

# CSI<sup>3</sup> NEWSLETTER

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Dearest CSI<sup>3</sup> Undergraduate Scholars,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Academic Year! We are counting on you to make this the best year yet at California State University, Dominguez Hills. We will be here to support you every step of the way.

For those of you returning to CSUDH, we are so glad to have you back as you continue your journey to the graduation stage. For those new scholars just joining our programs for the first time, we encourage you to make the most of your time with CSI<sup>3</sup>. Your college experience will be what you make out of it, and your opportunities will only be limited by the limits you place on yourself. As you start this new academic year, we encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities available to help you achieve your full potential.

CSI<sup>3</sup> offers many events to keep you motivated, such as welcome week, seminars, support groups, spirit week and much, much more. Make sure to stay connected and take part in the array of opportunities and initiatives hosted by CSI<sup>3</sup> and the CSUDH Community. Supporting you is our mission. We are here to guide you as you become the best version of yourself!



## COMMUNITY BUILDING

Fall 2020 is finally here! What are you most excited about this new academic year? What will you do to ensure the excitement stays with you all year long? Share your thoughts [HERE](#).

## WELCOME WEEK

Welcome Back Scholars! We will be hosting our very first virtual Welcome Week starting today, Monday, August 24, 2020 at 1 p.m. We have exciting items on the agenda to help you kick off the semester with lots of energy and positive vibes. We hope to see you there. [CLICK HERE](#) to join us!

## SUPPORT GROUPS

We know that this semester will be completely different from any other. We want to remind you that we are here to support you and that you are not alone. Join our support groups to share and explore challenges, stressors and successes managing life as it is. [CLICK HERE](#) to see our flyer.

## VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Feeling lost and overwhelmed with virtual classes starting this week? Need help? [CLICK HERE](#) to chat with Alexandra and Noemi! We will be on Zoom Monday/Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and Friday 1:30-2:30 p.m. during the first week of school.

## STEM UP SUMMARY

Did you miss STEM Up this summer? Don't you worry. [CLICK HERE](#) to review all of the content and W.I.N. (What I Need) Workshops. Let us know which workshop was your favorite. :)

## STEM PANEL RESOURCES

Last week on Wednesday we had a very powerful STEM Panel Session! The session provided our scholars with an insight of the personal journey our panelists have gone through, shared tips on how they identified their STEM-related careers and how they continue to navigate difficult obstacles in their career of choice.

One scholar said, "During the last academic year I had many doubts of myself, and hearing these stories reminded me, just because there are setbacks and/or other people understand certain material in a course better than me, doesn't mean I'm not meant to be in STEM. This is normal/common. I can do it." Yes, you can do it, and so can every scholar in our program! [Check out this VIDEO to see what you missed.](#)

## LET US KNOW

- ➔ [Newsletter Feedback](#)
- ➔ [Schedule an Appointment with Us](#)
- ➔ [Are You Ready for a Virtual Mock Interview?](#)

## GET INFORMED

- ➔ [Stay Alert!](#)
  - ➔ [Tech Loaner](#)
- Need to borrow a laptop, headphones, camera or any other tech supplies to ensure you have a successful semester? Complete this [online form](#) and schedule an appointment. The process is simple.
- ➔ [Career Center](#)
  - ➔ [Schedule a Writing Center Appointment](#)



## CHECK OUT OUR GOOGLE CLASSROOM!

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# Scholar OF THE Week



ERIK CAJAHUARINGA | RISING SENIOR  
MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

**Campus Programs/Involvements:** Member of the Math Club, STEM Scholar, and MSTI Scholar

**Career Goal:** To become a High School Math teacher

**Hobbies:** Piano, reading, music, and movies

**How has CSI<sup>3</sup> helped you?** It has given me hope and provided me with the opportunity to work with awesome advisors who have encouraged me every single day. Everyone has pushed me and kept me motivated to reach my goal of earning my Bachelors in Science.

**What keeps you motivated and positive throughout life's hardships?** I try to focus on the positive thoughts only. I try to see the light at the end of the tunnel, focusing on the bright times and not the dark times. I also like to see what I will gain as a reward, even if I am making sacrifices right now. I like to thrive off of the happy moments and do not allow sadness to take over.

**What advice would you like to give to your fellow scholars?** Don't work alone and most definitely do not be afraid to ask for help. Foster a relationship with your advisor and be actively aware of how your progress is going.

**What are your plans after graduation?** To pursue a Credentials and Masters program.

[NOMINATE A SCHOLAR!](#)

**Good Luck on your first week of school! 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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