



## UC San Diego Chancellor's Scholars Program

### Professor Mel Green Peer Mentoring Award Award Recipient - 2019



**Darren Jian**  
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“The opportunity to be a Peer Mentor for my mentees has been such a rewarding experience. My own peer mentor, Winnie, was so helpful and made my transition to college at UCSD a lot easier. I wanted to do the same for incoming first years! I was happy to be not only their mentor, but also their friend. I think that’s the most important part of this mentorship program! Everyone eventually realizes the importance of networking, and this mentorship program is an introduction to it. My advice for mentees and mentors: Don’t meet with each other out of obligation, but because you want to build a true friendship with someone you wouldn’t have otherwise met. I came into this program with the intention of building meaningful and lasting relationships and I believe I did that with my own mentees. With that, I want to leave a message to current and future mentors and mentees. The mentor-mentee relationship is a two-way street. Both have to put in the time and effort to make a worthwhile relationship. If you have not met with your peer or Emeriti mentor yet, I highly encourage you to do so and really try to get to know them on a personal level!” - Darren

#### **Darren’s mentees shared the following about their mentoring relationship:**

“Darren is very friendly and kind. He was quite helpful during fall quarter in helping me settle in by telling me about student organizations and just introducing me to things that I needed to know about the campus. He is overall sociable, down-to-earth, and admirable.”

“He’s a really great mentor despite not having been the same major as me. He’s really helpful in terms of providing some insight about life at UCSD. He’s really cool and just a great friend to have in general.”