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Cuesta's Cultural Center Opens to Campus Community



Nearing the end of its first semester in operation, Cuesta College's Cultural Center has become a learning center and social network for the campus community.

The Cultural Center, located in building 5400 on the San Luis Obispo Campus, opened at the start of the Spring 2008 Semester. The center, which exhibits the motto "Exploration, Awareness, Diversity," is a collaborative effort between students, staff and faculty. The Cultural Center offers regularly scheduled activities for the entire student body, ranging from movie screenings, roundtable discussions, workshops, musical presentations and various social opportunities. The Cultural Center also has two computers that students or visitors can use to conduct research for class or personal interest.

"We are very excited that Cuesta College has created a space to promote cultural diversity and awareness for students, faculty and staff," said Sadie Drake, program assistant for the Cultural Center. "The Cultural Center needs everybody's involvement in order to be successful. I am looking forward to coordinating programs and events that will promote cultural awareness on our campus."

The idea for establishing a student-minded cultural center on campus dates back to a self-study conducted in 2002. Last year a committee was tasked with supervising the project, and in January the Cultural Center opened under the oversight of Cuesta College's Student Life and Leadership Office.

"For me, as an international student, it is important that American students get the chance to learn about other cultures," said Bianca Baeumler, a Cuesta College student. "Most residential students at Cuesta might never have the chance to actually visit those countries, so it is our pleasure to let them know how we live."

The Cultural Center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday whenever school is in session in room 5104B.

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