

## **Ventura College DRAFT Land Acknowledgement Statement**

We acknowledge that Ventura College is located on the unceded land of the Chumash peoples. We also acknowledge that the land where this educational institution resides was founded upon exclusions and erasures of Chumash peoples. Ventura College honors their connection to this region and pay our respects to the Chumash community, their elders, both past and present, as well as future generations.

In the footsteps of the Chumash people, we carry forward their tradition of coming together to grow as an inclusive and equitable community. This acknowledgement demonstrates a commitment to beginning the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism and is written in the spirit of educational collaboration and community.”