COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DIVERSITY
Supporting Graduate and Undergraduate Students
Dear Friends,

Stanford’s Community Engagement and Diversity unit is home to ten centers and offices dedicated to empowering students to lead in a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and pluralistic society.

Our community resource centers are where graduate and undergraduate students of all backgrounds and identities go to connect, find mentors, and cultivate meaningful dialogues and initiatives around inclusion and diversity that enrich the Stanford community as a whole. We are the country’s only university to provide seven distinct and collaborative community resource centers: the Women’s Community Center, LGBT Community Resources Center, Black Community Services Center, El Centro Chicano y Latino, Native American Cultural Center, Asian American Activities Center, and The Markaz: Resource Center.

With the centers, our Diversity and First-Gen (DGen) Office, the Haas Center for Public Service, and Student Activities and Leadership (SAL) provide vital support to every student who walks through our doors. We offer campus-wide diversity training; advising for student organizations; community-engaged learning courses and global public service internships and fellowships; and events, programs, employment, and leadership opportunities to ensure that all students can thrive at Stanford.

Our programs and activities empower students to question, debate, examine, understand, empathize, and develop into future leaders who can solve some of our world’s most vexing problems. Student-driven programs promote scholarship and research, encourage service and engagement, foster leadership development and wellness, build cross-cultural competencies, and celebrate traditions.

Sincerely,

Nicole Taylor, ’90, ’91
Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs
Dean of Community Engagement and Diversity

"The Markaz being here at Stanford means that I have found a place far from home where I can actually avoid the feeling of estrangement I sometimes find in other places. It is also a gentle but very powerful reminder that there is a place on this campus dedicated to helping me achieve my goals and fulfill special needs that only The Markaz can provide. Thanks to The Markaz, I have a place that will always welcome me."

– Abdallah AlSharhan, ’18
“El Centro provides a sense of support and belonging. It is comforting to have a place where others understand my background and life experiences. I feel heard and understood at Stanford because of El Centro.”

– Jesus Madrid, PhD Candidate, Stanford School of Medicine

“The Black House is a space that transforms to whatever I need it to be. It’s a place of learning, understanding, and growth. It’s a place where I can do homework or kick it with friends. I love the intellectual conversations that push me to talk about hard and uncomfortable topics. It’s where we have conversations that matter.”

– Bianka Quintanilla-Whye, ’17
Learn more about our centers and offices and visit us soon!

Asian American Activities Center (A3C)
The Asian American Activities Center (A3C) is Stanford’s primary resource for Asian American community development and facilitates the growth of students as culturally competent leaders contributing to the creation of a more just and equitable society and world.
a3c.stanford.edu | stanforda3c@stanford.edu

Black Community Services Center (BCSC)
The BCSC fosters a community that respects the complexity of identities, provides opportunities of greater intellectual discovery about the African Diaspora, and empowers students to take risks in order to join our legacy of scholars, leaders, and change agents that have not only impacted Stanford, but also the nation and the world.
bcsc.stanford.edu | blackhouse@stanford.edu

Diversity and First-Gen (DGen) Office
The Diversity & First-Generation (DGEN) office focuses on enriching the experience of first-gen college students by supporting their empowerment, and community building.
diversityandfirstgen.stanford.edu | stanforddgen@stanford.edu

El Centro Chicano y Latino
El Centro Chicano y Latino is a vibrant intellectual, cultural, and social center committed to fostering students’ academic and personal success by offering a wide variety of academic, cultural, and social programs; leadership development opportunities; and on-site counseling appointments with psychologists and career counselors in a safe and welcoming space.
elcentro.stanford.edu | elcentrochicano@gmail.com

Haas Center for Public Service
The Haas Center for Public Service, the hub of Cardinal Service, inspires and prepares students to realize a more just and sustainable world through service, scholarship, and community partnerships.
haas.stanford.edu | haascenter@stanford.edu

LGBT Community Resources Center
We help LGBT+ and questioning students thrive at Stanford.
lgbt.stanford.edu | lgbtcrc@stanford.edu

The Markaz: Resource Center
We are an inclusive community and resource center for student-initiated programs that uplift diverse Muslim and Arab student voices and ideas at Stanford. We provide resources for all students to engage with the complex and varied cultural, political, and social dimensions of identities and experiences in the Muslim World.
markaz.stanford.edu | the-markaz@stanford.edu

Native American Cultural Center (NACC)
The Native American Cultural Center champions excellence and resilience for Stanford’s American Indian, Alaska Native, Pacific Island, and First Nations undergraduate and graduate student population.
nacc.stanford.edu | biestman@stanford.edu

Student Activities and Leadership (SAL)
Our purpose is to help students find and foster their passions while developing leadership and life skills. Our values are inclusivity, equity, collaboration, respect, and balance.
sal.stanford.edu | nanhowe@stanford.edu

Women’s Community Center (WCC)
The Women’s Community Center supports and empowers students by providing innovative opportunities for scholarship, leadership, and activism, including programs and services exploring issues of gender equity, social justice, identity, and feminism.
wcc.stanford.edu | stanfordwcc@stanford.edu

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