First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

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Hey Slugs! Welcome to March! Finals are right around the corner, so this week we've included some study tips and resources, along with some fun virtual events if you need a study break. As always, we encourage you to check out all of our social media and visit our website to view some awesome remote learning tips in one easy click below!

Linktree

Alumni Spotlight

First-Gen Alumni: Heddy Menendez (Stevenson '20, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)

I was born and raised in Echo Park, a small urban neighborhood that sits on the northwestern hills of Los Angeles, California. While these days, the neighborhood is known for its trendy coffee shops and yoga studios, when I was growing up, it served as a haven for Central American immigrants and unfortunately, many Latin American street gangs. I was raised by my Spanish speaking, Guatemalan immigrant, single mother. Read More

Student Engagement

THANK A TEACHER!

Click the link below submit a short note to professors, instructors, or TAs

who have made a difference in your education! You can choose to include your name and or submit letters anonymously.

TEACHING APPRECIATION PROJECT:
Thank a Professor, Instructor, or TA

The Teacher Appreciation Project provides a way for students to formally recognize professors, instructors, and TAs who challenge and inspire them. Through the Teacher Appreciation Project, CITL connects students to instructors and learning to teaching.

Show Some Love!

Upcoming Events

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Google Form

SEEKING YOUR INPUT!

Planning is just now beginning for a UC systemwide first-gen conference to be held virtually in spring 2021. This will be the first-ever, first-generation conference focused on sharing the undergraduate experience across the UC campuses. It is our hope that both first-gen and continuing-gen undergraduate students across the UC System will attend this *free* virtual event. Complete the Google form attached so that we know what you want to see at this event!

DESIGNING CONFIDENCE AN IMPOSTER SYNDROME WORKSHOP

GUEST SPEAKER: CHRISSY AJISAFE, TRANSFORMATION COACH

MARCH 9TH 5:00 - 6:30 PM

RSVP at http://bit.ly/3rKUa76

Attend the Designing Confidence Workshop

Attend the Designing Confidence: An Imposter Syndrome Workshop with guest speaker Chrissy Ajisafel. Chrissy is a transformation coach that specializing in combating imposter syndrome and building personal and profession confidence! The event is hosted by the SUA office of diversity and inclusion.

VISUALIZING ABOLITION: POPULAR CULTURE AND THE RADICAL IMAGINARY

Join Patrice Cullors, co-founder of the Black Lives Matter Global Network, and artist and activist Maxwell Addae for "Popular Culture and the Radical Imaginary." Their conversation will focus on their collaborative project researching the media portrayals of Black women and incarceration as well the real-world impact of the narratives told about crime and punishment in the United States. This event is part of the Visualizing Abolition series.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

UCSC experts in human-computer interaction featured at Women in Tech Symposium

Leila Takayama, associate professor of computational media at UC Santa Cruz, will join Dean of Berkeley Engineering Tsu-Jae King Liu to kick off this year's Women in Tech Symposium with a "fireside chat" on defining the new era of human-computer interaction.
Now in its fifth year, this annual symposium will showcase sector opportunities, current challenges, and the career paths of experts in human-computer interaction (HCI). The Fifth Annual Women in Tech Symposium on the New Era of Human Computer Interaction will take place virtually on Friday, March 12.

EOP Peer Advising Leaders (PALS)

NOW HIRING!
PEER ADVISING LEADERS (PALs)

Job Description
- Work 5-12 hours per week
- Peer advise EOP students
- Plan & facilitate workshops
- Manage EOP social media platforms
- Collaborate with campus partners

Requirements
- EOP Student (preferred)
- Available during entire 2020-21 year
- Maintain 3.0 Cumulative GPA

How to Apply
1. Review full job description (ER# 4192)
2. Prepare cover letter & resume
3. Apply no later than February 12, 2021

Contact Wassila George with any questions
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Do you enjoy working with first-gen college students and a diverse student body? Are you interested in pursuing an opportunity to gain professional development with the Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP)? Apply today to be a Peer Advising Leader!

ER System Number: 4192

Click here to watch a short one minute video of previous PALs experiences at EOP.

Feel free to contact us at eop.pals@ucsc.edu or wageorge@ucsc.edu for more information

Website

We Want to Hear From You!

Calling all First Generation Students and First Generation Supporters

Google Form

If you are a first generation student or not we want to hear from you! If you would like to be featured on our Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter send in a picture of yourself and a paragraph talking about either what it means to be a first generation student to you or why you support first generation students. DM us your picture and paragraph @ucscfirstgen to be featured. We are also looking for first gen students that we can feature on our website to tell their stories about being first generation students and what it means to them. If you would like to be featured on the website fill out the google form attached.

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