



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE KELLY
ETHNIC CULTURAL CENTER

TAPESTRY

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Brought to you by the students, staff,
and community of the ECC.

The mission of the Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center is to provide an inclusive space that fosters academic success. Our purpose is to engage diverse populations by providing opportunities for co-curricular and holistic development. Our aim is to engage with a pluralistic community to ensure student development, equity and intercultural skills for life beyond the UW.

Take a look at what the Kelly ECC has been up to over the last quarter, in the **Fall 2016** addition of Tapestry.

We are excited that the Kelly ECC is celebrating its **45th year of operation**. Please stay tuned for our upcoming Anniversary Event!

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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the community and staff at the Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center, I am proud to present the revitalized edition of Tapestry, an e-magazine for and by the community of students, scholars and activists who call the ECC home. In the following pages, you will read about our student successes, cultural programs and ongoing collaboration with partners across the campus and the city.

After a long hiatus, we decided to revive Tapestry as a space for student self-expression and to highlight the four core areas that make the ECC what it is for the folks that walk through our door. As a center, we continue our historical mission to get students to graduation day, as caretakers of a legacy. We also continue to provide an array of services that meet the Leadership Development, Educational, Advising and Diversity needs of our students.

Since 1971, the ECC has grown to be the largest college cultural center in the nation, with over 165 registered student organizations that affiliate with the space. We have also grown our outreach footprint, to expand the services and financial support given for student programming efforts and resources. We have launched the Leadership Without Borders Center, a space dedicated to the leadership development needs of undocumented students. We also offer a variety of dance, recreation and cultural development workshops in partnership with the Whole U. There is something for everyone at the ECC.

As we look ahead to 2017, we continue to look for ways to engage and support the intersectional needs of our students and community. We will focus our efforts on preparing students for life after UW, while understanding that their needs while on campus will continue to evolve. We will pay particular attention to creating space for activist voices, highlighting experiences from the margins and advocating for social change. I invite all members of the community to reach out to me with comments or suggestions for making our center a place that you can continue to live, study, gather and work in as a place you call home.

Sincerely,
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FRESHMAN & TRANSFER

WELCOME
DINNERS

"You have an inherent dignity that no one can take away from you."

- Mariama Suwaneh (Black Student Commissioner)

Every year the ECC welcomes the incoming freshman and transfer students with a dinner, featuring performances and inspiring speeches by UW community members. This is an opportunity for incoming students to meet other freshman (or transfer) students and get familiar with the ECC, as well as introduce students to different Multicultural Student Organizations.

The dinner's thrown are for students whose identities align with the following : *Latinx/Chicanx Dinner, Undocu Dinner, Pacific Islander Dinner, Native American Dinner, Black/African Dinner and Asian Dinner*. As a student who attended these dinners when I transferred last year, the dinners helped me to get acquainted with other folks and made me feel like the ECC was a safe and welcoming place for me to spend time at.

Of all the dinner's I visited at the start of the quarter my favorite speeches were at the Black/African Dinner. Rickey Hall, VP for Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity & Chief Diversity Officer, gave a speech questioning what it means to be "woke": *"The other issue with this work is that some of us look like we are woke, let me say it again, some of us look like we're woke, some of us have the language of social justice down, we watch the right things on television, we read the right websites, we tweet and snapchat, and instagram the right quotes but some of us are really sleep walking. Some of us co-sign sexism and misogyny at the -*





***"We share a responsibility and we must be woke. We must be vigilant."
-Rickey Hall***

expense of black women, some of us co-sign homophobia and transphobia at the expense of our LGBT brothers and sisters. Or some of us practice class-based anti-blackness against other black folk because we don't wanna be like that. We share a responsibility and we must be woke. We must be vigilant."

Urging students to remember to 'walk the walk' and embody "woke" as a verb. A reminder to stay active in the community and to make sure the campus is a welcoming affirming place for everyone living in all the intersecting identities of blackness.

Upon reflecting at her time at UW, Black Student Commissioner Mariama Suwaneh shares, "I wish

someone had told me when I first started here, that you have an inherent dignity that no one can take away from you. Sometimes this world tries to crush you, or try to mold you into this stereotypical version of yourself, or tries to strip you of your value...But I want you all to know that you are valid and that you really actually important. "

Dr. Mia Tuan, Dean of College of Education urges freshman (and transfers) at the *Asian Dinner* to take a chance, trust their instincts, and walk through the doors when opportunity arises. Other performances ranged from traditional dance by KhSA and beatboxing by CDQ.

The intent of all these events is to make sure new students feel welcomed into the ECC community and feel recognized and celebrated. It is important for our success as students to be able to feel a place of belonging especially as diverse students, who are also part of marginalized communities in the context of an institution such as the university.

A CLOSE UP ON : HUSKY FOOD PANTRY

AN INTERVIEW WITH PRIYA SAXEN AND LAURNE
TERASAKI



This year a new and improved food pantry launched Fall quarter! The pantry started last year and came out of concerns that students brought up regarding food insecurity at UW (and at various colleges around the nation). Get a closer look at how the food pantry did this quarter in an interview with the ECC's *Food Pantry Coordinator* Priya Saxen and *Food Insecurity Specialist* Laurne Terasaki.

J: When/Where are the food pantries?

P: We have two locations for the pantries. Yup here **(the ECC)** and **the HUB**. The HUB is the **first Tuesday of the month** and the ECC is the **third Wednesday of the month**. The HUB is during the day and the ECC is during the evening so we can

kind of make sure that, in between class schedules students can make it to at least one.”

J: Who is the pantry for?

P: Essentially **the food pantry is for anyone** with a husky card. Its for everyone, undergrad, grad students, anyone who shows up, you can show us your husky card and go and shop.

J: How has community engagement been so far?

P: Its been a challenge because it ramped up way faster than any of us were expecting. The first ECC pantry was full, we had **104 students**

FOOD INSECURITY

is common

ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

show up and I don't think we were even expecting half of that. But yeah community engagement, faculty, staff and the community are extremely supportive. Once you tell the story of a student having to *choose* between eating a wholesome and nutritious meal and paying rent, buying books that would break anyone's. And it shatters the stereotype of what people think a college student is. People think college students are fine because

their parents must be paying their tuition and they are linked up to their parent’s bank account, but that is just simply not the case anymore.

J: Yeah and it’s hard when you’re a student and you are not able to get food stamps, because you supposedly have enough access to financial support.

"We don't qualify for food stamps so with the rising cost of tuition, the rising cost of housing, and the rising cost of food, it's just really difficult to make your end's meet."

P (continued): And a lot of students are not just dependents, they’re also taking care of various people. Like a college student is not just a 17 year old...

J: Rich kid who has everyone paid for by their parents.

P: Yes exactly the stereotype but that is simply not the case anymore...From what we can tell its reaching a lot of students, I think we have served about...



L: The pantry this quarter (within our three pantries) we have had over **160 participants**. In our exit survey we ask how many people the food is going to support. Like if participants have roommates, siblings, or family members and that number is 380. **So that is almost 400 people** who our services are helping.



Did you know that YOU may be eligible for an extra \$100 for food?

L: "The Office Of Financial Aid just release an emergency food grant for any student who has pretty much maxed out all of their loans. They can apply for this grant is \$100 and goes right on your Husky Card and you can visit anywhere on campus. I think you can apply

for it more than once but I think if you go a second time you have to meet with a financial counselor to help you with budgeting. It's super simple to apply."

For more information visit:
<http://osfa.washington.edu/foods/grant/index>



ETHNIC CULTURAL THEATER

The R.E.T.R.O. Revolutionary Po'ets is an RSO (Registered Student Organization) at the UW (University Of Washington). Every first Monday of the month they host an open mic at the ECT (Ethnic Cultural Theatre) from 7:30pm-10:30pm.

R.E.T.R.O.'s mission is to: *"provide a safe environment for members of the UW and surrounding communities to express themselves creatively."*

Every R.E.T.R.O. features a diversity of different styles of performance: song, dance, spoken word, comedy, beat-boxing, DJ'ing or storytelling, R.E.T.R.O. welcomes your creativity!

Every R.E.T.R.O. Open Mic tends fills the ECT to capacity. To the point that latecomers end up standing for to watch the event. Upon entry R.E.T.R.O. collects \$1 to donate to the RSO so they can host future events.

Come check out the wealth of talent from the UW community at the next R.E.T.R.O.!

Pasifik Voices is a night of cultural expression and performance that centers and celebrates the diversity of Pasifik Islander representation on and off campus. Hosted by ASUW Pacific Islander Student Commission, it is a night that showcases the talent of the community through music, dance, art, spoken work and more!

Here's what *Hut Ugalino*, an organizer of the event, had to say about the first performance:

"We were happy to see so many people come out (as performers and audience members) and bring the energy, and we'll be having winter quarter's Pasifik Voices [again] on February 7th, so people should watch out for that!"

*R.E.T.R.O.
every first Monday
of the month at 7:30
pm (Jan. 9th, Feb.
6th, Mar. 6th)*

*Pasifik Voices
Wednesday 6pm-
10pm (Feb. 7th)*



Post Election: ECC holds Town Hall Meeting

The day after the election was a hard day for our community. Especially for those belonging to marginalized communities that may (or have been) impacted by the election results. The day after there was a somberness in about every building on campus.

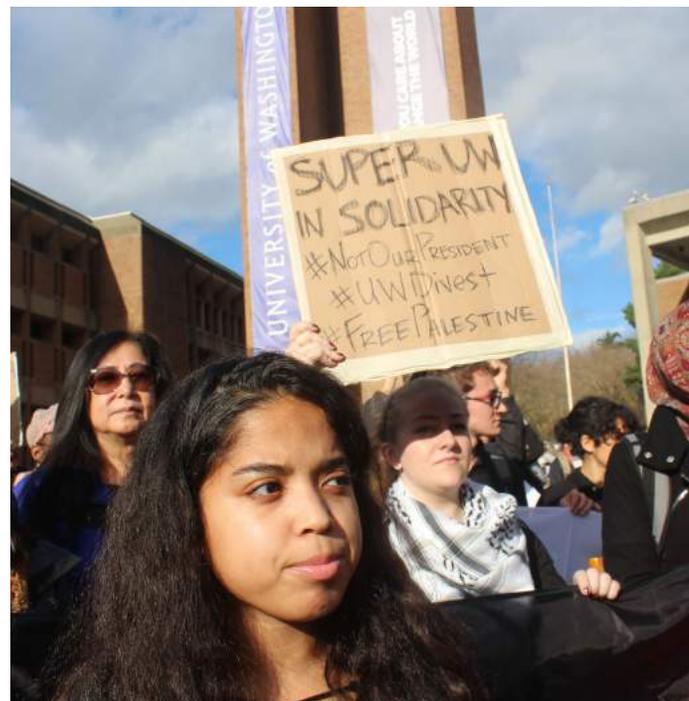
Multiple departments and organizations within the UW sent out reassuring emails to the students and offered resources for self-care. Early Wednesday morning Dr. Marisa Herrera sent out an email to the ECC community to announce that the ECC was canceling all previously scheduled programming to host a “Town Hall” meeting for members of the ECC community to come together and have a space to talk about the election results.

Advisors, counselors, and ECC staff all came together to support students. The event ended up drawing over 500+ members of the community, that filled all three floors of the ECC. The night consisted of an “open mic” for members of the community to mourn, vent, and strategize what this could mean for our communities. There were also facilitated break-out sessions amongst RSO's.

Here’s a few things the student staff had to say about the event:

“I think a lot of people found it to be a safe space...There was a lot of tears that were shed, but the fact that a lot of people were going through the same things made it really comforting, knowing that the community we were supportive no matter what the consequences of the election.” Mariana Maestas

“Thank you to the hundreds of people that were able to come to the ECC today. In such uncertain times, this community gives me hope. Never forget that we are here for you, that we are here to each other. Never forget you matter.” - Maddy McKeague...(continued on next page).



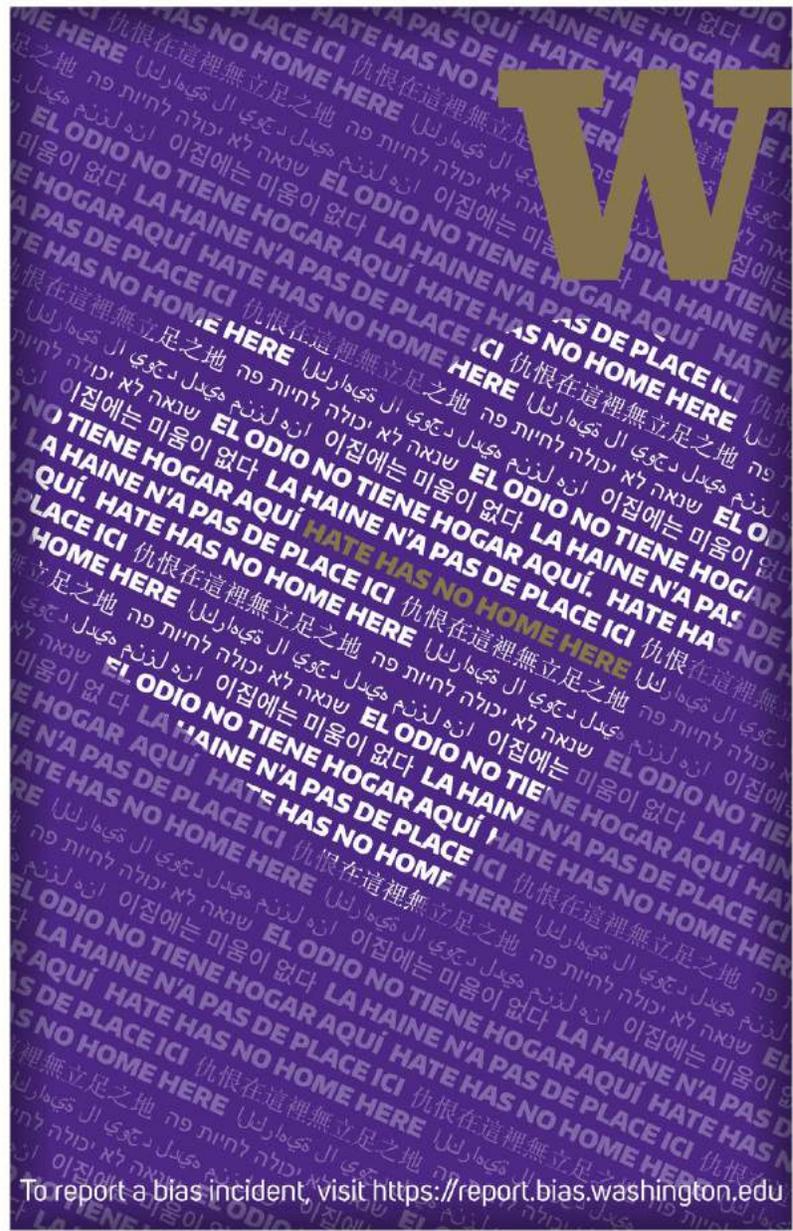
“These past couple of days have been very rough, but nonetheless I am extremely proud and blessed to work at such a welcoming, and inclusive space where I don’t feel like I have to be afraid. I want to thank my amazing boss Dr. Marisa Herrera and everyone else at the ECC for hosting this event for community healing Wednesday evening. We are stronger in numbers, and we will continue to be powerful and resilient. #ECCfam #NotMyPresident “ - Carlos Escutia

It is in moments such as these, that connection and community is so important. It is easy to feel the impulse to retreat and isolate, but always know that you have community who are down for you. We got your back at the ECC!

HATE HAS NO HOME HERE

In the wake of the election the campaign, "**Hate Has No Home Here**", has gone viral amongst communities and college campuses around the nation. You may have seen posters [pictured below] around campus broadcasting this message as a reminder of solidarity for the protection of our diverse student body.

In an effort to spread the word about the **new bias reporting tool** (<https://report.bias.washington.edu>), these posters will be made available via the ECC's website. Find downloadable versions of these posters in our "Logo Repository" under the tab "RSO RESOURCES", on our website (<https://depts.washington.edu/ecc/>).



2017 WINTER QUARTER UPCOMING EVENTS



An evening with **BREE NEWSOME**

Feb. 16th 7pm Kane Hall (204)

Community Organizer and activist, **Bree Newsome** established herself as a touchstone of empowerment for disenfranchised people around the world when she tore down the Confederate flag in front of the South Carolina statehouse in 2015.

BE A WORLD OF GOOD

MLK WEEK

MONDAY, JAN. 9 (8AM-4PM)

Black History 101 Mobile Museum

Mary Gates Hall Commons

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11 (11:30AM-2:30PM)

MLK Birthday Party

HUB Street

THURSDAY, JAN. 12 (5-7PM)

Red Lineage: Art, Citizenship, & Action

Odegaard 220

FRIDAY, JAN. 13 (9AM-4PM)

We Stand Together Teach-In

Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center

MONDAY, JAN. 16 (9AM-4PM)

MLK Day of Service

United Way of King County

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18 (5:30-7PM)

An Evening w/Councilmember Larry Gossett

Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center

FRIDAY, JAN. 20 (6-9PM)

A Conversation w/Kathleen Cleaver

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2017 WINTER QUARTER UPCOMING EVENTS

A Dynamic Discussion with **KATHLEEN CLEAVER** Jan. 20th 7pm Kelly ECC

As the first Communications Secretary of the Black Panther Party, **Kathleen Cleaver** has spent her life participating in the human rights struggle. Join us at the ECC from 7-9pm for a discussion with Kathleen Cleaver also featuring a screening of the film: **The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution.**

Please note that tickets are available at various locations on campus and at the ECC front desk. Space is limited. Please contact ecc@uw.edu for more information.



(Kathleen Cleaver at the HUB, Oct. 15, 1968)

4TH ANNUAL ECC **Lunar New Year**

Help us welcome in the Lunar New Year of the Rooster at the Kelly ECC!

This event will take place on January 26th at 5:30 pm in the Unity Suite and will feature: food, speakers, arts & crafts and a performance by the International Lion Dance & Arts Team.

Come through and learn about the history of Lunar New Year and help us celebrate!



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Fall 2016 Registered Student Organizations

(Listed R.S.O's reflect those who have affiliated with the ECC in Fall 2016. Please contact us to affiliate for winter quarter or contact Tey Thach (thacht2@uw.edu).)

AdvoQTS	Minority Association of Pre-health Students (MAPS)
African Student Association	National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
Alpha Kappa Delta Phi	Native Organization of Indigenous Scholars
Asian Coalition for Equality	Nepalese Student Association
Association of Black Business Students	Omega Delta Phi
Bengali Students Association (UW BSA)	Operation Smile UW Chapter
Black Campus Ministries	Persian Circle
Black Student Union	Pi Alpha Phi
Burma/ Myanmar Student Association	Pipeline Student Group
Cham Student Association	Polynesian Student Alliance
Chi Sigma Alpha	Pre law division of Black Law Student Association
Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine (CCM)	Queer Latinx
Child Rights and You (CRY UW)	Queer People of Color Alliance (QPoC)
China Entrepreneur Network	RETRO: Revolutionary Poets
Chinese Student Association	Salsa Club @ UW
Chinese Students and Scholars Association	Sigma Lambda Beta
College Success Foundation Club-UW chapter	Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.
Delta Lambda Phi	Sigma Psi Zeta
Filipino American Student Association	Sisterhood
Filipino Association for Health Careers	Social Work Asian Pacific Islander (SWAPI)
First Nations at UW	Society of Asian Scientists + Engineers (SASE)
Gamma Alpha Omega	Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
Global Public Health Brigade UW Chapter	Somali Student Association (SSA)
Hip Hop Student Association	Stage Notes
Hui Hualoha 'Ulana / Hawaii Club	Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights
Husky Wuslu Team	Taiko Kai
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority Inc	Taiwanese Overseas Student Association
Khmer Student Association	Taiwanese Student Association
Korean Student Association (KSA)	The Purple Group
Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.	The Sisterhood of Pi Nu Iota (PNI)
Lao Student Association	Unidas Seremos
Latinx Student Union	UW Indian Student Association (ISA)
Leaders del Futuro	UW Kahaani
Malaysian Student Association (MAPA)	UW Model United Nations
Mariachi Quinto Sol	UW Tango Club
MECHA	Vietnamese Student Association
Micronesian Islands Club	Virsa/Heritage