



EVENT **Hispanic Serving Institutions Week**

SCHEDULE

National HSIs Week | September 8-14, 2025
Ventura College HSI Week | September 15-19, 2025



Nationally, HSIs serve a broad composition of students. We're joining colleges and universities across the nation expanding awareness of the vital work and critical role HSIs play in improving access to education, advancing equity, and how they contribute to our communities. We are proud that VC is an HSI and we are committed to expanding access to higher education and providing resources to ensure students succeed.

Join Project S:AIL in STEM for a week dedicated to deepening our engagement and support all students, with a focus on Latinx and minoritized student experiences. Through conversations and shared resources, explore the strengths, challenges, and diverse experiences of our VC student communities. Together, we'll learn strategies for fostering best practices, programs, and resources that truly serve students and enable them to thrive at VC.

Events are open to all students, faculty, staff, and administrators invested in reflection, growth and strengthening our collective commitment to student success.

Use the QR code or bit.ly/4fiEeCU to register for events.

September 11
10:00-11:00 AM
LRC 125 (livestream)
or Zoom



Servingness During Uncertain Times: Protecting HSIs in the Current Landscape

Advance registration is requested for this event to join the livestream or self-register using the QR code or link.

Join AHSIE and IXE ADVISING for a timely webinar examining the legal and institutional challenges facing HSIs in the wake of federal actions and the Tennessee lawsuit involving HSIs. A panel of education experts will share insights on the implications for campuses, federal funding, and how HSI leaders can strategically respond to protect and advance their mission.

September 15
12:00-1:00 PM
SCI 227



Equations, Engineering, & Empanadas

Presented by: Professors Jack Bennett (Math), Ryan Petitfils (Math), and Nell Papavasiliou (Engineering)

Join math and engineering professors for an interactive conversation as they share their journeys, challenges, and insights highlighting how problem-solving, creativity, and innovation shape both careers and everyday life. Whether you're a future engineer, math enthusiast, or curious how math and engineering shapes the world around us, this event blends informal learning and networking in a welcoming informal setting.



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September 16
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Bookstore Quad

Basic Needs Community Resource Fair

Presented by: Basic Needs Center

11:00 AM-1:00 PM
VC East Campus

Learn about the Basic Needs Center, student, and community services. Local partners like Clinicas, Ventura County Health, Gold Coast, NextUp, and more will be at VC to share resources and connect with students.

September 16
3:30-4:30 PM
SCI 227

Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) Conference Proposal & Scholarship Workshop

Presented by: Adrienne Arguijo, Grant Director, HSI-STEM



This session is open to students, faculty, staff, and administrators interested in getting support with submitting an AHSIE conference paper or submitting an application for the student Seed to Tree Scholarship. Former AHSIE Councilmember and Vice President of Praxis, Adrienne Arguijo, will share tips for presenting your best paper or application, the proposal or application process, scholarship eligibility requirements, and more insight into the AHSIE organization.

September 17
12:15-1:30 PM
SCI 227

Nachos & Neurons

Presented by: Sophia Mateo, AMFT, Therapist



Join us for an open and honest conversation about mental health services designed to raise awareness and reduce the stigma around mental healthcare. Therapy can help people build new thought patterns and coping strategies, which literally changes how neurons operate within the brain. Therapy can also support neuron activity indirectly by reducing stress, improving mood, and encouraging rewarding behaviors. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, learn about therapy, how to advocate for 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.

September 17
4:15-5:15 PM
SCI 226

Churros and Chemistry

Presented by: Dr. Kristin Clark, Professor (Chemistry) and Antonia Flores, Instructional Lab Tech II (Chemistry)



Get ready for a sweet mix of science and sweet treats! Join faculty from the Chemistry department for an interactive chemistry event where activities fizz, pop, and change color. We'll have safe, fun, hands-on chemistry demos, learn the science of everyday reactions with household products, and enjoy a fresh churro after the event. Whether you're a science enthusiast or enjoy learning new subjects, this event promises a tasty blend of curiosity and STEM community.



September 18
4:30-6:15 PM
STEM Harbor (SCI 223)



#TransferThursday & Tacos

Presented by: CSUCI and UCSB Transfer Admissions and VC MESA, OC STEM, and OC MESA

Join CSUCI and UCSB Transfer Counselors and STEM student support programs for a mixer, dinner, and an interactive fireside chat with Q&A. Hear from transfer specialists as they share their journeys, challenges, and tips for navigating the transfer process. They'll help you with choosing the right university, adapting to a new campus, balancing academics and life, and making the most of support resources. Whether you're early in the transfer process or already preparing your applications, this is a great chance to gather insights, build community at your transfer campus, and feel more confident about your transfer path.

September 19

Self-Guided 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. Dr. Garcia is a leading scholar on HSIs. Her research centers on issues of equity and justice in higher education.

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). Read Excelencia's **HSIs Factbook 30 Years of Funding** which compiles facts on HSIs, eHSIs, gHSIs and the growth of these institutions since 1994.

Ventura College Library Resources

Highlighting **Latine/a/o**, **Black/African American**, **Indigenous**, and **LGBTQ+** authors, **social justice movements and histories**, and **Chicano History**.

Beyond HSI Week

September 23
10:00 AM-1:00 PM
LRC Lawn

ASVC Latinx Heritage Month Celebration

September 26
8:30 AM-1:00 PM
Guthrie Hall



4th Annual Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Summit Rooted and Rising: Serving Students with Resilient Hearts and Courageous Practices

An event for all Ventura College, East Campus, and Foundation staff, faculty, and administrators. Use the QR code or [link](#) to register.

Join Project Servingness: Aspiration, Identity, and Learning (S:AIL) in STEM for interactive and collaborative learning sessions. We will focus on serving students through innovation, resilience, and teamwork. This year's summit celebrates our strengths and our commitment to the communities we serve. Together, we will highlight practices that drive student success, foster belonging, and create pathways forward. Faculty-led presentations, breakout sessions, and a fireside discussion will give participants new expertise, fresh resources, and student-centered strategies to transform our campus community.