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As you consider making Evergreen your college, I hope you will find this publication helpful in introducing the services we offer to Students of Color. I hope also that you will gain insight into the Evergreen community and our commitment to diversity, multiculturalism and student development. Most of all, I hope you will feel welcome here. Our students and the quality of their experience are our highest priority, and it is with that promise pledge that I extend our warmest hospitality.

- Jane Jervis, President



### **¡BIENVENIDO!**

Al considerar a Evergreen para decidir si esta va a ser tu universidad, espero que este folleto te sea útil ya que introduce los servicios que ofrecemos a los estudiantes de diferentes grupos culturales y étnicos. También espero que al leer esto te des cuenta de que la comunidad de Evergreen lleva un compromiso a la diversidad, multiculturalismo y desarrollo del estudiante. Más que nada, espero que te sientas muy bienvenido. Nuestros estudiantes, así como la calidad de experiencias que vivirán aquí, son nuestra prioridad más alta. Con esta promesa te extiendo la más cálida hospitalidad.

- Jane Jervis, Presidenta



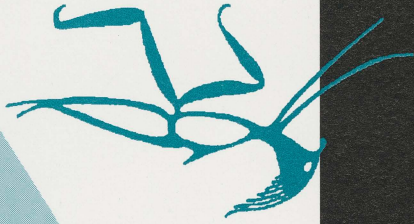
## FIRST PEOPLES

First Peoples at Evergreen describes people of racial and ethnic backgrounds commonly referred to in America as "minorities" or more recently as "People of Color." In 1986, Evergreen students, staff and faculty members gathered together and named ourselves First Peoples in recognition of our unique indigenous heritages. We are African Americans, Native American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Chicanos/Latinos.

So, what's it really like to be a First People at Evergreen? There's a lot to learn and experience, but for a while, it can seem overwhelming or bewildering. Some new students jump right in and participate in social or political activities sponsored by student organizations. Others wait, watch, and test the waters. First Peoples believe there is room for all First Peoples to succeed at Evergreen.

## FIRST PEOPLES

En el idioma de Evergreen, "First Peoples" describe a la gente comúnmente llamada "minoría" o más recientemente "personas de color" en EEUU. En 1986, los estudiantes, la facultad y el personal universitario adoptaron un nuevo nombre: "First Peoples." Este nombre reconoce el origen indígena de nuestras culturas. Así pues, ¿cuál es la realidad de ser un estudiante de "First People" en Evergreen? Hay mucho que aprender y mucho con que experimentar. Al principio, sin embargo, puede parecer demasiado, y hasta te puede confundir. Algunos de los nuevos estudiantes se sienten muy integrados y participan en las actividades sociales y políticas patrocinadas por los diferentes grupos estudiantiles. Otros estudiantes prefieren esperar, observar y examinar el ambiente. Pero nosotros creemos que hay algo en todos los estudiantes de "First People" que hará que tengan éxito en Evergreen.





I am at Evergreen for an education. I am a Black woman who knows her goals and what to do to achieve them. I know that, as a Black woman, I have to face many obstacles, but I am ready to meet the challenge. Be secure in who you are and what you believe in. If you have that peace of mind, you'll be able to confront and deal with all that life at Evergreen presents to you.

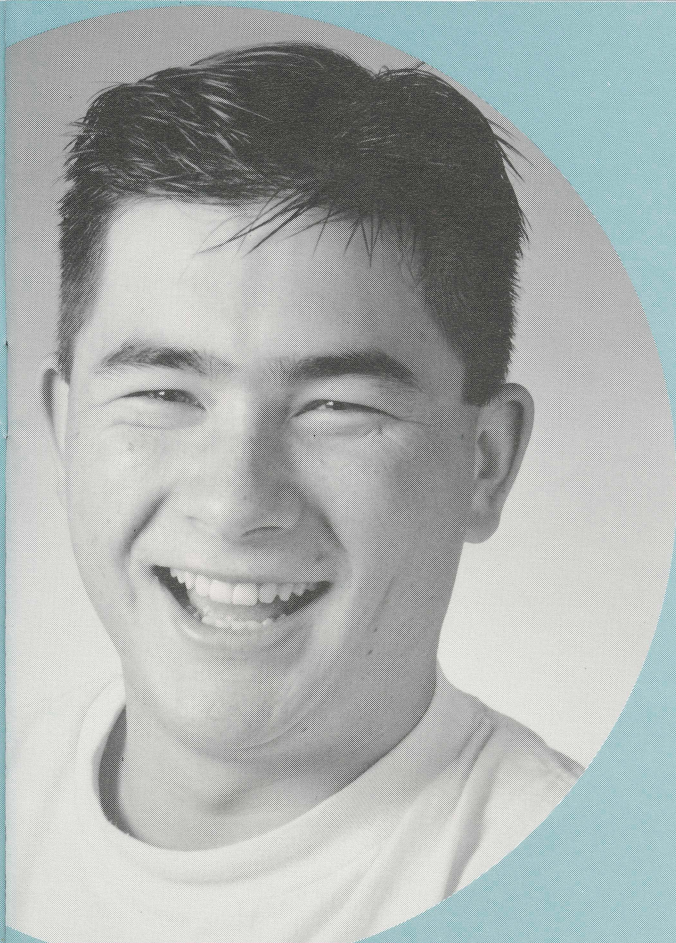
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JOHNSON



As a person of diverse heritages, I struggle with a political and academic insularity at Evergreen. I want education to be a freedom, not a necessity. I am an academic who struggles with the consciousness of Color.

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As a person of mixed cultural heritages, I have had to struggle with Evergreen as a political, social and academic institution. However, Evergreen's approach to education has given me the freedom to study what I feel is necessary, and through my academic and political struggles, have expanded my consciousness as a Person of Color.

WAYNE  
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## FIRST PEOPLES COMMUNITY

Evergreen is located just outside the Olympia city limits in Thurston County. The race and ethnic makeup for this city is 8% and for the county is 8%. During fall quarter, 1993, of the 3,365 students enrolled at the Olympia campus, First Peoples comprised 12% and in June, 1994, 175 First Peoples were awarded bachelor's degrees. 22% of the staff and 21% of the faculty are People of Color.

<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>	4%
<i>African American</i>	2%
<i>Mexican/Latino/Hispanic</i>	3%
<i>Native American</i>	3%
<i>Students of color</i>	total 12%

The First Peoples Coalition are students, staff and faculty of color at Evergreen. Often spearheaded by the First Peoples student organizations, we gather for potlucks, community forums, political discussions and celebrations. Traditional annual gatherings include the Day of Absence and First Peoples Graduation. During the Day of Absence, the First Peoples Coalition spends the entire day away from the Olympia campus to welcome new members, renew acquaintances and to discuss issues that affect the Community of Color. In June, we celebrate the end of the academic year with First Peoples Graduation. We recognize those who have made significant contributions to the Coalition and honor the achievements of our graduates.

## PEOPLES COMMUNITY

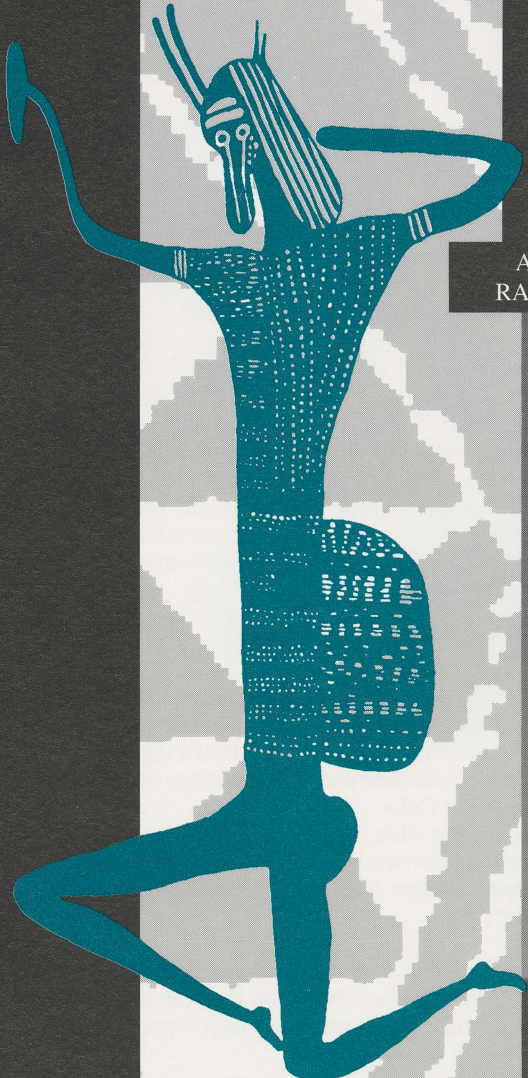
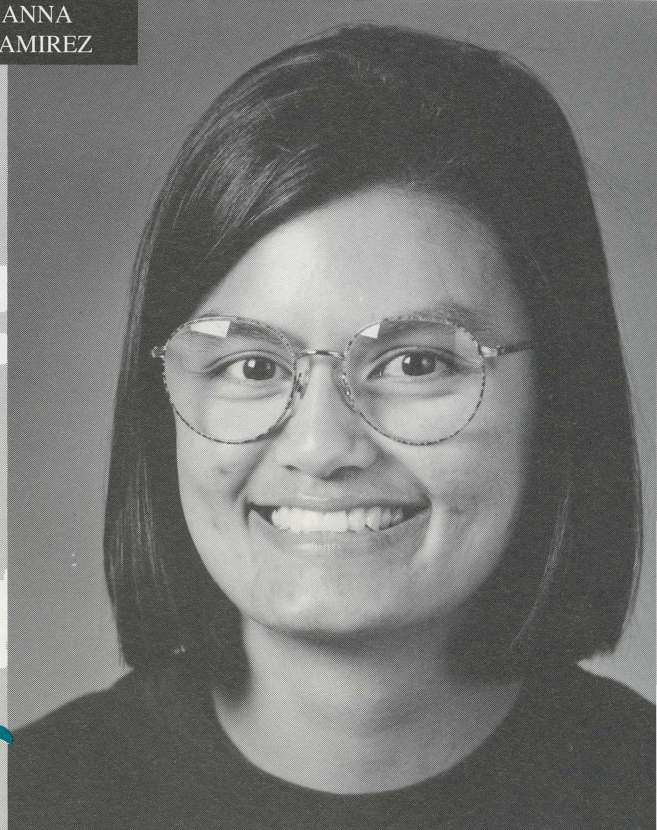
En esta localidad en las afueras de la ciudad de Olympia, en el distrito de Thurston. La composición étnica de la ciudad es 8% y 8% para el distrito. El doce por ciento de los 3,365 estudiantes matriculados en el centro universitario de Olympia en otoño de 1993 fueron estudiantes de "First Peoples." En junio de 1994, 175 estudiantes de "First Peoples" recibieron su título universitario. 22% del personal universitario y 21% de la facultad son personas del "First Peoples." La Coalición de "First Peoples" incluye estudiantes, profesores y miembros del personal administrativo de Evergreen. Frecuentemente los grupos estudiantiles patrocinan "potlucks," reuniones, debates de política, y fiestas. Una vez al año, la comunidad celebra el "Día de Ausencia," que es una oportunidad para conocer a nuevos miembros, reestablecer las previas amistades, y discutir puntos de agenda. Celebramos el final del año académico con una fiesta especial para honrar a los graduados y reconocer las contribuciones de individuos a la comunidad.





My first impression of the college? I thought, 'It's all concrete, and in the woods! I hope I don't get claustrophobic, I might want to run away.' But that changed — I really enjoy my classes and books and that I have to write a lot. I got a chance to write about personal issues in my program. I want to be a doctor, so being able to address my personal concerns will enable me to help others.

ANNA  
RAMIREZ







## FIRST PEOPLES' RECRUITMENT ...

takes great pride in the services provided to prospective students and their family members. We believe that information is “power,” and want you to be able to make powerful choices. We want our services to be as inclusive as possible, without being intrusive.

First Peoples' Recruitment supplements the advising provided by the Office of Admissions by sending the monthly *News & Notes* to let you know what's happening in the admissions' process, when our representatives will visit your Washington state community, and what other student services can offer you at Evergreen. We will also:

- contact you directly. Our staff and faculty will call you to find out if you have any questions about the campus or the curriculum ...
- invite you to spend a day on campus — hosted by a currently enrolled Evergreen student. Sit in lecture or seminar; sample the campus cuisine and take a tour of our facilities. Perhaps we can schedule an appointment for you to meet with one of our faculty members ...
- keep you apprised of your admission application review. Is your file complete? What's missing? When will you need to pay your advance tuition deposit? ...
- assist you with your scholarship search process. We research scholarships offered by independent foundations and have a variety of announcements and application forms available for your use. Every January, the Evergreen Foundation Scholarship flyers are published and a large number of scholarships are offered to new Students of Color ...
- provide you with the connection to other student services: Financial Aid, Housing, Academic Planning and Experiential Learning, Career Development, Learning Resource Center, Student Activities, Recreation and Athletics, First Peoples Advising Service.

Sometimes currently enrolled Evergreen students continue to use our office as a sounding board or safe haven — a place they know they can come for a serious conversation or a lot of laughter. We appreciate their support and enthusiasm and hope you will soon be among them.



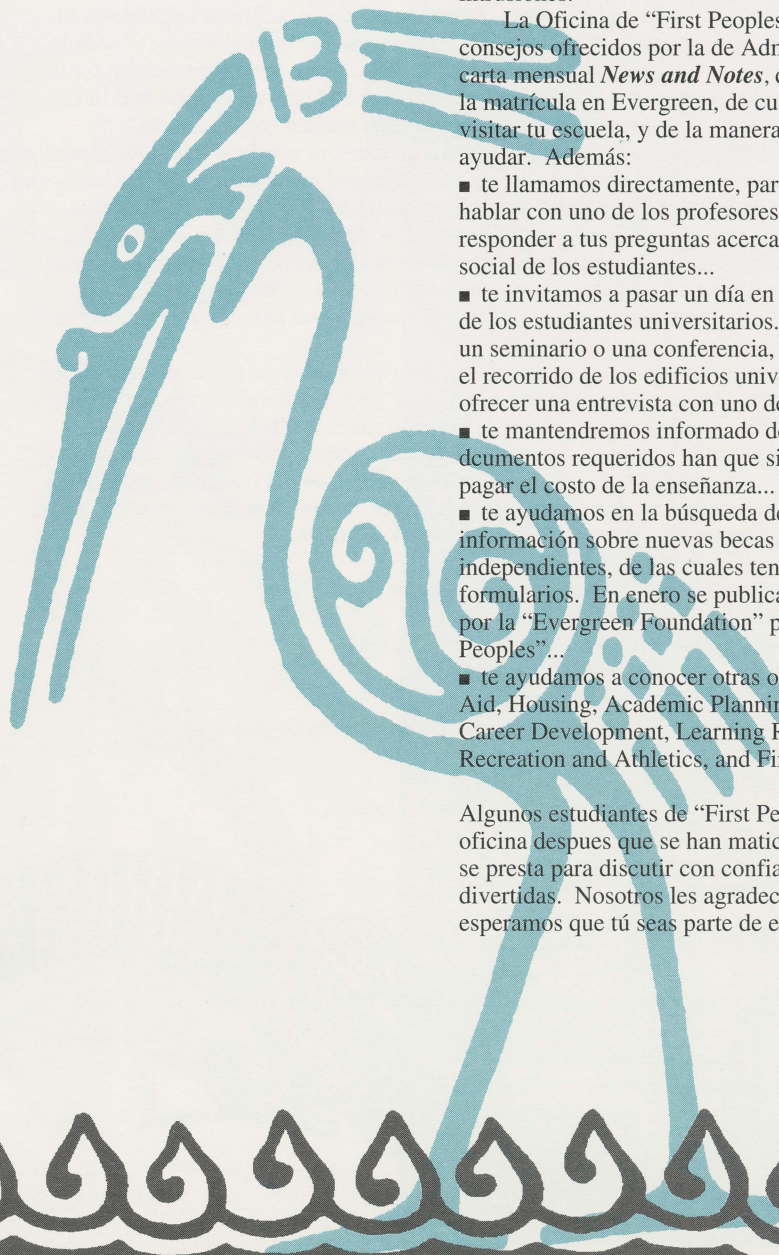
## FIRST PEOPLES' RECRUITMENT

La Oficina de "First Peoples Recruitment" se siente muy orgullosa de los servicios que ofrecen a las personas que quieren matricularse en Evergreen y a sus familiares. Creemos que la información es poder, y queremos darte el poder de hacer buenas decisiones. Queremos ofrecerte una extensa gama de servicios sin causarte intrusiones.

La Oficina de "First Peoples Recruitment" suplementa los consejos ofrecidos por la de Admissions Office. Enviamos una carta mensual *News and Notes*, que te informa acerca del proceso de la matrícula en Evergreen, de cuándo nuestros representantes van a visitar tu escuela, y de la manera que otras oficinas te pueden ayudar. Además:

- te llamamos directamente, para que tengas la oportunidad de hablar con uno de los profesores, o con un consejero que pueda responder a tus preguntas acerca de los cursos académicos o la vida social de los estudiantes...
- te invitamos a pasar un día en la universidad, hospedado por uno de los estudiantes universitarios. De esta manera puedes observar un seminario o una conferencia, comer en la cafetería y participar en el recorrido de los edificios universitarios. Si es posible, te podemos ofrecer una entrevista con uno de los profesores...
- te mantendremos informado del progreso de tu matrícula, de los documentos requeridos que han sido recibidos y de cuándo tienes que pagar el costo de la enseñanza...
- te ayudamos en la búsqueda de becas. Nuestra oficina tiene información sobre nuevas becas ofrecidas por fundaciones independientes, de las cuales tenemos a tu disposición diversos formularios. En enero se publica un folleto con las becas ofrecidas por la "Evergreen Foundation" para los nuevos estudiantes de "First Peoples"...
- te ayudamos a conocer otras oficinas de la universidad: Financial Aid, Housing, Academic Planning and Experiential Learning, Career Development, Learning Resource Center, Student Activities, Recreation and Athletics, and First Peoples Advising Service.

Algunos estudiantes de "First Peoples" siguen visitando nuestra oficina después que se han matriculado porque es un ambiente que se presta para discutir con confianza cosas serias igual que divertidas. Nosotros les agradecemos su compañía y entusiasmo, esperamos que tú seas parte de este grupo en el futuro.





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## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT EVERGREEN

Evergreen's student organizations are valuable sources of cultural enrichment, personal growth, lasting friendships and solidarity. Involvement can help you learn to more effectively work within groups and with other organizations while also helping you develop leadership skills. Student fees fund more than 40 active student groups, offering a wide variety of opportunities for your participation.

Organizations like Asian Students in Alliance (ASIA), MEChA, Native Students in Alliance, Umoja, Women of Color Coalition — are coordinated by Students of Color for Students of Color. These organizations, active throughout the academic year, produce cross-cultural events; bring speakers, films, and entertainment for the community; sponsor conferences and celebrations; and play an integral role in the college's goals of enhancing cultural diversity and student empowerment.

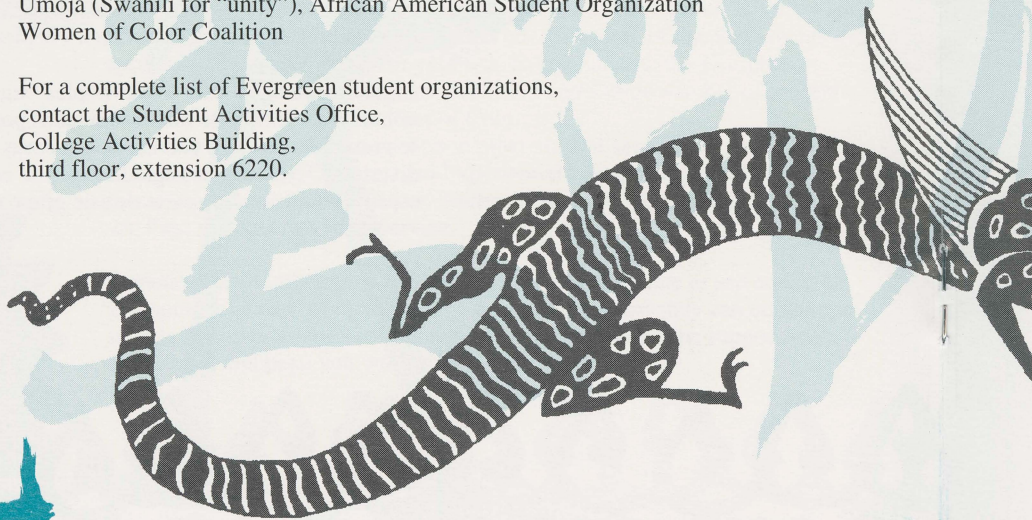
At Evergreen, you'll find that student organizations are more than just "clubs" or social alliances. Of course they provide activities and opportunities for fun and social interaction, but they also provide cultural, educational, recreational and spiritual services to students. Working with First Peoples Advising Service, and with the Community of Color, these First Peoples Student Organizations conduct important work against racism and harassment and help the entire community understand, welcome, and honor diversity. Involvement can give you one of your best and most worthwhile experiences as a student.

Student organization offices are located on the third floor of the College Activities Building, along with the Student Activities' professional staff, who will help you get connected with all of the student groups and find out what's happening on campus. The staff also assist in interpretation of campus policies and procedures or local, state and federal laws as they pertain to campus issues (permits for vendors, political campaigning, spending of state funds for student activities, etc.), and assist with developing student-initiated programs and activities.

### First Peoples Student Organizations include:

- Asian Students in Alliance (ASIA)
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanos Aztlan (MEChA)
- Native Students in Alliance
- Pacific Islander Association
- Umoja (Swahili for "unity"), African American Student Organization
- Women of Color Coalition

For a complete list of Evergreen student organizations, contact the Student Activities Office, College Activities Building, third floor, extension 6220.







## ORGANIZACIONES ESTUDIANTILES

Las organizaciones estudiantiles de Evergreen son fuente de enriquecimiento cultural, desarrollo personal, grandes amistades y solidaridad. Tu participación te puede ayudar a trabajar más efectivamente dentro de grupos y con otras organizaciones, al mismo tiempo que puedes desarrollar tus cualidades de líder. Parte del dinero de la matrícula es destinado para el mantenimiento de más de 40 grupos estudiantiles, los cuales ofrecen programas muy variados para tu participación.

Organizaciones como Asian Students in Alliance (ASIA), MEChA, Native Students in Alliance, Umoja, Women of Color Coalition son coordinadas por estudiantes de "First People" para los estudiantes de "First Peoples." Estas organizaciones ofrecen varios actos culturales durante el año como conferencias, películas, celebraciones y fiestas para la comunidad. Como ves, estas organizaciones tienen un fin muy importante, el de aumentar la diversidad cultural de la comunidad.

En Evergreen, descubrirás que las organizaciones estudiantiles son más que clubs o alianzas sociales. Desde luego, patrocinan actividades sociales y oportunidades para divertirse, pero también patrocinan actividades culturales, educacionales, y espirituales para los estudiantes. Con la ayuda de "First Peoples Advising Service" y con los miembros de la comunidad, estas organizaciones ayudan a combatir el racismo y el acoso contra miembros de minorías. También contribuyen al entendimiento, respeto y acogida de la diversidad cultural. Tu participación en estas organizaciones te puede proporcionar una de las mejores experiencias como estudiante universitario.

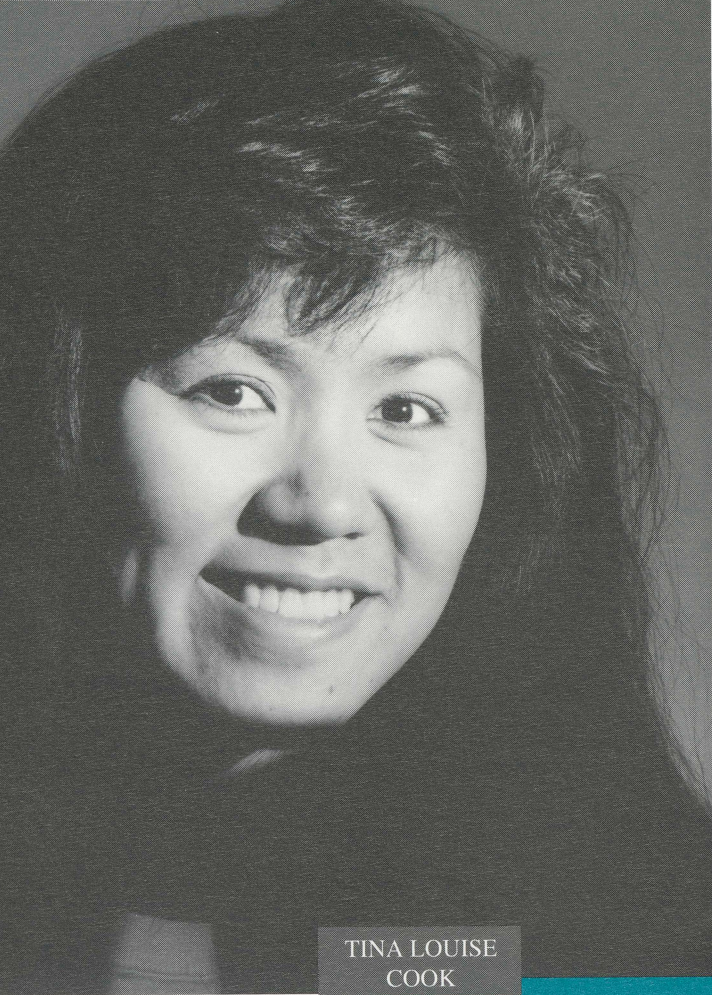
Las oficinas de las organizaciones estudiantiles están localizadas en el tercer piso del College Activities Building, junto a la de los miembros de la Oficina de Student Activities. Esta oficina te puede ayudar a integrarte a otras organizaciones, darte información acerca de futuras actividades, e interpretar las reglas universitarias y las leyes estatales o federales que se refieren a asuntos estudiantiles (por ejemplo: licencias para vendedores en la universidad, campañas políticas, gastos de bienes del estado para actos estudiantiles, etc.). También te pueden prestar ayuda a diseñar programas y actividades diversas.

### Esta es una lista de las organizaciones estudiantiles de "First Peoples:"

Asian Students in Alliance (ASIA)  
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanos de Aztlan (MEChA)  
Native Students in Alliance  
Pacific Islander Association  
Umoja (en la lengua de Swahili quiere decir "unidad"), African  
American Student Organization  
Women of Color Coalition

Si deseas una lista de todas las organizaciones estudiantiles, por favor llama a "Student Activities Office," ext. 6220.





TINA LOUISE  
COOK

I like creating challenges and exploring pathways that lead me to a greater understanding of self and the world around me. The atmosphere is one for the entrepreneur. You can basically do whatever you can imagine. Freedom is a big thing - with it comes responsibility for your own actions.











## FIRST PEOPLES ADVISING SERVICE

We hold fundamental beliefs about Evergreen and the needs of Students of Color. These beliefs are the foundation for our services. As a publicly funded institution subject to the laws and policies of the larger society, we see the college struggling with the racism that informs its existence. Our service is based on the belief that we can provide processes and support that will lessen the impact of acts of discrimination that will confront Students of Color. We offer the following:

**The Mentoring Program** ... as a new student, you can meet with a staff or faculty member of your choice on a regular basis; someone who has been here a while and knows Evergreen. Your interactions may be academically or socially oriented, or may involve advice on career options.

You will also become aware of our **Peer Support Program** ... this is a staff of trained, upper-division students available to answer questions, make referrals, lend advocacy or support. The student staff also organizes workshops and social gatherings.

Our **First Peoples Newsletter** ... will keep you up-to-date on what is currently happening in the community. We very much encourage your involvement and contribution to this publication, in the form of articles, creative writing, poetry or whatever else you would like to let the Community of Color know about.

We provide the **First Peoples Student Organizations** with culturally specific advising and support. We believe it's important to bring the history and tradition of Evergreen's First Peoples forward with each new succession of coordinators as they develop plans and activities. We also assist in coalition building to maintain connections with the Community of Color, as well as with other student organizations.

We also have full-time staff available for counseling, advising and advocacy, on a drop-in or appointment basis.

Your involvement, on whatever level you choose, will likely be richly rewarding. We are here to support you through the difficult times, as well as to celebrate your successes. You can make lasting friendships, help build community, and truly feel a part of Evergreen.



## FIRST PEOPLES ADVISING SERVICE

Tenemos convicciones muy sólidas acerca de Evergreen y las necesidades de los estudiantes de "First Peoples." Estas convicciones son el fundamento de los servicios que ofrecemos. Evergreen, como universidad pública sujeta a las leyes de la sociedad en general, también se esfuerza para combatir el racismo que existe en nuestra sociedad. Nosotros creemos que los servicios que ofrecemos pueden disminuir el impacto de actos de discriminación que los estudiantes de "First Peoples" pueden experimentar. Esto servicios son: **Mentoring Program** ... como estudiante nuevo, puedes elegir un profesor o un miembro del personal universitario como consultor. Tus conversaciones pueden ser acerca de asuntos académicos o sociales, o tal vez acerca de oportunidades de diferentes carreras.

También puedes contar con el **Peer Support Program**. Estos son estudiantes del tercer o cuarto año entrenados para responder a tus preguntas, introducirte a otras oficinas, y darte apoyo. Estos estudiantes organizan talleres y actividades sociales.

### Nuestra **First Peoples Newsletter** te

mantendrá informado con noticias y anuncios de las actividades de la comunidad. Te invitamos a contribuir artículos, poemas, cuentos, o cualquier cosa de la que tu quieras informar al resto de la comunidad de color.

### A las organizaciones estudiantiles de "First

Peoples" les ofrecemos consejo y apoyo con sensibilidad cultural. Creemos que es importante preservar las historias de "First Peoples" para que cada nueva generación estudiantil la tome en cuenta cuando planifica las actividades anuales. También ayudamos a establecer contacto entre la comunidad de color y otras organizaciones estudiantiles.

### También tenemos varios consejeros

profesionales, que te pueden ayudar con o sin cita. Tu participación, grande o pequeña, será bien recompensada. Estamos aquí para ayudarte en tus momentos difíciles y para felicitarte en tus éxitos. Tendrás la oportunidad de hacer amistades para el resto de tu vida, de contribuir al espíritu comunitario, y de sentirte verdaderamente integrado a Evergreen.





RICARDO  
AYALA-CRUZ

Evergreen is a place to grow and Evergreen has to grow itself. Its founding ideas are now being challenged. I continue to come here because I believe in growth and in the way faculty try to teach students. This does not mean that Evergreen is perfect. It must continue to move, whether it is forward or backward, and not let its philosophy be static.





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