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Leonel Montoya: 00:00:01.7 Okay. Hello! This is Leonel Montoya. I'm going
to be the interviewer for this conversation with 00:00:01.7
Leonel Montoya: 00:00:10.5 could you say your name, please? 00:00:10.5
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:00:12.3 Sure my name is Windi Sasaki.
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Leonel Montoya: 00:00:15.1 Awesome. Thank you very much. So well, this is
an interview for the oral history class. And so. 00:00:15.1
Leonel Montoya: 00:00:25.1 okay, could you tell me about where you grew
up. And your academic journey. 00:00:25.1
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:00:31.7 Sure so I was born in Sacramento,
California, in Northern California. And 00:00:31.7
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:00:39.5 I had a 00:00:39.5
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:00:41.5 I guess in. I I guess I don't know
how far back you you're interested in. But when I went to elementary
school we moved around a little bit in town, and so. I think I I ended up
going to 5 different elementary schools. Between 1st grade and 4th grade
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:01:02.3 and and then was able to stay in
those schools and 00:01:02.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:01:06.5 When I graduated from high school I
got into a number of colleges, but I chose to come to U. San Diego.
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:01:14.6 And 00:01:14.6
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:01:18.0 Started here as a molecular biology
Major. After my 4th year I changed my major to psychology. Which I have
my bachelor's degree in in a minor, in biology and classical and medieval
Europe, which is one of the special minors for Roseville College.
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:01:36.0 And then I worked for campus for a
couple of years before leaving. To get my master's degree. I have a
master's in student affairs and higher education 00:01:36.0
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:01:45.5 and from the Indiana University of
Pennsylvania, which is a State institution in the State of Pennsylvania.
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:01:53.6 And before. And so I've worked in a
couple of places before coming back to work at UC. San Diego. 00:01:53.6
Leonel Montoya: 00:01:59.5 Awesome and could you tell me, why did you
decide to change your major. 00:01:59.5
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:02:04.4 Sure. So I started as a molecular
biology major. I thought that was something that I was interested in,
particularly in high school. And I 00:02:04.4
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:02:14.9 had parents who are really proud that
that's what I was studying and excited for me to do that and there are 2
things that I noticed as I was going through that the the 1st was that I
I was not very interested in it. Past certain level. 00:02:14.9
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:02:34.2 There was a lot of other things that
I was doing on campus. I was an orientation leader. I was involved in
some different student organizations. And I saw advisors and those who
had full time jobs. And I thought, I want to do this and not this the
stuff that I thought I wanted to do before. 00:02:34.2
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:02:51.9 And so how do I? How do I 00:02:51.9
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:02:54.5 find jobs doing this kind of thing
when I'm done here? Cause. Those are all folks who had full time jobs,
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right? So so maybe I want to do that instead. And and then the other part
was that it it 00:02:54.5
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:03:05.5 probably fueled by not being so
interested in it. I wasn't doing well in the classes right like I think
the more that I got into particularly, really, chemistry and
biochemistry. I really struggled with my coursework, and that became to
be something that was really difficult for me to to finish. And so a and
you know, kind of coupled with, I'm not gonna really even do work. That
this is going to be directly applied. Anyway. 00:03:05.5
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:03:32.0 you know, is this really important?
And I think, as I was starting to do more other things, I was realizing
that I had a greater interest in particularly social psychology which you
can specialize in in the psychology department here. 00:03:32.0
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:03:50.3 And so so at some point said, you
know, it's I'm not going to finish this degree in biology. Let me just go
ahead and change that and 00:03:50.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:03:59.9 actually, like some of the psychology
classes. So let me try and take more of those and and whether or not I
can finish. I wasn't going to finish with the Bs degree, so got the BA
and psychology but was able to take a lot more classes that were kind of
connected to social psychology. 00:03:59.9
Leonel Montoya: 00:04:15.8 I see that's awesome. And 00:04:15.8
Leonel Montoya: 00:04:18.2 Could you? Could you explain to me what are
the APIMEDA Programs and Services, and how did you start getting yourself
involved with it? 00:04:18.2
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:04:25.6 Sure. So my, my current role is as
the associate director for affirmative programs and services, so that's
our asian Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern busy American programs and
services the office was started out of student activism. There was some
students who were enrolled here in 2010 00:04:25.6
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:04:47.3 And after watching some of the events
of of Black winter and things like that 00:04:47.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:04:54.6 and watching their friends continue
and supporting some of their friends and doing some of the activism that
started the black resource center, the Raza resource center into the
inner tribal Resource center. Were 00:04:54.6
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:05:08.9 kind of looking around after, you
know, having some of these things be successful and saying like.
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:05:13.8 you know, we need things also.
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:05:16.3 And how do we come together and and
talk about like what we're experiencing on campus and what our needs are,
and watching some of their colleagues at other universities, including
other Uc campuses, have very public and over 00:05:16.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:05:36.1 instances of racism happen on their
campus and being concerned about what would happen if some of those
things happened here at Uc. San Diego. Those students came together and
they wrote an an open letter 00:05:36.1
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:05:50.9 and the open letter had several
different demands in it of the institution, and kind of like 1st laid
out. What some of those experiences are pulled statistics to show some of
the different 00:05:50.9
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:06:04.4 the things that demonstrated, maybe lack of service, and things like that that they were seeing and 00:06:04.4 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:06:11.5 had a series of things that they were asking for. So they're asking for more. caps. Counselors who were of Asian, American, or Pacific Islander descent at the time there was one permanent person, and one post off who which is usually a limited contract person. 00:06:11.5 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:06:30.7 There 00:06:30.7 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:06:31.8 they had, shown the number of faculty. Who were teaching on Asian American topics that had been at Ucc. Who had left and then replaced by people who don't teach those topics. And so it was 00:06:31.8 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:06:46.8 creating a situation where there were very few faculty. Who self identified Asian American. But also we're teaching on topics that were relevant to them. Culturally and and racially, and wanting to have more people who were able to do that so that they could have an Asian American Studies minor started on campus, which at the time there wasn't 1 00:06:46.8 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:07:12.1 and then at the open letter describes something called an APIMEDA research and resource center. So there's a couple of things with that. With the 1st is that they created this acronym aimed 00:07:12.1 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:07:25.2 and a students did so with. 00:07:25.2 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:07:28.3 because there was a Middle Eastern American student who was really involved in supporting 00:07:28.3 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:07:34.7 these efforts, and the students kind of looked around and said, You know, if we don't ask for you to be included, we don't know when you will be 00:07:34.7 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:07:42.5 and and thought about that, that the student was in coalition with them because they saw some of their experiences as being really similar to some of the Asian, American and Pacific Islander students, that that they were interacting with and supporting. And so and so it. They also saw that back, because that student had explained it to them. 00:07:42.5 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:08:03.7 And so created this acronym, but what they were envisioning is that students would go to a place where there would be faculty, who would hold office hours, who they could do research with in in this kind of central location, and while they were there getting this academic support, that there would be other staff that were there who could provide other retention, support other 00:08:03.7 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:08:25.1 community development kind of opportunities and ways for them to connect. This is something that's really different than any of the other current. 00:08:25.1 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:08:34.1 campus, community centers, or some or really any other kind of thing that happens on campus. And so those things got separated. But there were at at 1 point some faculty who were looking at whether or not they could hold a research, a research center 00:08:34.1 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:08:47.3 and that left this 00:08:47.3 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:08:49.8 set of things for a resource center

or office 00:08:49.8

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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:08:54.9 and so what what got approved at at 1
point was to be able to hire a program manager. 00:08:54.9
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:09:03.1 and so so there, I guess there's 2
parts of it when they were doing the app. And since we're doing the
advocacy I was working on campus, and as an alum they had pulled me in to
be able to provide some alumni perspective. But also I was present on
campus with them, and so could could be in the portion of the position to
mentor folks and and support. 00:09:03.1
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:09:24.0 And then, as folks were talking about
this position. 00:09:24.0
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:09:28.4 They they had posted again at the
start a program manager position that 00:09:28.4
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:09:36.4 could start to do some of the
programs and and design some of the support kinds of things for students
and and they were pretty specific about them, starting with undergraduate
students only 00:09:36.4
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:09:49.8 And so I had applied for that
position and was hired to be the 1st staff member for apple native
programs and services. 00:09:49.8
Leonel Montoya: 00:10:00.1 That's awesome. And 00:10:00.1
Leonel Montoya: 00:10:02.7 in your timing the APIMEDA Programs and
Services. 00:10:02.7
Leonel Montoya: 00:10:07.1 Do you consider having any particular
successes in the, in, the. 00:10:07.1
Leonel Montoya: 00:10:12.3 in, the, in the services. 00:10:12.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:10:14.7 so you know, everything was built
like we had to. I had to kind of work with everyone, to start to figure
out what to start right? And so there are a couple of different ways that
that started originally, I think, some part of looking at 00:10:14.7
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:10:30.1 both the open letter and what the
students had described that they thought they needed, and 00:10:30.1
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:10:37.5 Reaching out to the broader
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:10:40.8 group of APIMEDA student
organizations and saying, Okay, well, you know to a degree, the open
letter describes some additional support needed for appameta student
organizations. You all are already existing. 00:10:40.8
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:10:56.5 What do you think you need, you know,
like, what does that look like for you all to get support? Knowing that
the thing that I don't have is space, because I was 00:10:56.5
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:11:06.7 borrowing an office a desk in
somebody else's office at the time and funding, because I didn't have a
lot of money. So I I can't support, you know your large events, or
anything like that. But what else do you need? What do your members need?
What kind of 00:11:06.7
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:11:24.6 things would be helpful. And no
matter if the organization was really big or really small, which exists
in community in these communities. 00:11:24.6
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:11:33.6 They all said, we don't know the
other student organizations, and we think we should 00:11:33.6
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:11:38.2 and so we had it started to hold
mixers, which ended up happening quarterly for the student organization
so that they could come together. But they got to know 00:11:38.2
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:11:49.9 me, and later on the other staff 00:11:49.9

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:11:53.0 as well, but that they also got to know each other, that we're trying to do some things that help them connect what 00:11:53.0

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:12:00.5 often happens since that there's a couple of organizations have been around for decades, and they can share with some of the groups that are newer. That might be of similar size some of the ways that they transition their officers and things like that. And some of the newer groups are have been able to come together and connect with one another. Some of those organizations have trouble, especially the small ones, have trouble 00:12:00.5

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:12:27.7 continuing. And so there's a couple of organizations where I'm holding there 00:12:27.7

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:12:33.7 their previous information. So that 00:12:33.7

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:12:36.4 if we can find more students and we start those organizations that they have something they're not starting completely over again. I met with the student organization yesterday. That is just rebuilding. They don't know any of their alumni, and in in the conversation that we had maybe a 40 min conversation. 00:12:36.4 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:12:54.5 We were able to to talk about some of the alumni that they have that are in town. We know that we'll come back, and we'll support them and help them kind of rethink about. What does that mean for them to keep growing, and I was meeting with a group 00:12:54.5

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:13:07.2 that was half seniors, that they are graduating in 2 weeks or 3 weeks right? That the other half 00:13:07.2 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:13:16.0 can can kind of work forward with. Okay, how do we meet these up these alumni, some of who work on campus, some of whom just live in town that will support us, and and and kind of provide some things to move forward. 00:13:16.0

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:13:29.3 I think one of the other things is that enabled we've been able to build connections across the UC system. So there's the group of folks who work with Middle Eastern and Middle Eastern American students meets on a regular basis. We have for the last 2 years planned at conference. That 00:13:29.3

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:13:47.8 is hosted at UC Riverside cause they have a larger budget and can accommodate that differently. But all of us help plans for students to be able to come together. As far as we know it's the only relatively large scale gathering of Southwest Asian North African students in the country. And so we had students in this last Conference come from the University of Maryland, in addition to all the different campuses in California. 00:13:47.8

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:14:15.7 to be able to meet and learn from each other, and and talk about what this means for them as students to be 00:14:15.7

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:14:22.5 Middle Eastern, and and going into college or soon to graduate from college. And and how do they want that to be represented? So we're we've been excited to support that and to 00:14:22.5

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:14:37.2 to present and have students from here and from other campuses be able to go and and think about. That

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means for them to kind of share leadership with other students and and do
some things moving forward. 00:14:37.2
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:14:50.2 Let me 00:14:50.2
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:14:51.5 no we just also moved into a physical
space. So we now have one. We're waiting for furniture, and we're we're
looking forward to opening but this has been a significant increase in
staff. It was used to be just me, and for a while me and a couple of
student staff members. There's now 2 full time staff in the office. One
graduate student who's working graduate student community development and
7 undergraduate students. 00:14:51.5
Leonel Montoya: 00:15:17.2 Great. 00:15:17.2
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:15:18.0 Easy. 00:15:18.0
Leonel Montoya: 00:15:20.0 And 00:15:20.0
Leonel Montoya: 00:15:20.8 Do you see the APIMEDA programs and services
changing in any way in the future? 00:15:20.8
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:15:26.7 I think so. I I think that 00:15:26.7
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:15:32.4 the you know we we saw a lot of
changes here. We just held the last staff meeting for just my current
staff. The next staff meeting will include next year staff 00:15:32.4
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:15:42.2 and you know, we part of what we
talked with that staff about is that we didn't. You know this? They they
are the 1st staff that we've had 7 undergraduate staff. I think the
largest I had before that was for but we had 3 undergraduate student
staff last year, so this more than doubled it, and that had allowed some
of them to think about 00:15:42.2
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:16:05.2 more specific kinds of things that
they would do. So we moved from having one designer publications
assistant who used to need to do all of our advertising and our life look
and anything else that we're doing online or newsletter. Some of our
website development. And so you know, things like that to having 3 folks
that spread that work out differently. So our social media assistant came
up with branding guidelines and 00:16:05.2
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:16:34.0 you know, ways for us to look at
color and made templates for advertising that we can just copy. And then
put in the information that we need to, and and graphics and things like
that. So so there's some things like that that have made this a lot
easier rather than just 00:16:34.0
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:16:51.0 kind of deciding each time like, How
do we want this to look? We had community assistance that works
specifically with our student organizations? And so they could provide
more outreach and different kinds of programming and ways to kind of try
and connect with the different student organizations left room for the
other community assistance to to rethink some of the other programming.
How do they want to do more? 00:16:51.0
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:17:17.3 types of community education social
justice, education, and then some other kinds of things that support
community. We celebrated a lot more of the different kinds of holidays or
cultural months. There are a lot of them in this community. 00:17:17.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:17:34.5 and but they they've been really
helpful in. Oh, well, we can plan this, and we'll research this
information rather than just having a couple of people who had to spread
our energies into multiple different kinds of things, at the same time
trying to put those things together. So. 00:17:34.5
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:17:50.9 you know, I think that that's been 00:17:50.9 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:17:53.3 really kind of helpful. And what we told them is that like as much as they grew a whole, these things. 00:17:53.3 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:18:01.3 they. They're really setting a foundation for other folks to figure out what to do and how they want to grow it, because a lot of it was just like, How will this work once size staff and the next group can go? 00:18:01.3 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:18:13.3 You don't. Doesn't have to worry about how to put it in place. It's like, what else do we want to be able to do? So there's some things that we used to do before the pandemic that are gonna be able to come back next year. We needed to wait a year as we moved. 00:18:13.3 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:18:27.1 That will allow for folks to rethink about what it means for them to be in coalition. Asian American is originally a coalition term, and so is a PETA and APIMEDA. 00:18:27.1 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:18:40.9 right? Not cultural community terms, but Coalition terms. So what does that mean for folks to be in coalition? How do they build them? And what does that mean? They want to create and change? And so when we were doing those well before the pandemic that meant students. 00:18:40.9 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:18:57.4 student leaders, and other people who attended it got to create projects and and do things. And so we're looking at the ability to bring that back, requiring all the staff to attend it so that they can also think about like, Okay, great. What do I do with this project? What? What 00:18:57.4 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:19:14.9 change do I want to influence on campus, what thing should be created that will better support coalition or community. And then what can we move forward? So I think some of those things will come. Come up, I think, as the communities grow in size and change a little bit. That that will also influence and change the ways that we need to react to support 00:19:14.9 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:19:37.6 community. I think, as more of the community self identifies as Middle Eastern American, and that the the Federal Government starts to recognize that as in 00:19:37.6 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:19:52.9 of 00:19:52.9 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:19:55.3 a racial group 00:19:55.3 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:19:57.0 that that will amplify differently. The ways that our students come to campus and and want to see themselves differently reflected. And so I I think I'm probably fortunate to enough to exist before. Those policies get more implemented and things like that. Because students have before this wanted that but we might have more students who are 00:19:57.0 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:20:25.2 expected to, or willing to self identify that way, and that means that we need to be prepared differently for them. To to experience the campus better to see themselves reflected, and for for more of the campus to understand them and their identities. So that's a different set of education that 00:20:25.2 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:20:45.4 will 00:20:45.4 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:20:46.3 will hopefully attract more of our also second faculty to so that they have a better understanding of their

students. As as they also plan activities and interact with more of the

students on campus. 00:20:46.3

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Leonel Montoya: 00:21:03.0 That's great. 00:21:03.0
Leonel Montoya: 00:21:04.7 And 00:21:04.7
Leonel Montoya: 00:21:06.4 Would you change anything about Ucc.
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:21:10.3 Oh, I yeah, I think you know, the
00:21:10.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:21:15.0 the thing is that my office was
created out of people wanting to change. UCSD, right? And so it is the
expectation that we can do that. 00:21:15.0
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:21:25.1 And and if I think about 00:21:25.1
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:21:28.1 you know any, all, all of the campus
community centers and programs. Right? We're we're created out of student
activism students saying, we're not having the or and sometimes staff and
faculty, we're not having the experience. We think we should hear
00:21:28.1
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:21:41.3 so? 00:21:41.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:21:43.3 You know that that 00:21:43.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:21:45.3 created our offices, that created the
division of equity, diversity, inclusion that also came from student
demands right and 00:21:45.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:21:53.7 that comes with the expectation
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:21:56.3 that we will be able to influence
00:21:56.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:00.7 the campus changing. So. You know
this this has been, how does the campus feel more comfortable 00:22:00.7
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:09.2 to everyone on the community on the
campus. How how are folks? Invited in and 00:22:09.2
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:19.2 believe that this is safe? Not not,
are told that it is a safety, but also just believe that, and can
navigate the campus in a way with all of their identities and things like
that. So 00:22:19.2
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:29.6 oh, I think the way that our students
tell us now. 00:22:29.6
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:33.6 right 00:22:33.6
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:34.8 that 00:22:34.8
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:36.0 that's not what's happening right for
everybody. I think there are certainly some of our students who see that
I think that there's certainly staff and faculty who have watched this
change over time. But if 00:22:36.0
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:46.7 everyone really thought about like.
00:22:46.7
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:48.9 does everyone feel 00:22:48.9
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:51.4 100% like they can be their full
selves here? 00:22:51.4
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:22:55.3 That's not maybe where we are yet. So
there's still work to do right? To be able to create things that
00:22:55.3
Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:23:04.8 create better environments. So I look
at this from 2 ways like, I think there's some expectation from the
campus in the inside of my office that we can develop events and programs
and things like that that will create some of those spaces for for our
aimed, identified students. And 00:23:04.8
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Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:23:26.3 we still have some things to do, and it will be a little different with having physical space. Now it's for folks to be able to come and do that. But my belief is that you know this is a large population. 00:23:26.3

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:23:37.2 and even if it were a small population, not all of them would 00:23:37.2

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:23:40.5 come to the space for different reasons. They didn't hear about it until late. That's not the kind of space that they felt comfortable in. They didn't know whether or not that was for them or not, which happens in community and things like that. And really this can't be the only space that. 00:23:40.5

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:23:56.9 But students feel safe 00:23:56.9 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:23:59.3 in when they're on campus it it needs to be north of the campus. So 00:23:59.3

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:24:04.7 And before they even have a chance to meet me they will move 00:24:04.7

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:24:08.5 potentially onto campus, into housing. They will go to a classroom. They will go to or news through the orientation, they will 00:24:08.5

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:24:16.6 have an email exchange with financial aid, or the registrar's office, or somebody? Right? 00:24:16.6

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:24:21.8 So so if we're looking at. 00:24:21.8 Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:24:25.6 How does the campus become more inclusive? That has to be 00:24:25.6

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:24:29.0 everybody that can't just be me and my staff doing what we need to do to support students. It needs to be everybody. So we've been doing. And we'll continue to do more education, that target staff and faculty about the population, about the community what they experience and higher education ways that they can better support. 00:24:29.0

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:24:50.2 We've we have worked with the campus to receive a designation as an Asian, American, and Native American Pacific Islander serving institution, which is a minority serving institution status through the Us. Department of Education. And it isn't enough for us to say, Hey, work any. Which is how you say that acronym. 00:24:50.2

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:25:14.4 but it means that we have to be able to do things that independent of whether or not we, we get any grant funding from the Department of Education which we currently don't have. 00:25:14.4

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:25:27.0 how are students experiencing this where they believe that we are in a serving institution, and that all of our minoritized students also feel that this is a a good place for them to be, and that they learned a lot. So that that's a lot of that's the reason why I have to do. But you know, there's a lot of different kinds of things that I think 00:25:27.0

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:25:50.6 are important, so that our students feel like this is a good place for me, and I can be successful here. 00:25:50.6

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:25:58.0 Alright! 00:25:58.0

Leonel Montoya: 00:25:59.5 Those are all the questions I have for you and thank you very much for your time. 00:25:59.5

Leonel Montoya: 00:26:04.0 and just for the record it is May 31 at 2 00:26:04.0

Windi Sasaki (she/they): 00:26:12.5 Thank you. 00:26:12.5