Welcome Back Cougs!

**Remember to:**
- Wear a mask
- Stay 6 feet apart
- Avoid social gatherings

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**Our Cougar Community**
*The MSS Biweekly E-Newsletter*

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MSS AND GIESORC PRESENTS:

CUB 4TH FLOOR EXPANDED SERVICES

LIMITED SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR STUDENTS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT SPECIFIC TIMES.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO RESERVE A SPACE, BOOK ONE AT OUR WEBSITE MSS.WSU.EDU UNDER ‘BOOK A SPACE WITH US’!

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR MAIN OFFICE AT 509-335-7852
Community Events and Announcements

African American Student Center

Mindfulness Workshop
February 24 at 12pm
Meeting ID: 941 9495 0287
Passcode: 526613

Self Care Workshop
February 17 at 12pm
Meeting ID: 941 9495 0287
Passcode: 526613

Time Management Workshop
February 10 at 12pm
Meeting ID: 941 9495 0287
Passcode: 526613
Asian American Pacific Islander Student Center

AAPI STUDENT CENTER
Presents
EXPANDED SERVICES!

Book a space with us in our center! You can study, hang out, meet mentors, students or just hang!

Booking available on mss.wsu.edu
Ruben Zecena is the Retention Counselor for the Chicanx/Latinx Student Center at Washington State University. He is a queer migrant born in El Salvador and raised in Pasco, Washington. He is completing a PhD in Gender & Women's Studies from the University of Arizona. In his studies and experiences in higher education, he focuses on creating home from scratch—which means constructing spaces in which differences are valued and utilized for social justice purposes. Ruben believes in the power of students to claim space unapologetically. As a queer and feminist educator, he recognizes the many layers of difference that shape the lives of students, and at the same time, he values how these differences spark student movements. He can be reached at ruben.zecena@wsu.edu

Stay Connected!

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https://www.chilatcenter.wsu.edu
What are you most excited for to be working as a Retention Counselor for the CLSC?
"Working with student organizations! When I was an undergraduate, organizations like Queer People of Color and Allies (now called Queer Intersections Association) were foundational to my growing knowledge about social justice issues. These organizations help students establish a sense of belonging, foster community, and most importantly, they transform university spaces. I am indebted to student activism at WSU and the friendships that I built through these organizations. There is something special about the intergenerational ties that are built through student orgs, so I'm looking forward to offering my support and future collaborations."

What is your favorite thing about your career?
At MSS events, I especially enjoy seeing familiar faces (students, faculty, and staff alike). This is a very simple but important aspect of WSU communities. The familiarity that we sense at these events means that people are showing up for each other and are in the struggle together as a collective. It isn't just representation, but the social dynamics at these events are very different from what students encounter in higher education and in everyday life in white America.

What motivates you to work hard?
Knowing that there is always work to be done. We are living in times of explicit anti-Black state violence, criminalization of queer and trans people of color, incarceration and deportation of racialized bodies, attacks on reproductive rights, settler-colonial relationships to the land, among many types of injustices. The global pandemic highlighted many of these existing issues. Now more than ever, I am reminded of my responsibility to speak, listen, learn, and imagine different worlds together.
NETFLIX WATCH PARTY: POSE

FEBRUARY 16 | 6:00PM
MEETING ID: 848 8537 3909
PASSCODE: 929156

Queer Intersections Association
Chicanx/Latinx Student Center
Fun Friday!

February 12 at 12pm
Meeting ID: 9941 9803 3137

Over the noon hour we invite students to connect with our staff and other students. We will be available to answer questions, play games, and just overall build community with one another.
# Community Events and Announcements

## Native American Student Center

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Office Hour Zoom Link: [https://www.zoom.us/j/9728035935](https://www.zoom.us/j/9728035935)
Meeting ID: 972 8036 5935