“Non-violence is not inaction. It is not discussion. It is not for the timid or weak... Non-violence is hard work. It is the willingness to sacrifice. It is the patience to win.” - Cesar Chavez.

Cesar Chavez lead the civil rights movement with the intention of gaining better working conditions, living conditions, and better salaries for all farm workers. Cesar Chavez day is celebrated on March 31st in honor of Chavez’s birthday. Throughout his life this man has greatly impacted the lives of not only farm workers but also of all people with a dream of a better tomorrow. For many, the meaning of Cesar Chavez Day is to promote service to the community in honor of the life and work of Chavez. According to one CSU graduate student, Jesse Ramirez, “It’s always nice when you come to celebrate cultural leaders to show value to the work he did.” Ramirez also pointed out that this day serves as a reminder of how far we’ve come and how much work still needs to be done.

It is amazing how much one man accomplished. Chavez went into the movement without the intention of leading the union; all he wanted was to change people’s lives. It is up to us to carry the torch and finish what he started. Some see him as a civil rights leader and others as a saint. To learn more about Cesar Chavez and the struggle of the migrant farm workers that is still going on today, please join us on March 31, 2006 for an all day celebration.

"There is no such thing such as defeat in non-violence"

Cesar Chavez Quotes:

"You are never strong enough that you don’t need help"

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sake and for our own"

"Who gets the risks? The risks are given to the consumer, the unsuspecting consumer and the poor work force. And who gets the benefits? The benefits are only for the corporations, for the money makers."

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Cesar Chavez Day: March 31
12:00– Kick-off in LSC Sunken Lounge
1:00– Marching from LSC to Oval
5:00– LSC North Ballroom
6:00– LSC Cherokee Park
7:00– “Journey to the Theatre”
7:15– LSC Theatre “The Fight in the Fields”

VOTE!
The CSU student body election campaigns have begun. The candidates are Jason Green & Saddie Conrad and Jess Drydahl & Brett Dobinsky. Learn about the candidates by participating in the debates and researching each prospective president’s objective. Make sure to have your voice heard this year by voting. Voting will take place on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Along with the student body president elections, voting for senators of each individual college.

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