ADVOCACY & COLLABORATION SERIES

Finding solutions to the issues that impact our communities can be overwhelming and longstanding, but advocacy and collaboration make pathways to change possible. Join us from May 8th to May 19th for a diverse line-up of opportunities to connect and collaborate with students, faculty, staff, and administrators to develop practices and strategies around critical issues impacting our communities. Beyond these two weeks, these conversations and collaborations toward action will continue as part of an ongoing quarterly series. We invite you to join us in this long-term commitment toward change!

WEEK TWO: MAY 15TH – MAY 19TH, 2023

COLLABORATION & COMMUNITY BREAKOUT SESSION
May 15, 2023, 3:30-5:30p, Corwin Pavilion
Hosted by MCC and CARE
The second week of the Advocacy and Collaboration Series will begin with a collaborative community breakout session to provide a space to engage with critical campus climate issues including anti-blackness, accessibility needs, housing concerns, and crisis management on campus. After attendees have the opportunity to name how these issues directly affect them and their communities, we will transition to breakout groups composed of students, staff, faculty, and administrators. Each group will develop concrete action steps on poster paper which will be shared as part of a larger discussion to conclude the evening. As one of the key events in the series that brings all members of the campus community together, the community breakout session will jumpstart the long-term advocacy work that will continue in Fall 2023. We look forward to having you join us and hearing from you.

THE FIRST RAINBOW COALITION FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION
May 17, 2023, 3:00-5:00p, MCC Theater
Hosted by CCAJJ, Human Rights Board, SCORE, and Office of the Student Advocate General
The First Rainbow Coalition is a 56 min documentary about the groundbreaking 1960s Chicago alliance between the Black Panthers, Young Lords, and Young Patriots. Join us for the film screening, followed by a discussion on coalition-building at UCSB. How can we organize various dividing lines to envision and create a better world? Let’s talk about it! All are welcome!

STAFF ONLY ROUNDTABLE DEBRIEF SPACE
MAY 17, 2023, 12:00PM-1:30PM, MCC LOUNGE
Hosted by MCC and Office of Student Conduct
We cannot give what we do not have! We are hardwired to look for security and comfort, so it is crucial that we be present for our undergraduate and graduate scholars, as well as for one another. As staff, we want to create a brave and safe environment for regarding campus climate, anti-blackness, and its current effects on our community.

DEVELOPMENT OF SELF THROUGH RESISTANCE
May 18, 2023, 3:00pm - 4:30pm, MCC Lounge
Hosted by Office of Student Conduct & Restorative Justice Program
What do rest, resistance, social justice and student development have in common? Come find out! Let’s co-create a space where we learn how protests and acts of resistance not only promote social justice, but psycho-social development and personal growth.

STUDENT ONLY DEBRIEF SPACE
Thursday, May 18th, 4-6pm, El Centro
Hosted by MCC Council & JSJLS Interns
Facilitated by the Jackson Scholarship and the MCC Council, this students-only space is dedicated to providing students a mindful space to decompress, process, and plan the next steps toward their advocacy work. Regardless of how many events during Advocacy and Collaboration week that you attend, students are welcome to share in this space to discuss their experiences during this series and what action steps they will take moving forward. We hope you can join us and contribute to a robust and engaging discussion and night of making connections!

Be on the lookout for a complete list of events on mcc.sa.ucsb.edu and @ucsbmcc.

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