Our Mission
Multicultural Student Services (MCSS) works to promote an inclusive learning environment for all students; specifically for those from underrepresented populations (according to race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity) at Puget Sound. The support services and resources in MCSS enhance intra-cultural and intercultural awareness and skills to foster student engagement with institutional values of multiculturalism and civic leadership.

For more information, contact us at:

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**Campus Lectures & Program Support**
MCSS offers a series of campus lecture series focused on issues of cultural awareness and identity per semester. Previous performances include feminist and queer activist author poet Stacy Ann Chin and Syrian Hip Hop artist Omar Offendum. In addition to our speakers, students can submit proposals to receive funding for multicultural programming and activities.

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**Speak. Out. Loud.**
Speak. Out. Loud. (SOL) is a monthly dialogue series focused on multicultural issues on campus. Sponsored by the Student Diversity Center, previous events have included:

- Intersections of Being Queer & Religious
- Interracial Dating: Still Controversial?
- Where is the Conservative Voice at Puget Sound?

**Commencement Celebrations**
During Commencement Weekend, the University hosts two events of great importance to the Puget Sound community: **The Graduates of Color Celebration** and **The Lavender Graduates Celebration**. These events recognize the unique struggles Students of Color and LGBTQ Students face in society and acknowledge their great achievements as they graduate from UPS.

**Inclusive Space Project**
This poster campaign indicates inclusive spaces across campus where members may be able to freely express their identity. Come get your poster at MCSS today!
Student Diversity Center
The Student Diversity Center (SDC) was established in 1996 following student petitions for an on-campus space that would encourage exploration of personal and group identity, informal gathering, and educational programming. The Center remains a largely student-governed endeavor, with support from the Associate Director for Student Services and the Division of Student Affairs. A Governing Council, comprised of leaders of the member organizations, and student coordinators oversee the Center’s day-to-day operations and programs.

Open Monday - Friday
Noon - 10 pm
Feel free to stop by during those hours to hang out, do homework, watch TV, browse the library, or check the calendar for upcoming events.

Everyone is welcome!

SDC Objectives
The SDC offers student-directed activities featuring groups that historically have been underrepresented in higher education and/or at the University of Puget Sound. All students at Puget Sound are welcome to participate in Center-sponsored activities.

The objectives of the SDC are to:

- Provide a supportive environment in which to gather informally as well as a resource library and study and meeting space. Home to all the SDC Student Organizations.
- Sponsor programs designed to strengthen students' abilities to live in harmony in our increasingly diverse campus and world.
- Advocate pride and promote community among the groups.
- Maintain a monthly calendar of activities sponsored and/or endorsed by the groups.
- Educate the entire campus about these groups and their issues by sponsoring programs and lectures and by supporting Diversity Theme Year and other special events.
- Foster cooperation and communication with campus and Tacoma community groups.

Student Organizations
- Asian & Pacific American Student Union (APASU)
- Beyond (Transgender Student Organization)
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Community for Hispanic Awareness (CHispA)
- Native American Student Association (NASA)
- Queer Student Alliance (Q&A)
- South Asian Student Alliance (SASA)
- Vulva Anti Violence Alliance (VAVA)
- Voices for Planned Parenthood (VOX)

Spirituality, Services & Social Justice (SSSJ) Clubs
- Baha’i Unity Group
- Hillel (Jewish Student Organization, JSO)
- Pagan Student Alliance (PSA)
- Muslim Student Alliance (MSA)