**August 31st: Lehua Taitano**  
**Poet/Activist**  
Lehua is a queer Chamoru writer & interdisciplinary artist from Guam. Her poetry, essays, & Pushcart Prize-nominated fiction have been published internationally. Lehua’s work investigates modern indigeneity, decolonization, & diasporic cultural identity.

**September 21st: Inés Ixierda**  
**Sogorea Te’ Land Trust**  
Inés is an interdisciplinary Mestizx artist & media maker with a background in youth work, decolonial nonprofit administration, & community organizing. She coordinates projects, organizes events, & works on the land with plant medicines.

**September 28th: Mariana Horne**  
**Access Reproductive Justice**  
Mariana is an immigrant from Mexico, & a prominent advocate & educator, devoted to providing reproductive care for all. Mariana promotes equity & education surrounding reproductive rights, ensuring that all individuals receive the care they deserve.

**October 12th: Erica Ambrin**  
**Hip-Hop Artist/ Songwriter**  
Erica’s music gives you vibes of Erykah Badu, The Fugees, & The Alabama Shakes. After gaining popularity as a contestant on American Idol, Erica recorded her first hip-hop project “Lucid Dreamer”. Currently she resides in Sonoma county.

**October 19th: Elaini Vargas,**  
**Intertribal Agriculture Council**  
Elaini Vargas, is the Youth Programs Director for IAC. A member of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria, she lives in Napa Valley. Elaini is an SSU Alumna, with a B.A. in Global Studies and a minor in Native American Studies.

**October 26th: Lina Blanco**  
**North Bay Organizing for Justice**  
Lina is a Communications & Cultural Strategist for NBOJ. Raised by her single immigrant father & Mexican grandparents, Lina, became a co-founding staff member of the Native American Health & Media Center, which provided community-based graphic design & digital storytelling workshops.

**November 2nd: Megan Izen**  
**Narrative Initiative**  
Megan, an SSU WGS alumni, has over 15 years of experience in the United States & Southern Africa as a Communications Strategist. Megan has worked to help strengthen organizational sustainability, infrastructure & commitment to racial, environmental & gender justice.

**November 16th: Leslie Quintanilla**  
**SF State WGS Assistant Professor**  
Dr. Quintanilla’s praxis focuses on contemporary issues related to transnational borderland activisms such as including women-of-color feminist activism. Dr. Quintanilla’s interests include: Zapatismo, US Mexico border(s), Italian & Mediterranean border(s), & movement organizing.

**November 30th: Jonathan Relucio**  
**All Thrive Education**  
Jonathan is the co-founder of AllThriveEd.org & serves on the Healing Advisory Council for Filipino Advocates for Justice. Jonathan values yoga, meditation, indigenous medicine & dance as practices for liberation that heal us from the impact of oppressive systems.