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WELCOME

In April, MSSP welcomed Louie Arce, pronouns he/him/his, as the new Assistant Director. He lives in the small town of Mt. Angel best known for are small Oktoberfest festival (if you know, you know). Louie is a WOU alumni, class 2014, where he received a Bachelors of Arts in Communications. He was working as a professional mentor in Portland with the non profit organization Friends of the Children. It was the best job he never knew he wanted but could not pass up the opportunity to return to WOU as a staff member. He is happy to be here! Welcome Louie!

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Pascual Oropeza Jr, '13



1. Your major while at WOU

I majored in Social Science

2. Your minor while at WOU.

I minored in Humanities

3. Hometown?

Gervais, OR

4. Your favorite quote?

"If it's to be it is up to me" -Unknown

5. What is your favorite memory at WOU?

I don't have a favorite memory, but just all the new experiences that I was exposed to due to attending WOU.

6. What was the most challenging aspect of college?

The academic aspect. Academics was never my strong point so I had to make sure my academic skills were good enough to get me through classes.

7. What was the most exciting aspect of college?

Meeting new people from all over the world and understanding different mindsets

8. What resources did you use to be successful at WOU?

Trio, library, Counseling, tutoring

9. Any word of advice for underrepresented students coming to WOU?

Push yourself out of your comfort zone. Whether in academics or extracurricular activities.

10. Your current employment?

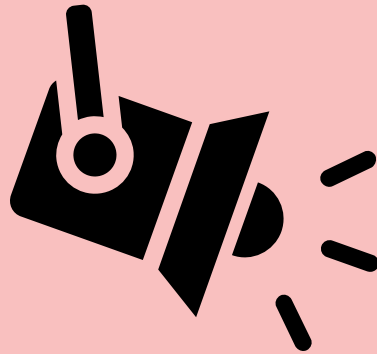
School Counselor at McKay High School in Salem, Oregon.

11. How has your experience and education at WOU shaped your life after college?

I learned a lot of organizational, academic, and social skills that I still use today to interact with the world.

12. Share anything interesting about yourself?

My wife and I are both WOU alumni and are both high school counselors. We have 5 great and beautiful daughters, one who will be attending WOU this Fall. Something I have been focusing on in the last 10 years is trying to connect with my Indigenous Mexican roots/knowledge to help me understand my role in this world. Re-connecting and understanding my roots and ancestral cosmivision helps me be a better human, partner, father, etc.



MSSP Mission

The office of Multicultural Student Services & Programs is committed to the recruitment, retention and graduation of historically underrepresented & underserved populations by providing educational opportunities and outstanding programming for ethnically and culturally diverse students. MSSP strives to enrich the undergraduate experience and foster a supportive environment for students of color to live, learn and grow as active members of the Western Oregon University community and as individuals.

Quote

"A sweet ending to a New Beginning "
-Unknown

QUESADILLA SALVADOREÑA



Ingredients:

- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 (4 ounce) package Parmesan cheese, finely grated
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon baking power
- 1 cup rice flour
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, or to taste

How to make:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
2. Beat egg whites in a glass, metal, or ceramic bowl until firm, but not stiff
3. Combine sugar and butter in a large bowl; beat with an electric mixer on high speed until creamy. Mix in egg yolks until well blended. Mix in Parmesan cheese gradually. Add sour cream and baking power; beat until batter is smooth.
4. Sift rice flour over batter; fold in with a spatula. Fold in egg whites with the spatula.
5. Pour batter into a 9x13-inch glass baking dish. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top
6. Bake in the pre heated oven until golden brown on top and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 38 minutes

Academic Calendar Highlights



June



19: Fathers Day

- 20: Campus Closed: Juneteenth Holiday
- 20: Summer term classes begin
- 23: MSSP office closed



July

- 4: Campus Closed- Independence Day
- 7, 8, 9, 13, 15 & 16: PACK Program
- 29: 6 week session last day



August

- 1: 10 week session ends
- 22 & 23: MCR Training