

We celebrate a bunch of holidays in May—there's Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day...and it turns out that there is controversy or questions about all of them. Cinco de Mayo commemorates a real event, but now it is just used to sell margaritas and the history is completely lost. The woman who advocated for Mother's Day in the United States was disappointed in how quickly the holiday became commercialized—in the 1920s! There are a few theories about how Memorial Day started, and no real consensus about its origins.

But there is a real celebration in May, and it's one we can all agree on: completing the 2020-2021 academic year! Some are even able to celebrate graduation! This year has been a year like no other. You may have transferred, but never set foot on the CSUDH campus. You have probably made great connections with new friends, who you only see online. There are professors and classes that impacted your learning and personal growth—all through Zoom.

Now that the semester is winding down (don't forget to finish your final projects, papers, and exams, first) it is time to celebrate. Soon you will be able to take a breath, reflect on your experience, acknowledge your resilience, maybe brag a little (that's okay, you deserve it), and move on to your next step. As you end the semester and start your next chapter, you'll know that if you can do this, well....you can do just about anything. Celebrate it!



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## WHAT IS GRAD SCHOOL LIKE?

### 1. Successful Graduate Students are Autonomous

Graduate school is less structured than college. It requires independent thinking and the initiative to figure things out on your own. You may have to choose your own advisor. It will be up to you, with a little guidance, to carve out an area of research and find a thesis or [dissertation](#) topic. You will also want to network and make professional contacts which will be essential to advancing in your field and getting a job after graduation. New grad students often wait for someone to tell them what to do. For success in graduate school, be prepared to take control of your own education.

### 2. Graduate School is Not Like Undergrad

Doctoral and master's programs are nothing like college. If you're considering graduate school because you're doing well in college and enjoy school, be aware that [grad school will likely be very different](#) from the last 16 or more years of school you've experienced. Graduate study, especially at the doctoral level, is like an apprenticeship. Instead of sitting in class for a couple of hours a day and then being free, grad school is more like a job that occupies all of your time. You'll spend a great deal of your time working on research in your advisor or mentor's lab.

### 3. Graduate School Means Research

While college centered around classes, graduate school centers around research. Yes, you'll take courses, but the purpose of doctoral education is to learn to conduct research. The emphasis is on learning how to gather information and construct knowledge independently. As a researcher or professor, much of your job will consist of gathering materials, reading, thinking about what you've read, and designing studies to test your ideas. Grad school, especially doctoral education, is often preparation for a career in research.

### [Year In Review Video Submissions](#) | [Share Your Story!](#)

This year has definitely had its turbulence but you have persevered. We want to take the time to highlight your academic journey and showcase what you did to be successful! Please take a moment to share your experience with the rest of us by completing this form.

### [Graduating Senior Video](#) | [Let's Celebrate!](#)

Seniors, this is a very special month for you and we want to celebrate your extraordinary accomplishment. We are sooo proud of you and would love to recognize you through this video. You did it, Class of 2020/2021!

### [Thank You Video](#) | [Giving Thanks!](#)

Let's take some time to reflect on those that supported us during this very unprecedented year. Let's be honest, we couldn't have done it without their support. Share a few seconds recognizing those who one way or another made an impact in your academic/personal life this year.

### [Finals Week Support](#) | [May 17 - 21, 2021](#)

We are truly amazed by how much you have persevered during the Spring 2021 semester. Your ability to adapt and conquer distance learning shows how resilient you are. As this semester ends we would like to encourage and support you with a strong finish to the Spring '21 semester. We have a few events designed to help you ease your anxieties and provide you with space to fellowship and study. It is our hope that you have the support you need and deserve to pass all of your finals.

### [Save-the-Date](#) | [End of the Year Celebration](#) | [May 20, 2021](#)

Scholars, the time has come! Please mark your calendars and save-the-date. Let's get together and celebrate YOU - whether you are graduating this year or completing another academic year. We are so proud of you and want to celebrate you. [RSVP TODAY!](#)

### [Save-the-Date](#) | [CSI<sup>3</sup> After Party](#) | [Join us!](#)

As our End of the Year Celebration approaches, we want you to know that we have a special surprise scheduled to take place after our celebration... An AFTER PARTY just for YOU! Please feel free to have your loved ones join for a little dancing. [RSVP HERE!](#)

### [Here To Support YOU! CSI<sup>3</sup> Advisor One-On-One Meeting](#)

As the semester comes to an end you may be feeling a little overwhelmed. Do not forget that your CSI<sup>3</sup> Advisors are here to support you. We are here for YOU!

TTS Scholars, scheduled an appointment with us through the Toro Success Collaborative (TSC) platform. [CLICK HERE](#) for instructions on how to set up your appointment. MSTI, STEM and WISE Scholars, [CLICK HERE](#) to schedule your next appointment today.

### [Spring 2021 Drop/Withdrawal Deadline Extended](#)

CSUDH is extending its late withdrawal deadline to June 01, 2021. Depending on your circumstances, withdrawing from a class may have a negative impact. Please consult with your advisors for additional information before choosing this as an option. Do not forget to review the [Drop/Withdrawal FAQ](#) for further details.



## Congratulations

**CLASS OF 2020 & 2021!**



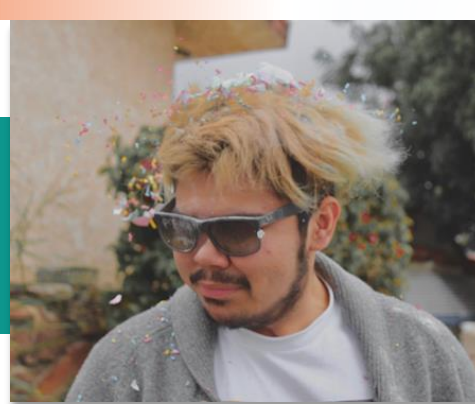
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