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 Claremont Graduate University



Welcome CGU Scholars! For those that are beginning their graduate school journey, welcome to the THRIVE community. For those that are beginning a new academic year, congratulations on this important milestone! The THRIVE Program is designed to ensure graduate scholars of color are surrounded by a community of support through programming that is Black, Indigenous and People of Color centered.

This last year and a half required that we navigate life differently. To support the THRIVE community this past academic year, we offered programming virtually, and on various days/times during the week to ensure that we remained connected and that the workshops and activities engaged you not only academically, but personally.

This academic year, to ensure that we remain a connected community, we will be offering programming in multiple modalities. Programming will be offered virtually, in-person (on campus) and asynchronously (via Canvas and Circle-In platforms). As such, when reviewing the event descriptions, please be mindful of the format in which it is being offered. We are thrilled for the summit that we've planned this fall with themes that focus on: 1) identity and community; 2) mentorship and 3) writer identity & voice. In total there are 6 THRIVE summit events that you can join to focus on yourself, and seek/build community. We hope to see you at all of the events, but if this is not possible, we encourage you to partake in at least one event this fall semester.

We are thrilled for our new partnership with the Center for Writing & Rhetoric Anti-Discrimination Committee. Through this partnership, we will have several workshops and activities throughout this academic year that will enable you to engage your writer identity and embrace your writer voice. Be sure to read more about these sessions and register today!

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As you move through this semester, please know that there are several offices available to support you and connect you to the appropriate resources. If you don't know where to begin, we suggest that you connect with the [Office of Student Engagement](#). I look forward to seeing you at a forthcoming THRIVE event. Be well.

In Community,

Rachel Camacho

Director, Office of Student Engagement

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## **THRIVE - Graduate Scholars of Color**

The THRIVE newsletter aims to keep you informed of all happenings through this cross-campus initiative. **THRIVE** is designed to ensure graduate scholars of color are surrounded by a community of support through programming that is Black, Indigenous and People of Color centered.

### **Stay Connected With THRIVE!**



Stay connected with CGU graduate scholars of color! Log in through Canvas and join the [THRIVE page](#)!



Follow the Office of Student Life, Diversity & Leadership on [social media](#).



## Upcoming Events Fall 2021

**Save the Date** - *THRIVE Summit 1: Understanding Our Identities*

**Who are We?** (Virtual Event) During day one we will focus on exploring our intersecting identities. As graduate scholars of color we must take the time to reflect and share our experience to better understand our narratives and work to integrate

that into our scholarly work. Come with an open mind, and be ready to share your story in collage of images.

**Date:** Thursday, September 23, 2021

**Time:** 12:00-1:00 pm Pacific time

**[Register via this link](#)**

**Part 2** (In-Person Event) Now that we understand the power of our stories and intersecting identities, we will join together in a Graduate Scholars of Color mixer. Attendees will interact and explore an array of narratives with the group, build relationships and gather a better understanding of the different lived and learned experiences among one another.

**Date:** Saturday, September 25, 2021

**Time:** 10:00am -12:00 pm Pacific time

**[Register via this link](#)**

*THRIVE Summit 2: The Power of Mentorship*

***What is mentorship?*** (Virtual Event) Bring your questions and come explore a great session on mentorship. We will be Inside the Faculty Studio with Dr. Guan Saw, Guan Saw is an associate professor in the School of Educational Studies at Claremont Graduate University who has a research focus on mentorship. Through this event, we hope you will learn why mentorship is important for graduate scholars, identify your current mentorship network, and determine your needs from your mentor during graduate school.

**Date:** Thursday, October 21, 2021

**Time:** 5:30-6:15PM pm Pacific time

**[Register via this link](#)**

**Part 2** (In-Person Event) Following our *Inside the Faculty Studio* event with Dr. Guan Saw, we invite our Graduate Scholars of Color to participate in Building Your Board of Directors with CGU's Director of Student Engagement, Rachel Camacho. Rachel will continue the conversation on why mentorship is vital to Graduate Scholars of Color's success and will provide you with the tools and information needed to start building

your Board of Directors. The **first ten students who register** will have an opportunity to engage in a one-hour mentoring session with a CGU affiliate.

**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021

**Time:** 10:00am -12:00 pm Pacific time

**[Register via this link](#)**

### *THRIVE Summit 3: Writer Identity & Voice*

***Finding Your Writer-Identity*** (Hybrid Event) This is the first of a two-part workshop series from the Center for Writing & Rhetoric's Anti-Discrimination Committee. This workshop series is intended to cultivate a space for students of color who may be experiencing a lack of belonging or disconnect from being able to identify as scholars and writers. This will be a multimodal workshop that includes exercises of self-reflection on your relationship to your writing. In this workshop, we will engage with work from minority writers like James Baldwin and Audre Lorde on what it means to write from a marginalized position.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 - 3:30 pm Pacific Time

**Attending In-Person? [Register here](#)**

**Attending Virtually? [Register here](#)**

***Embracing Your Writer-Voice*** (Hybrid Event) After reflecting on your own identities as writers, the next step is to determine how your voice comes through in your writing. This workshop will help guide you in how to identify when and where to add your voice into the writing process, and what type of writing style suits your own form of expression best. We will read the work of minority writers like Gloria Anzaldúa and reflect on how marginalized people embrace their voices as writers.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:30 pm Pacific Time

**Attending In-Person? [Register here](#)**

Attending Virtually? [Register here](#)

**Come THRIVE with us! Why Join THRIVE? Hear what current students are saying about THRIVE:**



*"I attended the THRIVE Summit - First Year Graduate Scholars of Color on Saturday, January 30, 2021. As a son of immigrants and first-generation graduate student, embarking on my graduate studies journey was very daunting task. Despite the virtual setting, imposter syndrome quickly set in as I began my first semester at CGU. After attending the THRIVE Summit - First Year Graduate Scholars of Color event during my first semester, I was able to find a community of support from across the different schools at CGU. In true interdisciplinary spirit, I still regularly connect with them to bounce ideas for collaboration."*

**-Steve Flores, MA student Education, Student Affairs & Educational Justice**



*"Participating in the THRIVE symposium encouraged me to reevaluate in what ways I want to contribute to society as an aspiring researcher. The transdisciplinarity of the symposium gave me the opportunity to hear from fellow CGU students whom I would have never crossed paths with otherwise since their research interests varied from mine. The symposium embodied CGU's motto of 'Many Flames, One Light' and I am humbled to be a part of a scholarly community that aims to transcend traditional boundaries to tackle the world's most complex issues together."*

**-Hinako Irei, MA Psychology student, Positive Developmental Psychology & Evaluation**



## **Announcements:**

**Have you seen the new Diversity, Equity & Inclusion website?**

Read more about CGU's efforts, upcoming events, and resources towards advancing equity at [info.cgu.edu/equity/](http://info.cgu.edu/equity/).

**[Sign up for the Newsletter](#) from the Office of Black Student Affairs here (OBSA).**

Learn more about [Chicano Latino Student Affairs \(CLSA\)](#).

Learn more about THRIVE at [my.cgu.edu/student-engagement/thrive/](https://my.cgu.edu/student-engagement/thrive/).

