

# NATIONAL HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS (HSIS) WEEK SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2024



**National HSIs Week** takes place during National Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated September 15-October 15, 2024. Since, 1992, the **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)**, has led the effort to formally recognize campuses with high Latine/a/o enrollment as federally designated HSIs and to leverage federal funds to support institutions that serve Latine/a/o students. HSIs are encouraged to observe the week with campus activities to heighten awareness of the important role HSIs play in improving access to education and advancing equity for minoritized students.

## Goal

- To increase knowledge of the important role HSIs play in improving access to education and advancing racial equity for Latine/a/o and minoritized students.
- Create an affirming space for representation, inclusion, and belonging that honors the bicultural and bilingual assets our students and colleagues bring to our campus community.

**Sept**  
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## STEM Harbor Monday Mixer & Study Jam

Presented by: [STEM Navigators](#)

Sponsored by: [Project S:AIL in STEM](#)

10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
STEM Harbor  
(SCI 223)

Join us for snacks, music, studying, and positive vibes as we kick off another productive week with your #stemsquad. Whether you're taking on challenging coursework, pushing through homework, or prepping for exams, we are here to help you stay on track and achieve your goals with our supportive STEM community. Tackle your to-do list, recharge, network, and leave with a sense of accomplishment.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
&  
5:30-6:30 PM  
LRC Lawn/STEM  
Harbor (SCI 223)

## Game Day Extravaganza

Presented by: [STEM Navigators](#)

Sponsored by: [Project S:AIL in STEM](#)

Come have fun and meet new people by playing some fun lawn games, volleyball, soccer, and board games!

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## ASVC Student Life Day-Pirate Paletas

Sponsored by: [ASVC](#)

10:00 AM-1:00 PM  
LRC Lawn

A vibrant and engaging event bringing the VC community together to celebrate campus life, get involved in student activities, clubs, and organizations, and celebrate National HSIs Week. This event will feature music, interactive activities, cultural crafts, trivia, and delicious paletas (while supplies last).



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3:00-4:15 PM  
STEM Harbor  
(SCI 223)

## (STEM) Queer in STEM

Presented by: Thomas Valenzuela, Youth Programs Coordinator

Sponsored by: [Diversity Collective](#)

Join Thomas as they lead a conversation about being a queer student in STEM. Thomas will share their own STEM student story and is eager to hear from you! Make a lava lamp to take home. **Advance [registration](#) is requested for this event.**



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10:30-11:30 AM  
STEM Harbor  
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## Midweek Mental Health Reset

Presented by: [Sophia Mateo, AMFT](#), Therapist

Sponsored by: [Student Health](#)

Join us for an open and honest conversation about mental health services designed to raise awareness and reduce the stigma around mental healthcare. Sophia will lead a mindfulness activity and share information on the counseling resources available on campus. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, learn about therapy, how to advocate for their mental health, and explore the support options provided. We understand that discussing this topic might be challenging or uncomfortable, which is why we are committed to creating a supportive, caring, and non-judgmental space to the best of our ability. **Advance [registration](#) is requested for this event.**



2:45-3:45 PM  
STEM Harbor  
(SCI 223)

## (STEM) Guacamole, Graduate School, and More!

Presented by: Professor [Erica Mullins](#), Biology

Sponsored by: [Project S:AIL in STEM](#)

Professor Mullins shares her personal journey with navigating graduate school as a first-generation college student and STEM major. This unfiltered conversation will include her experiences with internships, research opportunities, and the application process for graduate school. She will also share her insight into juggling academic work while being a working parent. **Advance [registration](#) is requested for this event.**



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1:00-2:00 PM  
STEM Harbor  
(SCI 223)

## Mac n Cheese y Matemáticas: Best Practices for Thriving in your Math Courses

Presented by: Professors [Ryan Petitfils](#) and Jack Bennett

Sponsored by: [Project S:AIL in STEM](#)

Join Math Professors Petitfils and Bennett for an engaging conversation on best practices for thriving in your math courses, especially as a STEM student. This session will provide you with tips to enhance the foundation of your math skills, boost your confidence and overcome math anxiety, and more! **Advance [registration](#) is requested for this event.**

5:15-6:30 PM  
STEM Harbor  
(SCI 223)

## (STEM) Dinner with the Deans

Presented by: Dr. Aaron Jones and [Nenagh Brown](#), Deans

Sponsored by: [Womxn in STEM \(WiS\)](#) and [Project S:AIL in STEM](#)

Join the Deans of the Science and English/ESL, Math, Communication Studies, and Library Divisions for dinner and conversation. Students will engage in meaningful dialogue with STEM administrators. Student will participate in a Q&A session and candid conversation about academic programs, career opportunities, and get to know the leadership behind your STEM experience. **Advance [registration](#) is requested for this event.**



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## #findoutfriday: Self-guided HSI Learning & Reflection

### ¿Qué pasa, HSIs? Podcast

Hosted by [Dr. Gina Ann Garcia](#), this podcast explores the history and evolution of HSIs, culturally relevant and liberatory practices in HSIs, current and emerging research with HSIs, and the policies that shape servingness. Learn more: [www.ginaannarcia.com/podcast](http://www.ginaannarcia.com/podcast).

### Excelencia in Education

For 20 years, Excelencia in Education has conducted and released its [annual analysis](#) that provides insight on Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Emerging HSIs (eHSIs), and HSIs with Graduate Programs (gHSIs).

### USC Race and Equity Center for California Community Colleges

Building Capacity for Equity and Servingness across California's Hispanic-Serving Community Colleges [Report](#).

### Ventura College Library Resource

Highlighting [Latine/a/o](#), [Black/African American](#), [Indigenous](#), and [LGBTQ+](#) authors, [social justice movements and histories](#), [Chicano/a Studies](#), and [M.E.Ch.A](#)



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## 3rd Annual Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Summit Resilience and Renewal: Transformación Through Community, Collaboration, and Intentional Practices

8:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Applied Science  
Center (ASC)

Keynote: [Adriana Alejandre](#), LMFT, Founder, [Latinx Therapy](#)

Sponsored by: [Project S:AIL in STEM](#)

An event for Ventura College & East Campus staff, faculty, and administrators

This year's summit comes at a time of significant growth, momentum, and transformation for our campus community. As we navigate the opportunity for renewal, we remain resilient and committed to enacting a serving-minded community through collaboration and empowerment. Join colleagues in collective care, learning, and interactively sharing best practices to serving our students, and each other. **Advance registration is requested for this event. Link to register: [forms.office.com/r/3WznPf35sB](https://forms.office.com/r/3WznPf35sB).**



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