Rise: Building Community for Staff of Color at UC Merced

Spring 2020 Events

Network & Build Community

Rise stands for: Relationship Building via Inclusion, Support, and Empowerment. Sponsored by the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Campus Climate, this Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion initiative is geared towards supporting UC Merced staff of color build mentorship through community based-dialogues.

We have some exciting discussions planned this semester! Save the dates below!

All events are from 5:00PM-7:00PM and will be held at The Partisan in Downtown Merced. Food will be provided!

**February 27th - "Self-Advocacy", led by Armando Contreras**

Know yourself. Know what you need. Know how to get it. Dealing with impostor syndrome is a daily struggle for folks of color on our campus. Come and learn about various strategies we can implement to begin advocating for ourselves in professional settings.

**March 19th - "Networking Strategies", led by Jess Evora**

You can immerse yourself in networking without ever walking into a room full of strangers. We’ll share with each other unique strategies for networking, as well as discuss how we can all better network with each other.

**April 30th - "Familial Expectations", led by Onar Primitivo**

Beginning college as a first-generation college student is exciting and might be just a bit intimidating. There is one less obvious adjustment to consider – the personal adjustment to your role as a college student and how this might impact your relationships with family and friends.

Being the first in your family or friend circle to attend college will probably open many areas of learning and opportunity for you. Sometimes though, this can create some friction with your family and friends. But if you are aware of this, many of the difficulties can be avoided, or at least minimized.

**May 28th - "Personal Branding", led by Tawana Parks**

If we don’t brand ourselves, someone else will. You can control the narrative! Branding yourself keeps you current and can open doors for you.