Clubs at USD—a resource for students—get involved and build community!

Our group finds it important that the Ethnic Studies website serves as a mechanism for communicating the various groups at USD that foster equality in areas such as race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, etc. We believe people get discouraged when they visit a group’s page and there hasn’t been an update for two months—that could be the difference in becoming involved or not—so this list would simply be an extra avenue for these clubs to get the word out and perhaps new information can be added by other students in the future. Moreover, Ethnic Studies is more than a focused discipline at USD; it has the potential to share and grow alongside clubs/organizations at USD that aim to foster awareness and community.

1. **Jewish Student Union (JSU)**

   ![JSU Logo](image)

   **Mission:** The purpose of the Jewish Student Union shall be to create a Jewish community on campus. The organization is not limited to Jewish students and all are welcome. We would like to create involvement in Israel, understanding of Jewish culture, and values. Our goal is to create a community of awareness.

   **Link:** [https://sandiego.collegiatelink.net/organization/JSU](https://sandiego.collegiatelink.net/organization/JSU)

   **Contact Info:** USDJewishStudentUnion@gmail.com

   **Events:** No recent/past events

2. **Native American Student Organization (NASO)**

   ![NASO Logo](image)

   **Mission:** The purpose of the Native American Student Organization is to facilitate awareness on Native issues, concerns, and education. NASO’s objective is to make sure that Native students’ voices are heard, and to outreach to the Native community in San Diego. To be part of this group it is not required to be Native American. All people from different backgrounds, who are passionate about the Native culture, are welcome to join.

   **Link:** Not available

   **Contact Info:** Sloane Smith at sloanesmith@sandiego.edu

   **Events:** No recent/past events
3. Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA)

**Mission:** The purpose of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan is to encourage Chicano/a and Latino/a students to further their education, cooperate with local community organizations, stay informed of the events affecting la Raza, and to develop ties with the barrios. MECHA encourages all members to promote their cultural heritage, strive for social, economic, and political power for "La Raza", develop an awareness and solidarity with Third World struggles, with emphasis on Latin America, and follow the concepts stated in El Plan de Santa Barbara.

**Link:** https://usdmecha.wordpress.com

**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/groups/167178489998223/

**Contact Info:** Caitlin Doherty at caitlindoherty@sandiego.edu

**Events:** General body meetings every other Monday at 7:00PM at the SLP 418. Fiesta Night in November

4. South Asian Student Association (SASA)

**Mission:** The South Asian Student Association is an organization whose main goal is to spread knowledge and awareness about the South Asian cultures.

**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/groups/143999755637941/

**Contact Info:** Lavanya Sridrahan at lsridrahan@sandiego.edu

**Events:** General body meetings held every first and last Thursday of the month in Serra 203. Attending HOLI ONE Colour Festival in March. Bollywood night in April.
5. Association of Chicana Activists (A.Ch.A.) (AChA)

Mission: Our mission is to empower ourselves, women, and our community by providing encouragement of self-determination through higher education, conscientización, and hermandad. The objective of AChA is to create a supportive environment, to provide leadership opportunities for Chicanas/Latinas to develop the skills necessary to become strong advocates regarding issues that impact la Raza in the areas of education, cultural awareness, politics and social issues.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AChAdeUSD
Contact Info: achausd@gmail.com
Events: Pasos y Palmas held on September 9th.

6. Muslim Student Association (MSA)

Mission: The purpose of the Muslim Student Association is to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for both Muslims and non-Muslims through education, community and worship. It is a social group for students on campus; consisting of people from different origins, nationalities and cultures. MSA is a tool by which people on campus can learn about Islam and its beauty; a voice for the Muslims on this campus and of all Muslims worldwide.

Facebook: No Facebook Page.
Contact Info: USDMSA@live.com
Events: Celebrating Eid Al Fitr.
7. Saudi Student Association (SSA)

Mission: the mission of SSA at University of San Diego is to promote knowledge and awareness of Saudi culture through cultural and social forum within USD community and within greater San Diego area. It is to the soul of this association to encourage cultural dialog and understanding of cultural differences for the sake of harmony and cooperation among USD society and greater San Diego societies.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SSAUSD
Contact Info: Almonther Alshareef at almontheralshareef@sandiego.edu
Events: Salat AlJumaa held on every Friday.
Link: https://twitter.com/ssa_usd

8. Asian Students Association (ASA)

Mission: The mission of ASA is to provide a space on the USD campus for students of Asian decent to come together to share their common culture and to celebrate cultural diversity, awareness, and pride. ASA works to build lasting friendships and bonds while promoting success in education, passions, and self-discovery.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_141601049237002
Contact Info: Christen Hong at christenhong@sandiego.edu or Ryan Sampson at ryanvs@sandiego.edu.
Events: General meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in Serra Hall 216.
9. International Student Organization (ISO)

**Mission:** The ISO is a support group for the international students at USD to make them feel welcome upon their arrival in the US and help them adjust to life at USD. It works to promote multicultural awareness on campus.

**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/groups/1449010922034416/

**Contact:** Claudio Trespalacios at claudiotrespalacios@sandiego.edu.

**Events:**

10. Ethnic Studies Student Organization (ESSO)

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**Mission:** ESSO is a new student organization designed to celebrate issues of diversity that contribute to the learning of diversity throughout the USD campus. The organization is open to anyone interested in enhancing their understanding of issues of race, class, and gender, and not exclusive to Ethnic Studies majors and minors.

**Facebook:** (Not Applicable)

**Contact:** mwagoner@sandiego.edu; (619) 260-4659

**Events:** (None listed, however they work in conjunction with the Ethnic Studies Department as a whole)

11) Filipino Ugnayan Student Organization (FUSO)
Mission: Filipino Ugnayan Student Organization considers cultural identity, self-esteem, academic performance, and the holistic development of the Filipino/Filipino-American student. We believe that awareness and an appreciation of one's culture are important to one's identity. We strive to provide our members with opportunities to learn more about themselves and the beauty of the Filipino culture. We are also an organization focused on assisting students of Filipino descent academically, socially, and educationally.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/usdfuso
Contact: fusopresident@gmail.com

Events:

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12) People of the Islands (POI)

Mission: P.O.I. or also known as People of the Islands, is a student organization that welcomes everyone; whether or not you are Pacific Islander or from there. As long as you are interested, you are absolutely welcomed! We are here to give the students and faculty of the University of San Diego a place where we can share the culture, food, and spirit with one another.

Contact: usdpoiclub@gmail.com
United Front Multicultural Center (4th floor SLP)
Events: (Not Applicable)
Black Student Union

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere -- MLK

Mission: Brothers & Sisters United actively pursue recruitment and retention of under-represented students to, and at, the University of San Diego. The Black Student Union shall act as an umbrella for other Black organizations in the University of San Diego community. The Black Student Union shall promote awareness and education on the contributions of Blacks in a historical, political, social, economic context. The Black Student Union shall foster an environment of unity and cooperation among its members and other San Diego community organizations/groups.

Contact: For more information, please contact Ce'Sjonnae Taylor cmtaylor@sandiego.edu.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/USD-Black-Student-Union/188282867913442

Events: Black Lives Matter: A Dialogue with Alicia Garza (Friday, February 27, 2015 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.) Maher Hall Salomon Hall

PRIDE

When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one. ~Epitaph of Leonard P. Matlovich, 1988 (Thanks, Marlene)

Mission: PRIDE is an alliance of undergraduate men and women at USD who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, or any other label one
chooses to be identified as, and those who are supportive of this community. As a cultural and Changemaker organization, the primary purpose of PRIDE is to foster an environment of acceptance, inclusion, and social justice through education, support, and social activities.

**Events:** General meeting is every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Commuter Commons (UC 119).

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Brent Allman at usdpridepresident@gmail.com.

**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/PrideAtUSD?ref_type=bookmark

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**SOAR** (picture not available)

*Peace is not unity in similarity but unity in diversity, in the comparison and conciliation of differences—Mikhail Gorbachev*

**Mission:** The Student Outreach and Recruitment Club (SOAR) is a student organization that specifically focuses on and is committed to engaging in diversity recruitment, outreach, and retention efforts at the University of San Diego. Members of SOAR participate, coordinate, and assist with multicultural recruitment events and other various activities geared towards making the University of San Diego a more diverse and inclusive campus community.

**Contact:** For more information, please email soarusd@gmail.com.

**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/groups/353421041413829/

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