



First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

Hey Slugs! We're officially over halfway through Spring Quarter. Check out our events section to find student-based events coming up to keep you engaged through these next few weeks. As always, we invite you to visit our social media sites in the LinkTree below. Happy Spring!

[Linktree](#)

Alumni Spotlight

Ada Recinos (College Ten '15)



Ada Recinos's Salvadoran mother and grandmother were on her mind when the 26-year-old was sworn in as the city of Richmond's youngest council member in 2017.

Her grandmother raised nine children on her own, working to give them a life of freedom and education. Her mother fled her war-torn country for the U.S. at 17, looking for the same things....[Read More](#)

Student News Spotlight

UCSC achieves fair-trade status through the work of students

Ericka Elphick was a sophomore at UC Santa Cruz when friends she'd shared a hall with during her freshman year in the Porter College dorms asked if she'd join a fair-trade movement. Over the next two years, they built a team, attended conferences, hosted outreach events, and launched a grassroots campaign to highlight sustainability and social justice

issues... [Read More](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feeling Stressed?
Be in community to promote mental health and wellbeing, resilience. Practice self-care, connection, and empathy for others.
Sponsored by the Radical Resilience Initiative

WHO
All are welcome!
Undergrad Students
Graduate Students
Staff & Faculty

WHAT
Three 90-minute
Online Workshops
+
Self-Paced Online
Canvas Course

WHERE
Synchronously on
Zoom, not recorded
+
Asynchronously
on Canvas

WHEN
Tues / Thurs / Sat:
May 4 at 5-6:30PM
May 13 at 12-1:30PM
May 22 at 10-11:30AM

WHY
Explore themes of:
Self-Care
Supporting Others
Community Care

HOW
Use the links for
Zoom registration,
Canvas, and more:
linktr.ee/RRIP

Certificates of Completion
offered to those who
complete the self-paced
course in Canvas and the
three workshops.


Workshop Facilitator: Nikita Gupta, MPH specializes in designing and implementing Trauma Healing and Resiliency programs and initiatives in educational as well as public and private settings.

[Learn More Here](#)

Attend the Radical Resilience Training Workshops!

Join Workshop Facilitator *Nikita Gupta, M.P.H.*, who specializes in designing and implementing Trauma Healing and Resiliency programs and initiatives. Gupta will lead three workshops and researched and designed a new online self-paced Canvas course promoting *self-care, connection, mental health, and wellbeing for our campus community.*

This Program includes two more, 90-minute facilitated workshops with Nikita:

Supporting Others: Thursday, May 13
(12:00 PM to 1:30 PM)

Community Care: Saturday, May 22
(10:00 AM to 11:30 AM)

You must register to participate in this workshop series. Click each link to register.

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

Participate in the Performative Activism

Date options for the Talking Circles range from 5/5-5/11, **register for a date that works for you and automatically get a \$25 Amazon Gift Card!**

[Register Here](#)

TAKE CARE

OF YOURSELF



Talking Circle-- Get an Amazon Gift card!

Led by a student team of first-generation researchers using our lived experiences and yours to **explore topics of performative activism, educational equity, and student success on campus through student-led talking circles.**

SSERC is facilitating **90 minute student-led talking circles** for students who are

- **UCSC enrolled undergraduates beyond their 2nd year & transfer students in their 2nd/3rd year**
- **People of Color**
- **First-generation and/or low income**

This student-led space will be centered around topics of:

- student success
- performative activism
- campus messaging
- as well as your experiences accessing resources on campus

All participants will be compensated for their time with a \$25 Amazon E-Gift Card!



[Learn More Here](#)

ATTEND ALUMNI ACE LEHNER'S BOOK LAUNCH AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Ace is a First-Gen Alumni specializing in modern and contemporary art, queer and trans art history and theory, critical race studies, and the history and theory of photography. Ace's Book, *Self-Representation in an Expanded Field: From Self-Portraiture to selfie, Contemporary Art in Social Media Age*, explores how the selfie has facilitated self-imaging, becoming a ubiquitous part of globally networked

contemporary life. The contributing authors take interdisciplinary global perspectives to investigate how various forms of self-imaging intervene and enrich the discourse on self-representation in the expanded field today.

Attend the Book Launch and Panel Discussion with the authors on **Friday, May 15th at 4:00 pm!**

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