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WHO ARE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS?

These scholars are some of the best and the brightest students who receive admittance to UC San Diego, and they are coming in with top GPA's and test scores.

They all have in common:

- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Leadership potential

However, these top students have had to work hard to achieve their place here, faced with difficult life changes. Chancellor's Scholars have one or more of the following attributes:

- First generation college attendee
- Hail from a 4th or 5th Quintile school
- Financial need
- California resident

<https://emeriti.ucsd.edu/mentoring>



Chancellor's Scholars Program

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THE MAGIC OF MENTORING

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another calendar year. We recognize that several changes have occurred during this time. Our long-time Executive Director, Suzan Cioffi, retired after serving for more than twenty years. However, she epitomized the “magic of mentoring” by preparing our current Director Vania Bailon to fill those very large shoes. We thank Suzan and hope that she too is finally able to enjoy retirement. We are so delighted that she left the Retirement & Emeriti Associations, and the Chancellor’s Scholars and Emeriti Mentor Programs in very capable hands. Again, the “magic of mentoring.”

Our organizations welcomed Yoomin Shin on a short-term basis to assist with the Chancellor’s Scholars and Emeriti Mentor programs. We thank Yoomin for her invaluable service while we searched for a new Coordinator. This summer, we were very fortunate to hire Jennifer Homrich as the current CSP/EMP Coordinator. Our programs continue to be strong and vibrant with these incredible staff members. With their assistance, we welcomed forty new Chancellor’s Scholars as well as 52 new mentors. I joined the Emeriti Mentor Program in the fall of 2019. It has been incredible to watch the growth and transformation of our scholars. I sincerely believe that the early introduction and exposure to retired emeriti, key administrators and staff provide an excellent foundation for our scholars. The Emeriti Mentor program creates an opportunity for our scholars to flourish and grow on a large research campus with incredible resources.

Mae Brown
*Assistant Vice Chancellor Emerita
Chair, Emeriti Mentor Program,
2021-2023*

The Emeriti Mentor Program is a partnership between the Chancellor’s Scholars and retired faculty and staff. This mentoring relationship provides the intellectual, social, and cultural preparation necessary for a successful college experience. We believe that this mentor relationship provides practical insight, knowledge and advice gleaned from real-world experience and can serve as a bridge to future academic, personal, and professional growth. This mentor relationship can provide an opportunity for mentor and mentee to talk about academic dreams, decisions about research projects, as well as share personal hopes and struggles.

As mentors, we have an opportunity to continue to make a positive and personally meaningful contribution to the university by working with exceptionally talented scholars. Some mentors have developed wonderful relationships with their mentees, thus making it easier to request letters of recommendation for advanced studies or future career opportunities. Some mentors and mentees continue this relationship well beyond the four years of study at UC San Diego. I describe this as the “magic of mentoring.”

We are always looking for new mentors. If you enjoy working with students, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with academically talented undergraduates who bring intellectual curiosity, an awareness of critical issues facing our society, including global warming, social justice, emerging technologies, and healthcare disparities. Personally, when I interact with some of these scholars, it gives me great hope for our future!! I say again, welcome to the “magic of mentoring.” On behalf of the entire staff, the mentors, and our mentees, I wish you the best as we bring 2023 to a close and begin a new 2024.

Mae Brown
Chair, Emeriti Mentor Program



Interested in joining the Emeriti Mentor Program or know someone who would be a great fit?

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If you would like to know more about the program, please contact us at EmeritiMentor@ucsd.edu. Check out our website to get to know more about our program: [UCSD Emeriti Mentor Program](#)

OPENING EVENTS: OPENING RECEPTION & BBQ KICK-OFF



The Chancellor's Scholars Program Opening Reception on September 27, 2023 was a resounding success, as we welcomed 40 new scholars to the program. This was an excellent opportunity for new scholars to meet each other, as well as Advanced Chancellor's Scholars and their Emeriti Mentors. Among the speakers for the evening were UCSD RRC/CSP/EMP Director Vania Bailon, EMP Past Chair Henry Powell, Emeriti Association President Peter Gourevitch, Current EMP Chair Mae Brown, and Chancellor's Scholars Alliance President Jett Kletter. Their insightful speeches provided valuable guidance, inspiration, and encouragement to the new scholars as they embark on their academic journey.



The Chancellor's Scholars Program and Emeriti Mentor Program also hosted the Annual BBQ. This event provided a fantastic opportunity for incoming and current scholars to connect and engage in meaningful conversations with their cohort members and Emeriti Mentors. The attendees enjoyed the beautiful outdoor setting while playing games and listening to great music. The event was a perfect way to kickstart a new academic year and build a sense of community among the scholars and mentors. Overall, it was a fun-filled day that left everyone looking forward to more exciting events in the future.



The opening events were an excellent way to introduce the new scholars to the university community and help them feel welcome. We look forward to seeing the new scholars thrive and make meaningful contributions to the program and the university community as a whole.

MEET OUR 2023 CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS COHORT



Asiali Alexander
Jervic Aquino
Angel Barrera Parada
Grace Carter
Dorothy Davenport
Andrew Doan
Erick Fernandez
Selina Figueroa

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Liliana Olvera
Reeca Palisoc
Ashley Pena
Jordi Pham
Mark Pirch
Edgar Ramirez

Elijah Rosales
Nancy Santiago
Kaitlyn Tan
Annie Tran
Erika Villa
Isaiah Wise
Karen Wu
Erick Zhao

WHAT OUR SCHOLARS HAVE TO SAY

How has your experience with the CSP/EMP helped you develop your communication and leadership skills?

My involvement with the Chancellor's Scholars Program and the Emeriti Mentor Program has been transformative, refining my abilities in teamwork, communication, and self-reflection. Throughout my first year, I was encouraged to work with my peers as the program had us work on activities that included group work. Making presentations and posters pushed us to work as a team in order to successfully complete each project. Speaking with my mentor about the different obstacles I would face provided me with the opportunity to reflect on myself as a person and student. In this way, my experience with my Emeriti Mentor helped me tremendously in developing my communication skills and being able to speak about my experiences through each quarter. Before I came to UCSD, I never had a mentor to seek advice from or talk to about how things have been for me. Having this experience showed me that even though it may be uncomfortable to open up to someone, it's important to be aware of what you're going through, how you're feeling, and if you need help. Having a mentor to share my experiences with enhanced my self-awareness and provided me with a supportive environment.



Ngoc Leena Nguyen
2022 Cohort
Major: Cognitive Sci
w/Spec Design & Interaction

FALL 2023 CSP & ACSP WEEKLY MEETINGS

As the Academic year begins, our scholars are actively engaging in community building and leadership development activities. Our team is excited to bring in campus partners to provide presentations and share their expertise with our scholars. Through these activities, we aim to foster personal growth, build meaningful connections, and provide valuable learning opportunities. We look forward to seeing the scholars develop into strong leaders within their communities.

“I enjoyed talking to peers who I’ve never really spoken to before. Everyone is so great, I’m glad I get to know them better through these meetings.”



FALL 2023 CAMPUS PARTNERS

Academic Honors at UC San Diego

Dr. Ann L. Craig, Provost Emerita, ERC

Academic Integrity Office

Allison Riley, Senior Education Coordinator

Academic Internship Program

Meredith Mendez, AIP Internship Counselor

CAPS

Kimberly Knight-Ortiz, LCSW

Impromptu Presentations & When, Where & How to Communicate Effectively

Samantha Champi, CSI Communication & Leadership Program Manager

ACSP Networking Night

Emeriti Mentors & RA Networking Corps

Overview of Academic Achievement Hub

Josh Navarro, Undergraduate Writing Tutor Coordinator

Overview of the Writing Hub

Marie Schier, Associate Director of Academic Achievement Services

Resume and Cover Letter Building

Morgan Jones and Sara Sparks, Graduate Career Peers

The Basic Needs Hub

Peer Educators

Undergraduate Research Hub

Dr. Thomas Brown, McNair Program

UCSD Library as a Research Resource

Roger Smith, Director
Digital Library Development Program



*Vince Ly, 2019 Cohort
Major: Molecular and Cell Biology*

CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE YOUR CURRENT CAREER?

I am currently working as a Data Care Coordinator at a community clinic, which primarily serves immigrants. Growing up, I saw my immigrant parents face language and cultural barriers which discouraged them from seeking healthcare. This motivated me to pursue a career in medicine to reduce these barriers for similar groups. In the future, I aspire to become a physician who will advance health and wellness for immigrant populations by working in a community setting.

HOW HAS THE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM & EMERITI MENTOR PROGRAM HELPED YOU REACH YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER GOALS?

My Emeriti Mentor, Dr. Mel Green, has been an immense help in guiding me these past five years. During my first year, Dr. Green connected me with his colleague, and I was able to begin research in a lab that summer. Since then, he has helped me navigate the pre-med track and given me great advice about life. We keep in touch by playing tennis; I've learned to never underestimate someone in their eighties.

The Chancellor's Scholars Program does a great job of building a sense of community amongst scholars, and I found many of their workshops useful for developing my leadership and communication skills. Additionally, many upperclassmen were a great resource. I always felt comfortable asking for advice about classes and resources on campus, which helped me succeed as a student.

ANY ADVICE FOR CURRENT CSP SCHOLARS?

Remember to have fun. College is tough, there's no denying that. Although I graduated in 2022, I still remember the sleepless nights and overwhelming stress I felt studying for midterms, working, and juggling extracurriculars. It's important that you have an activity you can enjoy outside of school. For me, that was playing tennis, guitar, and video games with friends. Do not let work consume you, it's important to make time for people and hobbies. I challenge you to be patient with yourself and to have faith that everything will work out. Remember to stop and smell the flowers.



CONNECT WITH CSP ALUMNI ON LINKEDIN!

LinkedIn is a great networking tool that will be incredibly useful to you in all future endeavors.

Follow our profiles: [Chancellor's Scholars](#) & [UCSD Chancellor's Scholars Alumni](#)

Follow our page: [UC San Diego Chancellor's Scholars Program Scholars](#)

If you add "UC San Diego Chancellor's Scholars Program" to your profile's Education Section, you will be automatically added to the Alumni section on the CSP page.

Macey Keung Shares Insights into an Unforgettable Study Abroad Experience

WHY DID YOU WANT TO STUDY ABROAD?

Throughout my whole life, people have been telling me, “the best thing I did in college was study abroad.” Little-high-school-me daydreamed about frolicking in a city in Europe far away from home, surrounded by creativity. Here I am writing this in the midst of my study abroad program in London, and they were right. There is something terrifyingly exciting about throwing myself into a completely new environment and figuring it out from the ground up. Studying abroad to me felt the epitome of independence and self growth, and it did exactly that and more.

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST THING YOU LEARNED ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD?

There is something really beautiful about knowing this experience is temporary, that I’m here for only a few months of my life. I feel like it puts me into this mindset of “do it now”, “take the risk”, “say yes to everything” and allows me to truly make the most out of my time here. Knowing that my time here is limited adds an urgency to make each moment count. Studying abroad has pushed me to overcome so many comfort zones, to put myself out there, and become close to people so quickly. Not only have I grown so much as a person, but I’ve truly made the most incredible memories here.



*Macey Keung , 2020 Cohort
Major: Media - Visual Arts*

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE?

As much as I love London, I really, really miss California weather. I miss the little things like driving my car and tacos and the beach. I wouldn’t go as far as to say it’s been challenging to adapt to the cold, rainy weather along with navigating a complete environment, but being here has put my entire experience of UCSD into perspective and I have never felt so grateful for my San Diego life. Huge shoutout to the Dr. Ruth M. Covell Study Abroad Scholarship for helping me cover the costs of my study abroad program.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE FOR ANYONE THINKING ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD?

Something I realized in my first week of travel is that there are no stakes! What I mean by this is: you are in a new country, nobody knows you, so you can be anything. I got to experience myself at my most confident, and see the fruition of experience when you put yourself out there. This is your chance to start fresh and try everything. If it doesn’t work out, you’ll return back to your life, but it’s worth it to shoot all your shots.



PALACE OF VERSAILLES IN FRANCE - SUMMER 2023

Macey Keung, Founder of Antifragile Zine, a youth artists collective highlighting LGBT+ women and non-binary BIPOC.

ABOUT ANTIFRAGILE ZINE

Antifragile Zine is an artist collective, media platform, and independent magazine created by and for youth artists. We exist online, in-print, and in-person, but above all, we are a COMMUNITY. Antifragile provides the opportunity for marginalized youth artists, especially those who have felt unseen in mainstream media, or those who identify as LGBT+ and women and non-binary people of color, a safe space to connect, grow, and develop their creative aspirations. Antifragile Zine believes that by bringing together youth, art, and community, they can catalyze radical change.



MACEY KEUNG, FOUNDER OF ANTIFRAGILE ZINE



Website: antifragilezine.com
Instagram: [@antifragile.zine](https://www.instagram.com/antifragile.zine)

“Like many other youth, during 2020’s isolation and quarantine, I felt a lack of connection to others, and a desire to create and speak out about social justice issues going on at the time. I lacked a platform that I felt truly seen and represented by. As a young queer woman of color, for much of my life, I felt a huge disconnect to most of the media that exists.

Miumi and I hopped on a Zoom call in late May of 2020 and became fast friends. Writing out all our values, goals, and dreams, we were inspired by movements like Riot Grrrl, and wanted to maintain a raw, genuine expression of our experience, in opposition to the romanticization of adolescence portrayed in the media. Ages only 18 and 15 years old, we launched Antifragile in June of 2020 in Berkeley, CA through a single Instagram post and a simple website stating our mission. Almost immediately, Antifragile blew up into something bigger than we could have ever imagined.

In the past few years, we are proud to have cultivated a community of over 15,000 people from all over the world, worked with over 200 artists globally, with a diverse team of around 60 young women of color and non-binary people of color. We have published four print issues and hosted live music, art, and community events with turnouts of over 250 people. Bringing Antifragile to San Diego, we have now cultivated a tight-knit local community, often collaborating with UCSD organizations such as the Che Cafe, the General Store, the Loft, TREND, and KSDT.

Antifragile has taught us that the need for community among youth and the need for art as a means of radical change is paramount. It has truly been a dream come true.”

EMERITI MENTOR PROGRAM MENTORS



Top Rows (L to R): Irving (Jake) Jacoby, Dick Attiyeh, John Wheeler, Wayne Cornelius, Allen McCutchan, Nick Busan, Roger Spragg, John O'Neal, Barbara Brody, Michael Bernstein, Steven Adler, Wayne Kennedy, Howard Kushner, Pao Chau, Jack Fisher, Mary Walshok, Lee Talner, Peter Chen, Nancy Groves, Charlie Oates, Michael Parrish, Russ Schnapp, Jeanne Ferrante, Morton Printz, Ellie Werner

Middle Row (L to R): David Checkley, David Miller, William Mathews, Charles Tu, Timothy Dresselhaus, Paul Shilling, Gary Gillespie,, Ron Campnell, Mark Paddock, Peter Gourevitch, Bob Knox, Rick Ord, Ann Craig, Jeff Steindorf, Jim Lin, Henry Powell, Mel Green, Marguerite Jackson, David Halpern

Bottom Row (L to R): Feroza Ardeshir, Barbara Parker, Donna Mulcahy, Phyllis Mirsky, Mandy Butler, Mae Brown, Gail Lew

MEET OUR NEWEST EMERITI MENTORS

Welcome! We are thrilled to have you on board!

See additional biographic information [HERE](#)



Joanne M. Ferraro
Distinguished Professor
of History Emerita



Gary Gillespie
Professor, Computer
Science & Engineering



Peter Gourevitch
Distinguished Professor
Emeritus
School of Global Policy and
Strategy



Dr. David Halpern
Senior Research Scientist
NASA's Jet Propulsion
Laboratory



Dr. Barbara Parker
Professor of Medicine
Emerita



Ethan C. Quan
2021 Cohort
Major: Mechanical Engineering

WHY SHOULD OTHERS BECOME A PEER MENTOR? ANY ADVICE FOR OTHER PEER MENTORS?

Becoming a Peer Mentor is an incredibly valuable experience. It allows you to not only share your knowledge with first-year students but also reflect on your own experience. Being a peer mentor should be a casual, enjoyable endeavor.

HOW HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH BEING A PEER MENTOR DEVELOPED YOUR SKILLS?

Being a peer mentor has helped me in my confidence to reach out and provide opportunities for my mentees. It allows me to be more a guiding hand than a leader and is a unique experience compared to other leadership experiences, such as in engineering clubs.

PEER MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

The Chancellor's Scholars' Alliance Peer Mentoring Program aims to connect entering Chancellor's Scholars with older cohorts to create a strong network with other exceptional scholars and provide support during the transition to life at the university. Throughout the year, Peer Mentors share advice for academic success, provide guidance for professional development, and participate with their mentees in social events hosted by the Alliance. With the help of the Peer Mentors, the entering Chancellor's Scholars cohort can make the most of their time at UCSD and fulfill their scholarly and professional ambitions.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BECOME A PEER MENTOR?

I became a Peer Mentor because I benefited greatly from my Peer Mentor, Rachel Luu, as a freshman. Her tutelage and guidance were incredibly useful in developing my interest in engineering, especially by being more engaged in the community and pointing out engineering interests.

WHAT WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS OR FAVORITE MEMORY OF BEING A PEER MENTOR?

Some of my highlights of being a Peer Mentor were being able to sit down and enjoy a coffee with my Peer Mentees and getting to know them not only as peers but also as friends. Another highlight was the opportunity to show them around the rocket club I am in, SEDS at UCSD, and give them an insight into engineering clubs.



2023 CSA PEER MENTOR PROGRAM



CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS ALLIANCE

MEET OUR 2023-24 BOARD MEMBERS!

MESSAGE FROM THE CSA PRESIDENT

The entirety of the Chancellor's Scholars Program (CSP) has been an immensely beneficial addition to my experience here at UCSD, granting me a myriad of opportunities in terms of academics and connections, both professional and social. As such, when offered the chance to join the Chancellor's Scholars Alliance (CSA) Board, the student-run organization responsible for coordinating and hosting volunteering and social events for scholars throughout the year, I knew that it was another great opportunity, and now I had the chance to contribute something back to the program.

During my second year, I was the Social Chair for CSA, coming up and planning many events, though due to several external circumstances, the number of activities I could host was limited. However, this year, having been offered the role of CSA President, I will be different as I am dedicated to ensuring that all Chancellor's Scholars make the best of their time here at UCSD.

As for CSA, I am honored to have participated and directly contributed to the numerous events and programs available to the Chancellor's Scholars. For one, it has enabled me to join a sizeable student-run organization actively and helped me develop numerous skills such as event planning, setting up and attending meetings with students and other faculty, and some public speaking, all of which are invaluable to my future. However, the best part about CSA is the social events and interactions between all the Chancellor's Scholars, as I have made great connections and friends due to this program. After all, among the most essential things in university is acquiring as much knowledge and skills as possible and establishing friendships and connections beyond the few years here at UCSD. Overall, I am immensely thankful for CSA and the broader Chancellor's Scholars Program, alongside all the students, faculty, and emeriti mentors who helped me improve and grow."



Jett Kletter, CSA President
2021 Cohort, Biochemistry



Quyendi Nguyen, Senior Advisor
2020 Cohort, Neurobiology



Jemariz Arzobal, Senior Advisor
2020 Cohort, Neurobiology



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2022 Cohort, ICAM Music &
Business Economics



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Co-Social Chair
2022 Cohort, Computer Engineering



Reynelle Aricheta
Co-Peer Mentoring Chair
2022 Cohort, General Biology



Desiree Menjivar
Co-Peer Mentoring Chair
2022 Cohort, Marine Biology



Carlynda Ng, Volunteer Chair
2022 Cohort, Business Psychology



Carlos Gomez, Webmaster
2022 Cohort, Math - Computer Science



Annie Nguyen, Webmaster
2022 Cohort, Political Science
& Business Economics

Please Donate Generously to the Emeriti Association's Chancellor's Scholarship Fund

Through the Chancellor's Scholarship Award, scholars receive \$5,000 a year for four years at UC San Diego. Your monetary support of this program allows bright young scholars to achieve a higher education and helps them meet the challenges they face at a rigorous university like UC San Diego. Please help us continue to award these prestigious scholarships to students in need. With your financial help today, we can ensure that future scholars continue to receive outstanding educational and leadership opportunities at the university. Chancellor's Scholars are the future leaders of America. With your contributions today, we can help make these scholars' dreams a reality.



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2023-24 Upcoming Events

CSP/EMP Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 13 @ 11 AM, UC409 Dance Hall

Annual Chancellor's Scholars Program Etiquette Dinner

Friday, January 26 @ 6:00 PM, UCSD Faculty Club

Hearts and Scholars

Wednesday, April 9 @ 6:00 PM, Price Center West

Annual Scholarship Donor Dinner

Friday, April 26 @ 5:00 PM, UCSD Faculty Club

Chancellor's Scholars Program Poster Session

Wednesday, May 8 @ 10:30 AM, UCSD Faculty Club

Chancellor's Scholars Program Closing Reception

Wednesday, June 5 @ 4:30 PM, UCSD Faculty Club

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