

CSI³ NEWSLETTER

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2020 has been quite the journey for all. Nine months of the year have been filled with adversities, challenges and unpredictable events. Some have had more personal responsibilities added to their daily routines and others have painfully lost loved ones. As a society we have been forced to pause and reflect. We are so proud of our students and all you continue to overcome. As our President Dr. Parham has stated in the past, "Toros are a different breed."

We can't agree more! We want to congratulate our graduating seniors and all of you for another wonderful semester. Despite the unusual circumstances in which you completed your education, we want to highlight what an achievement this is! Life has a way of providing ups and downs, joys and disappointments, hardships and windfalls. Nothing will ever replicate the time spent on campus and nothing will ever be the same, but know that your experience is far from over. In this new beginning you'll be reminded of friends you made, the skills you learned, and the strength you found to persevere every single day.

On behalf of the CSI³ Family we would like to extend our best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season. Let's all look forward to a brighter future going forward. Take care, be blessed and stay safe.



COMMUNITY BUILDING

Humor, honesty, thoughts, you name it! Share your most memorable memes of 2020.

BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

LAST DAY TO RSVP: 12/22/2020

Join us on January 11-15, 2021 as we offer courses to help you review skills and knowledge that are prerequisite for the gateway courses in the lower and upper divisions. Enrichment workshops will also be offered to help you prepare for success beyond your coursework. [Apply Here!](#)

WINTER SESSION

Good luck to those scholars taking winter session courses! Reach out to your CSI³ advisors if you need support with tutoring. We are here to help you succeed!

FALL 2020 REQUEST FOR LATE WITHDRAWAL (W) | DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 12/23/2020

CSUDH recently sent you information about extending the withdraw (W) deadline to December 23, 2020. You are welcome to discuss anything related to grades, academic status, or financial aid with your CSI³ advisors for guidance.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Please make sure to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application for 2021-2022. Need help, attend a financial aid application workshop.

WINTER BREAK NOTICE

We will be closed starting Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Friday, January 1, 2021. We look forward to working with you in the New Year!



- [STEM Scholars survey](#)
- [MSTI/NOYCE/WISE survey](#)
- [Teacher Assistant survey](#)



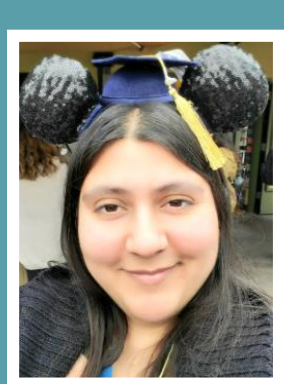
- [Shop Fab Lab!](#)
- [Food & Shelter Resources](#)
- [Calfresh](#)
- [Emergency Housing and Well-Being Assistance](#)
- [Student Health Services](#)
- [Student Psychological Services](#)

SENIOR Gratitude



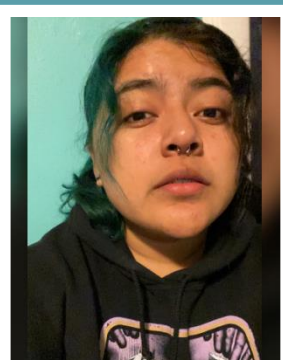
SARAH MEYERS
Liberal Studies: Natural Science | MSTI Scholar

"I would like to dedicate my degree to my mom who has always believed in me. And give a shout out to my fiancé who has loved me despite the fact that school tends to get more of my time than he does. Lol!"



SAMANTHA LOPEZ
Mathematics Education | MSTI/STEM Scholar

"This is not the ending we all had in mind. I did not have a traditional 4 year experience, and took my own time to get to graduation. No matter how long it takes, as long as you can see the end goal, keep going! Congrats class of Fall 2020 and Spring 2021!!❤️🍀❤️"



ABIGAIL ACOSTA
Mathematics Education | MSTI Scholar

"I dedicate my degree to my mom. She was my support system, believed in me, the route I took and my career."



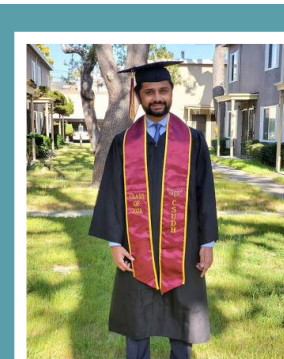
ERIKA REVELES
Liberal Studies: Spanish | MSTI Scholar

"I dedicate this achievement to the people who supported me and helped me throughout the journey. Thank you family, friends, classmates, professors and CSI³ team."



HECTOR CABRERA
Computer Science | STEM Scholar

"I wanted to dedicate this to my family because of all the support they have given me. This is a step forward for a better future and I'm excited for what is to come!"



JAY PATEL
Computer Science | STEM Scholar

"This degree is solely dedicated especially to my parents who have been with me during my hard and rough times; I love you both tremendously. Thank you to all my friends, family and professors who helped me to get where I am today."



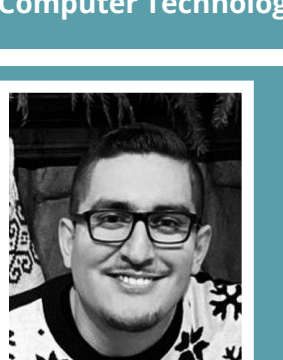
JIMAR D. EDDINGS
Computer Technology: Homeland Security | STEM Scholar

"I would like to thank everyone at CSI³ and STEM Advantage for their support, this experience wouldn't have been as smooth without them. I dedicate this to everyone who supported me, helped me achieve this goal, and all my friends and family who are no longer here to share this moment with me. Life is a marathon, find your pace and run your race."



MONICA PEREZ VALDEZ
Computer Science | STEM Scholar

Find something you are passionate about, give it your all, trust the process and eventually everything connects. A big thank you to everyone who supported me during my journey at CSUDH. "Once a Toro, always a Toro"



ALEJANDRO CRUZ JR.
Computer Science | STEM Scholar

"I would like to dedicate this degree to my wife and daughter. I dedicate this degree to them because they have been there for me throughout my journey and have never given up on me. I love them forever and can't wait to take our lives to the next level. I also want to thank CSI³ for being very supportive of my undergrad and for being there for me throughout my journey. Thank you Noemi and Dr. Hamdan for taking me under your wings."

Scholar OF THE Month



JAVIER ALDAIR ROJAS | SENIOR

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY
HOMELAND SECURITY



Campus Programs/Involvements: STEM Scholars

Career Goal: I'm not sure what my career goal is, I'm still trying to figure that out myself.

Hobbies: I like to spend my time reading books, gaming, and listening to music.

How has CSI³ helped you? CSI³ has helped me realize that I am not alone because I have them watching over me and rooting for me.

What keeps you motivated and positive throughout life's hardships? The things that keep me motivated during these hardships are my friends, family and CSI³. They motivate me to do greater things and to keep on believing in myself because the things I want need to come from within me.

What advice would you like to give to your fellow scholars? The only advice that I can give to my fellow scholars is to never give up and to always believe in themselves. Even when things are tough we have to keep going even if it's just a little bit more, we can all make it, it just takes effort to reach our goals.

What are your plans after graduation? As it stands I have no plans after graduation. Although I am a senior, I have no real plan. I'm just focused on the now so I can have a better future. I'll start thinking about my plans when graduation is closer, as it's still a fair way ahead.

[NOMINATE A SCHOLAR!](#)

Remember we are here to support you.. Don't forget to reach out if you need ANYTHING. [Click Here](#) to schedule an appointment.



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