/4 Korean American Student Union (KASU) Fall Reception
- 10/9 Community Unified Student Network (CUSN) Fall Reception
- 10/10 Japanese American Student Association (JASA) Fall Reception
- 10/11 Asian American/Pacific Islander Community Fall Reception
- 10/14 KAMP Sundae Social
- 10/17-19 Weekend of Outreach - FSA
- 10/18 Queers of Color (QoC) Fall Reception
- 10/18 Study Techniques in the Natural Sciences Workshop
- 10/19 Asian American Comedy Night
- 10/20-21 Friendship Games - FSA
- 10/21-22 Services to STudents of Color (SSTOC) Welcome EOP Program
- 10/22 The Asia/Pacific Rim Brown Bag Lunch Series, Featuring: Prof. D. Takagi
- 10/25 Internships in Science Workshop
- 10/25 Shared Experience Discussion - CUSN
- 10/25 Rainbow Theater Performance - "Waiting to End Hell"
- 10/27 Rainbow Theater Performance
- 10/31 Lecture: Ko Un, The Internationally Celebrated Korean Poet

### November

- 11/2 Kryo-Genesis Dance sponsored by KASU
- 11/3 Rainbow Theater Performance
- 11/3 ISO Basketball Tournament
- 11/8 CSA Atomic Bowling
- 11/8 Meet Your CUSN
- 11/15 CSA Movie Night
- 11/15 Exposure Series Discussion - CUSN
- 11/16 ORGanIZM Dance - CSA, JASA, KASU, KSA, MESH, TAG
- 11/16 KAMP Thanksgiving Dinner
- 11/19 The Asia/Pacific Rim brown Bag Lunch Series, Featuring: Dean of Eng., S. Kang
- 11/20 Pan-Asian Potluck - CUSN
- 11/29 Mixed Heritage Book Reading/

(For more details, contact AA/PIRC)

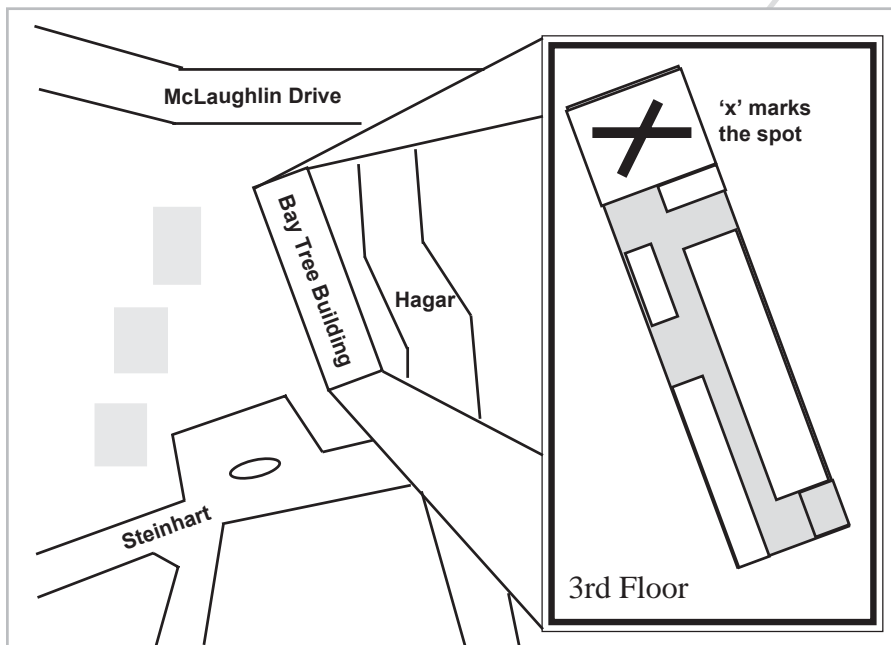
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seen lifting the barbed wire to help others into the university.

On one side of the mural is the message, "Education is Our Right." I think this mural represents what UCSC is all about. I hope you will make the most of it.

I want to thank SSTOC (Services to Students of Color) for giving me the honor of addressing you tonight. Again, a heartfelt welcome to UCSC, my best wishes for your academic success, and may we have peace in this world.



### **Come and Visit!**

We're Open  
**Weekdays 9 am - 5 pm**

- \* Reserve the AA/PIRC
- \* Get info on upcoming events
- \* Check out the resources
- \* Submit to the newsletter
- \* Stay and Kick it!

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