

Chancellor's Scholars Journal

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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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NEW BEGINNINGS

The end of another successful academic and programming year is upon us. Our Chancellor's Scholars and Emeriti Mentor Programs will soon host their end of year events. A Chancellor's Scholars Program Closing Reception is set for June 5th, where we will celebrate our scholars, present special Study Abroad and Peer Mentoring Awards, and send off our graduating seniors; an Emeriti Mentor Program Spring Luncheon is scheduled for June 10th, an opportunity for mentors to gather, learn about resources, and discuss their experience mentoring before summertime plans take over.

During this Spring Luncheon, we will also officially transition the position of EMP Program Chair from AVC Emerita Mae Brown to Senior Vice President Emeritus V. Wayne Kennedy. Mae has done an excellent job as Chair these past two years. Her capable leadership and strong commitment to education has enabled our EMP to have a large positive impact on the scholars they support. We are forever grateful to Mae for her influence, and are sure Wayne will be able to continue this impact.

There is much to celebrate this year (too much to fit in these remarks, so I will only name a few). We officially welcomed our new CSP/EMP Program Coordinator Jen Homrich to our team. Jen has done a fantastic job keeping our student and mentor programs alive and thriving.

Our leadership became involved in the campus-wide Mentoring for All Initiative, increasing visibility for our one-of-a-kind mentoring program (the only one in the UC-system that pairs Emeriti faculty with Chancellor's Scholars). Our scholars improved their public speaking, interview, and networking skills during various sessions throughout the year, with an outstanding group presenting at the Emeriti Association Annual Business Meeting. Our Etiquette and Donor Recognition Dinners were resounding successes, a lovely time had amongst great company.

Over the summer, the CSP/EMP Leadership Council will meet to plan for the year ahead. To our program participants, please make sure to answer end-of-year surveys that may be sent your way. We always consider suggestions for improvement from scholars, mentors, and program administrators to ensure that each year is better than the last.

As a former Chancellor's Scholar, I know that the end of the year is also a time for new beginnings. Whether summer classes, internships, or job opportunities, I am proud to say our scholars are always actively looking for ways to improve themselves. Scholars, please make sure to include time for self-care over the summer as well. To our graduating seniors – congratulations, you did it! Please know that the Chancellor's Scholars and Emeriti Mentor Program network of support is here when you need it. Connect with us via LinkedIn so that you don't miss out on news and updates. (And please keep a lookout for invitations to join us for future networking and panel events; current scholars always love hearing from you). A sincere thank you to our mentors who generously donate their time and knowledge to help our scholars succeed. Please know your participation truly makes a difference.

I hope that your summer is relaxing and joyful.

RENEWED INSPIRATION

As a first-generation college student, I have firsthand experience of the rewarding yet challenging aspects of the college journey. This includes navigating academic demands, financial hurdles, and feelings of not belonging. However, having mentors who provided guidance and support during this transformative time was instrumental in fostering my passion for higher education, inspiring me to pursue a career in this field to create a supportive environment for all students.

Engaging with the Chancellor's Scholars and Emeriti Mentor Program this year has been a source of renewed inspiration. Despite being new to the role, the warm welcome and sense of community have guided me to provide a meaningful student experience. I am grateful for the chance to pay forward the mentorship I received and make a positive impact on the upcoming generation of UC San Diego Chancellor's Scholars.



Jennifer Homrich
Chancellor's Scholars and Emeriti
Mentor Program Coordinator



CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE YOUR CURRENT CAREER?

My name is Dr. Nagham Adeeb, and I'm a proud UCSD alumna from the class of 2019. Ever since a young age, I always knew my life's purpose was to serve my community as a healthcare provider. During my time at UCSD, I stumbled upon the Pre-Dental Society and volunteered at the student run free dental clinics. The mission trip I participated in at Ensenada, Mexico along with a pre-dental program at the University of Washington solidified my passion for dentistry. After my graduation from UCSD, I was fortunate enough to attend UCLA School of Dentistry. I am honored to say that I received my Doctor of Dental Surgery degree this past June of 2023. Currently, I work as a general dentist serving medically underserved populations, and I absolutely love what I do. The most challenging, but quite frankly my favorite part, of being a dentist is the different hats we wear; we're doctors, engineers, artists, and a support system for patients. Having the ability to heal patients and alleviate their pain with my hands is

*Nagham Adeeb, DDS
2015 CSP Cohort*

such a privilege and honor that I have thoroughly enjoyed. I'm passionate about changing the way dentistry is perceived and educating my patients about the importance of oral health and the various connections it has to our overall well-being.

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

My mentor from the Chancellor's Scholars Program, Professor Melvin Green, was an immense help during my undergraduate and pre-dental journey. He helped me find a dentist to shadow and supported me through the DAT and application process. I am also forever indebted to my donors, Dr. Roger and Carole Spragg, for making my academic goals a reality by alleviating the financial burdens of attending college. Not only did the scholarship provide me with financial peace of mind and allow me to focus solely on my academic career, the Chancellor's Scholars Program gave me a community and lifelong mentors that I am fortunate enough to call friends.

ANY ADVICE FOR CURRENT CSP SCHOLARS?

The biggest advice I can provide is to be kind to others and yourself because you reap what you sow. UCSD is a rigorous school and the journey will test your limits, so practicing self compassion is pivotal for your physical and mental health. Help others because the relationships you form and the memories you create will be one of the very few long lasting things you will hold on to after graduation. Lastly, never compare your journey to another's because everyone has a different start their story, but only you hold the power to shape your future.



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: [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.



ANNUAL CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM ETIQUETTE DINNER



2024 CSP ETIQUETTE DINNER

The annual Chancellor's Scholars Program Etiquette Dinner on January 26, 2024, was a great success. The elegant evening brought together Chancellor's Scholars and Emeriti Mentors of the program to not only enjoy a delicious meal but also to learn about the importance of proper etiquette in various social settings. From mastering the art of dining etiquette to understanding the significance of professional conduct, the evening served as a valuable opportunity for students to enhance their social skills. As laughter and conversation filled the room, it was evident that the bonds between peers and mentors were strengthened. This event truly embodied the spirit of excellence and community that defines the program, leaving attendees with both full stomachs and enriched minds.

As the night came to a close, the attendees left with a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie. The lessons learned during the dinner were not just about which fork to use or how to engage in polite conversation, but about the deeper connections formed through shared experiences and mutual respect.

Looking ahead, the Chancellor's Scholars Program is excited to continue fostering a culture of learning, growth, and unity among its scholars and mentors. The success of this year's dinner serves as a testament to the program's dedication to providing not only academic excellence but also the tools needed for success in all facets of life. The evening was a reminder that etiquette is not just about following rules; it is about showing kindness, consideration, and appreciation for others, qualities that will undoubtedly serve these scholars well in their future endeavors.



Elaine Swann
Founder and CEO
The Swann School of Protocol

VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE: DOS & DON'TS FOR A PROFESSIONAL WORK ENVIRONMENT

In today's evolving work landscape, where virtual meetings have become a significant part of our daily routines, it's crucial to maintain a level of professionalism that reflects our dedication and respect for our colleagues. Whether we are in a strictly virtual workplace, a hybrid setup, or still navigating in-person interactions, following proper virtual meeting etiquette ensures effective communication and a productive work environment. Here are some essential guidelines to help you excel in your virtual meetings.

DO SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS WHEN HOSTING OR ATTENDING MEETINGS.

Because we have such a great number of hours taking meetings planning ahead will garner success. Do things such as keeping time zones in mind, sending out ample notice, and reminders so that you get maximum attendance when hosting and professional presence as an attendee.

DO MAKE YOURSELF SLIGHTLY UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN YOU ARE THE SPEAKER.

If you are the speaker during a meeting, take your energy level up high enough to where you feel just a little bit uncomfortable and then you'll be perfect! If you bring your energy level up it will translate over the internet better. You'll bring more attention to yourself which can in turn capture people's attention.

DON'T BE "DOIN' STUFF".

Doing things such as having side conversations with other people in the room, making big sweeping movements that are clearly not intended for the meeting and overly multitasking is rude and can detract from the meeting.

DO BEVERAGES THE RIGHT WAY.

Etiquette would dictate that it is absolutely acceptable to have a beverage while you are taking a virtual meeting just be mindful of a few things:

- If you are the speaker unless you were choking or getting hoarse mid-sentence, avoid taking a sip of a beverage while you're talking instead wait until it's someone else's turn to talk.
- A clear glass is best, this way people do not have to be distracted trying to guess what you're drinking.
- Coffee mugs are acceptable, just be mindful of any messaging on the cup that can be viewed as offensive.
- Try to avoid plastic disposable bottles. There's nothing more distracting than people having to watch you sucking sound and crushing a bottle as you turn your head up taking in that last drip of water.
- Resist the urge to snack and eat on camera even with the sound off it can be distracting.

DON'T DO ONLINE WHAT YOU WOULDN'T DO IN PERSON.

We have to treat virtual meetings no differently than a physical in-person meeting. So, our behavior should reflect the same. If you wouldn't use the bathroom in front of your colleagues while taking a meeting in-person then don't do it virtually. This just sets a bad precedence for professionalism and respect towards those who you're engaging with even if they can't see you.

DO CONNECT WITH THE AUDIENCE.

Because so many people declare that they look at whoever speaking during a video meeting it's important for the speaker to give the same impression and connect with the audience by appearing as though they're looking directly at them you do this by looking at the camera when you are speaking instead of looking at yourself or others who are on the screen.



DON'T MAKE PEOPLE WAIT TO START YOUR VIRTUAL MEETING.

Most people arrive on time which is good workplace behavior. Therefore, it is vital to honor those who are present as opposed to waiting for individuals who are late. People get annoyed having to wait for latecomers. So be respectful of your fellow colleagues and begin your meeting at the published time.

DO SET YOURSELF UP TO BE RESPECTED BY YOUR PEERS.

Because such a high percentage of people feel it's rude to turn your camera off, don't put yourself in a category of an individual who would not be respected by their coworkers. Having that camera off kind of gives off a voyeurism type of vibe and can even feel creepy when you are speaking up yet are unseen. Turning your camera on tells the others that you are present and engaged in the meeting and the discussion at hand.

It's annoying, distracting, and downright rude to allow noise from your personal environment to seep into a virtual meeting. It's similar to standing outside of a conference room with the door open and carrying on a loud conversation. Close the door.

In conclusion, following these simple dos and don'ts will help ensure that virtual meetings are productive, respectful, and efficient. Maintaining a high standard of virtual meeting etiquette not only reflects well on you as a professional but also contributes to a more effective and collaborative work environment. By adhering to these guidelines, we can all enjoy smoother, more engaging, and more productive virtual interactions.

By Elaine Swann



ABOUT ELAINE SWANN

Elaine Swann, Founder and CEO of The Swann School of Protocol, pioneers the first-ever Black and female-owned etiquette licensing program with over 30 independently owned schools nationwide. As America's Leading Lifestyle & Etiquette Expert, she's been featured on TODAY Show, CNN, Access Hollywood, and Kevin Hart's "What the Fit." Elaine's insights appear in Fortune, Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Oprah Magazine, Essence, and Real Simple. Author of four etiquette books, including "Let Crazy Be Crazy," she advises prestigious businesses and lectures at Stanford and Wharton. Visit swannschool.com for on-demand etiquette courses.

CAMPUS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



*Samantha Champi, M.A.
Center for Student Involvement
Program Manager*

Samantha Champi, M.A., is a proud San Diego native and a UCSD alumna. She received a BA in Human Development and was involved with campus programs such as OASIS Summer Bridge, TRIO SSSP, CASP, and the Cambodian Student Association. As a daughter of Cambodian refugees, Samantha has always had the drive and passion to help her family, community, and others from marginalized backgrounds have access to educational opportunities and better care. She went on to become the first in her family to earn a Master's degree from San Diego State University. Her graduate degree is in Post-Secondary Educational Leadership and Student Affairs (PELSA).

Samantha currently serves as one of the Program Managers for the Communication and Leadership team with the Center for Student Involvement. This Communication & Leadership position allows her to support and care for students holistically and has the opportunity to collaborate with other departments across campus such as the Chancellor's Scholars Program with an effort to increase the student reach and impact.

WORKING ALONGSIDE THE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The partnership between the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) and the Chancellor's Scholars Program (CSP) runs deep. I've only been in this particular role for two years now but in this time I've learned that CSI at one point hosted all the weekly CSP meetings. Due to staff capacity and availability overtime, we've had to scale down our offerings. Last academic year, I facilitated a total of four workshops to both the first and second year cohorts. This academic year, I've hosted three presentations that were much more intentional to the specific cohorts and tied well with the activities and events that followed. For instance, during Fall quarter, I was the first to present for CSP's weekly meeting series and although the topic was "Effective Communication" I placed a strong emphasis on introductions and breaking the ice as this was the first time many of these students were meeting each other. We spent time focusing on being confident and authentic with our stories and finding connections with one another. During the Winter quarter, I did a presentation on "Elevator Pitches" where the Advanced Scholars learned, practiced, and prepared for an upcoming networking event with the Emeriti faculty. Finally, I had one last presentation with the first year cohort where I gave them tips and tricks on how to nail a PowerPoint presentation. I also helped normalize all the emotions that come with public speaking and working in a group. Ultimately, I've had the pleasure to meet these awesome student scholars and plan closely with the CS Program Coordinator, Jennifer Homrich, to ensure we were providing the most intentional support to these students.

ADVICE FOR OTHER SCHOLARS CURRENTLY STRUGGLING TO FIND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As a former UCSD student and scholar, I understand first-hand that there are so many opportunities and events happening all the time, it can be difficult to keep up with and know who is offering what and when. Although this can be a little overwhelming, I encourage and advise you all to lean into the excitement and joys of being a college student. This is your time to explore your options. I say take advantage of your time here and go to everything you can. If you're unsure about something, ask someone. Find your community, seek mentors, and don't be afraid to attend an event on your own. You never know who you're going to meet or what you're going to learn. Like many people say "College is the best time of your life" but it's ultimately your time and your choice to seek and find the opportunities that align with your values and interests. If you ever feel lost, always remember why you are here in the first place. We want you to enjoy it here. You deserve to be here. You are capable and will figure it out. You matter!



Study (Research) Abroad Spotlight

WHY DID YOU WANT TO STUDY ABROAD?

For my last year, I was thinking about either taking math graduate courses to improve my knowledge or do a study abroad program as I have never done that before. I decided to choose a study abroad program instead, and the programs that I was researching are all through UCEAP (UC Education Abroad Program). Through UCEAP, there is less difficulty for seniors to study abroad compared to other available programs because the senior residency requirement can be waived with UCEAP but not guaranteed for other programs. I then settled for programs in Japan as I am interested in the academic and cultural opportunities there. With that, I choose UCEAP's Engineering and Science program as it is the only year-long program in Japan that is research based.

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE?

I think the biggest challenge for me is the language barrier that I have here in Japan. Learning Japanese in Tohoku University has been a big help in helping me live my day to day life here, but with making Japanese friends and communicating with other members of my lab, it has been a difficult time trying to know them better. Not knowing the language well can set you back quite a bit especially in social situations. If I am scared to talk to a new person, then that person will not feel the need to talk to me, which continues the awkward cycle. Navigating Japanese social customs is definitely not an easy feat for me, especially when I have not visited Japan or studied Japanese formally.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE FOR ANYONE THINKING ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD?

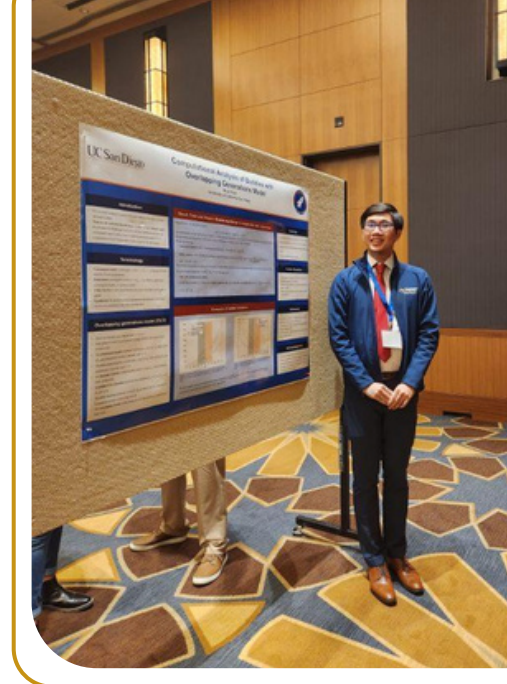
If you are able to fit a study abroad program into your plans, then I highly recommend you to pursue the program that you like. Make sure that you choose the study abroad program that fits your goals and situation! For financial aid, there are many scholarships out there that can help you fund your study abroad program. I was fortunate enough to receive both the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship and UCSD Emeriti Association's International Study Scholarship, which combined with my UCSD financial aid package, I am able to go without taking out more loans. For Japan specific programs, the host university can also consider you for the JASSO Scholarship, which is a monthly stipend of ¥80,000 yen per month, which also can help with your living expenses in Japan.



HOW DID THE SCHOLARSHIP POSITIVELY IMPACT YOUR EXPERIENCE?

I am very thankful for the International Study Scholarship that was awarded by Dr. Suresh Subramani and Dr. Feroza Ardesir, as it has eased my biggest worry about partaking in a study abroad program, especially the need for my parents' financial support. Not worrying much about the finances has allowed me to enjoy my studies and focus on my research project in my program. My living experience in Japan has also improved as well, and I am able to venture out and travel around Japan quite a bit with my program friends. I have been able to share some of my trips with Dr. Subramani and Dr. Ardesir via email, and they are very happy to hear about my experience so far!

Read more about Nhat's research experience, including his time with the McNair Program, here: <https://ugresearch.ucsd.edu/students/student-profiles/nhat-pham.html>



*Nhat Pham, 2020 Cohort
Major: Mathematics
UCEAP (JAPAN): 2023-2024*

CSP CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

HOW HAS THE UC SAN DIEGO DANCE TEAM IMPACTED YOUR FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE?

I really loved coming into school already having friends from the team. I met the team in August so by the time school started we had already started becoming really close. I have also enjoyed being a part of a team and going to practice and other events. They make sure I have a good school-life balance and take time to do something I love. I think it has helped me adjust to this home away from home that I have built here.

HOW DID YOU GET INTO DANCE?

My mom put me into dance when I was 3 and I have been dancing ever since! I have always loved that dance is both a sport and an art meaning it has kept me active and healthy while also giving me a space to express myself and my emotions. Throughout my life I have done various performances with my home studio and school teams. Dancers also tend to grow really close to each other and dance has given me life-long relationships. Many of my best friends both here at college and back home are a result of dancing.

ANY ADVICE FOR OTHER SCHOLARS CURRENTLY THINKING ABOUT PURSUING DANCE OR OTHER UC ATHLETICS, CLUB AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS?

I advise any UCSD student to get involved. At a school as academically rigorous as this one it is important to also have something else that will give you a break you will enjoy. While I of course promote the dance team, if that is not your thing there are so many organizations on campus that you are bound to find one that fits your style.

HOW HAS THE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR GROWTH THIS YEAR?

The Chancellor's Scholarship and the weekly program meetings have taught me so many valuable skills. I've grown in my communication skills, career knowledge, professionalism, and so much more. I've also been really lucky with the mentor I was assigned and he has been very supportive and encouraging throughout this year. We are truly learning skills that will impact us in our post graduate life.

"Joining the UCSD dance team as a first-year college student provided a close-knit community and a way to express myself through dance, balancing art and sport. Being involved on campus, like with the dance team, offers a break from academics and a chance to connect with others who share similar passions. Participation in various performances, like UDA Nationals in Florida, has been a highlight. Being a Chancellor's Scholar and part of the dance team has helped improve communication and professionalism skills for post-graduation. Overall, involvement at UCSD has enriched my first-year experience."



Read more about UC San Diego Dance Team here:
<https://recreation.ucsd.edu/competitive-sports/dance-team/>

Networking Opportunities

Dream to Reality Panels

Health Sciences: Dr. Barbara Parker, Dr. Ben Kelley & Taylor Onstott, MPH

Arts & Humanities: Professor Steven Adler, Laura Florio, Linnea Grigg & Patty Chen

Social Sciences: Vania Bailon & Raman Sekhon

Math & Physical Sciences: Dr. Robert Knox, Karen Marmolejo, M.S., & Juliana Fox

Engineering and Computer Science: Emily Deere, Daniel Hoffman, & Mark Stickel



Computer Science Post-Graduate Options Panel



Rick Ord

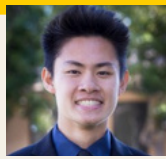


Andy Thai

Medical School & Other Health Fields Seminar



Dr. Carolyn Kelly



Vince Ly

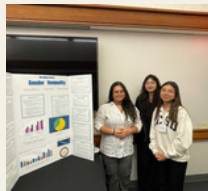
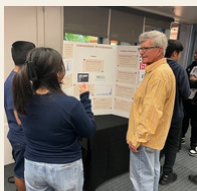
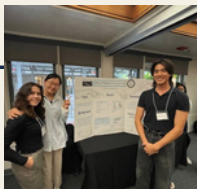


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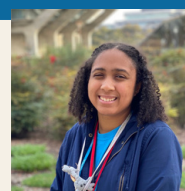
Speed Networking Nights & Interviews with EMP Mentors and RA Volunteers



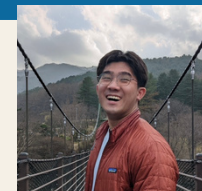
CSP Research Poster Presentation Session



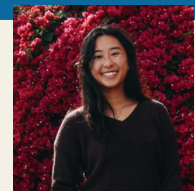
Interviews with CSP Alumni & Interview Practicum with Emeriti Mentors and RA Volunteers



Angela Chapman



Andrew Hu



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The Chancellor's Scholars Program offers a multitude of networking opportunities throughout the academic year, providing scholars with a platform to cultivate their communication and leadership skills while simultaneously broadening their professional and personal networks. These events enable scholars to hone their ability to deliver concise and impactful elevator pitches, refine their interview techniques, and gain invaluable hands-on experience through engaging with a diverse group of individuals, including Emeriti faculty members, Retirement Association Volunteers, current and former Chancellor's Scholars, and accomplished UCSD Alumni. By interacting with these accomplished professionals from various backgrounds, scholars can glean insights, advice, and exposure to different perspectives, ultimately enhancing their personal growth and career preparedness. The program extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Emeriti, Retirement Association Volunteers, Chancellor's Scholars and UCSD Alumni community for their unwavering support and invaluable contributions to these enriching networking sessions.

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Timothy Dresselhaus

Dr. Timothy Dresselhaus is a graduate of UC San Diego / Revelle College (History), UC San Francisco School of Medicine (MD), and the UC San Diego Internal Medicine Residency Program. He served as Chief, Primary Care Service at VA San Diego Healthcare System and Clinical Professor, UC San Diego until his retirement in 2022. Dr. Dresselhaus has authored or co-authored thirty-five research articles spanning quality measurement, quality improvement, clinician time studies, models of primary care delivery, patient safety and, most recently, clinician burnout. He has served as the Director, UCSD Medicine 401 Clerkship and as Associate Director, UCSD Internal Medicine Residency.



What made you join the Emeriti Mentor Program?

I was interested in sustaining my involvement in the campus life of UCSD and was invited to consider the Emeriti Mentor Program by one of its members, Dr. Roger Spragg, who was a mentor to me at the very outset of my UCSD faculty career.

What impact do you see the Emeriti Mentor Program having on Chancellor's Scholars?

The Emeriti Mentor Program offers a unique opportunity to support talented first year students from diverse backgrounds, welcome them at the beginning of their journey, assist them in navigating the challenges of a large university, and serve as a sounding board for exploring career options. I trust it is as helpful to the mentees as it is gratifying to me as a mentor.

Why do you believe it is important to support the Emeriti Mentor Program?

The program is an opportunity for me to pay forward the investment others have made in me and to appreciate the benefits I have enjoyed as a part of the UCSD community as a student, physician resident, and faculty member.

How can the UC San Diego community help support the Emeriti Mentor and Chancellor's Scholars Programs?

The support of the University is strong, reflected in the scholarship opportunities themselves and the excellent administrative leadership that sustained the program.



2024 CSP ETIQUETTE DINNER

What Chancellor's Scholars events/meetings do you enjoy attending and why?

The most important part is, of course, the time spent with mentees, both one-on-one and in sponsored activities such as the exceptional etiquette dinner, which prepares scholars for future interviews and professional encounters. The lunch meetings with other emerti offer opportunities to forge relationships with colleagues and also grow in understanding of new initiatives and programs at UCSD.



CSP/EMP ASSISTANT COORDINATOR SPOTLIGHT

DIRECTING A DIFFERENCE

“If you take care of things, they last.” While I first heard these words from my grandmother when referring to her 60-year-old baking pans that remained in pristine condition, they have since come to resonate with me deeply. They can be applied to many facets of life, from physical items, ideas, and what I’ve experienced in the UCSD Chancellor’s Scholars Program. In my experience working with a long-standing scholarship program, I notice how much care the program has received to make it what it is today, whether that be monthly board meetings, the help of UCSD Emeriti Mentors, or simply hosting game nights for stressed-out students, this program is greatly cared for. Being involved in this program from both the perspective of a student and a staff member has motivated me to actively support and guide similar initiatives aimed at mentoring others.

*Hailee Rodriguez-Terry, 2021 Cohort
CSP/EMP Assistant Student Coordinator
Major: Cogn Sci w/Spec Design & Interaction*

Entering UCSD, I was fortunate enough to be a recipient of the Chancellor’s Scholarship. This grant is awarded to students with high academic achievements throughout high school despite being faced with high adversity, such as coming from single-parent, first-generation, and low-income families. Being that I happened to fall into all three of the adversity categories, I was scared of how I would make it through college with no financial or academic assistance from home. Fortunately, I received a lot of mentoring and support from dedicated Emeriti and Peer Mentors to help me navigate my opportunities and give me clarity on my academic goals here at UCSD. My CSP family cared for my success and gave me peace of mind that has kept me moving forward throughout my time on campus.

While going through the program myself as a student, I also worked behind the scenes as a student assistant for the UCSD staff that cares for it. The RRC Director and CSP/EMP Program Coordinator strongly believe in the organization's values and are passionate about helping students succeed. Seeing all the planning and details that go into maintaining and improving the program daily is eye-opening, to say the least, but something I felt I could be good at, too. For the first two years of working with CSP, I mostly spent my hours drafting marketing materials, helping run events, and processing information on the backend. While this allowed me to have a small role in the program, at the end of 2023, I was promoted to Assistant Program Coordinator for the CSP/EMP Program. Now, I work more directly in planning and assisting the program from little details to big events.

In my new role, I get to be a leader, helping students who are in similar standings as I am. Partially encompassing my duties in the CSP, I actively research new ideas and topics for the program, create media for emails, websites, and social media platforms, and am on track to solo-run weekly meetings for a room of 20+ of my peers. I enjoy the creative, strategic, and impactful work this entails, and I hope to continue with similar endeavors.

Without the help of CSP, I would not have been able to afford college, let alone attend one of the top universities in the world. The scholarship has provided me funds for school and a roadmap for navigating the college experience. Through other means, CSP has illuminated my interest in program directing. I discovered that I greatly enjoy planning and organizing large scale events, networking, meeting with some of UCSD’s top faculty members, and creating different types of marketing media. Most importantly, my experience as an active CSP community member gave me a deep appreciation for its values and future success. I care for the programs mission and hope to be able to provide the same care to other programs aimed toward student success.



THE POWER OF REFLECTION

As I reflect on the last two years, I am amazed at how quickly time passed. I recall the level of nervousness and the incredible responsibility of assuming this role. However, I challenged myself to continue to learn and grow from each new experience.

I reflected on my own experience as a first-generation college student and what a tremendous benefit it would have been to participate as an Emeriti Mentee. I thought about how navigating that first year of college would have been less stressful and far more productive. A number of these early experiences helped shape my own education and career trajectory.

I believe in the magic of mentoring. I have served as a mentor for most of my professional career, both formally and informally. I enjoy working with students. As a mentor and current EMP Chair, it has been incredible to watch the growth and transformation of our scholars. I continue to be impressed with their brilliance and passion as they seek to identify their role in the world.

Mae Brown
*Assistant Vice Chancellor Emerita
Chair, Emeriti Mentor Program, 2022-2024*

Our scholars have participated in presentations and poster sessions. Scholars explored such timely topics as Artificial Intelligence, Inflation,

Reproductive Rights, Climate Change, College Debt, Income Inequality to cite a few examples. The selection of such timely topics continues to demonstrate their interest in contributing to the dialogue regarding some of the world's most difficult challenges. Participation in these sessions provides an opportunity for scholars to sharpen their communication and teamwork skills.

Scholars participated in the Annual CSP Opening Reception, Business Etiquette Dinner, Donor Recognition Dinner, Interview Practicums, Speed Networking sessions, Dream to Reality and Alumni panels. Frequently, mentors join our scholars for a number of these events.

The Emeriti Mentor Program is the only one in the UC system which provides one-to-one mentoring for Chancellor's Scholars. The mentor program is a partnership between the Chancellor's Scholars Program and the Emeriti Association. Each year, the Emeriti Mentor Program welcomes a new cohort of forty Chancellor's Scholars. I believe that our program creates an opportunity for scholars to flourish and grow on a large research campus, with incredible resources. This early introduction and exposure to emeriti and retirees provide an excellent foundation for first-generation scholars.

Likewise, just as our scholars benefit from this mentor relationship, I believe that we as mentors have an opportunity to continue to make a positive and personally meaningful contribution to the university by working with these exceptionally talented scholars. I would like to thank all mentors for giving of your time, talent, and treasure to support our scholars. We are always looking for new mentors. If you have the heart and enjoy working with an academically talented group of scholars, we encourage you to consider this incredible opportunity.

To our new EMP Chair, Sr. Vice President Emeritus Wayne Kennedy, I wish you the best as you begin your tenure. And this message would be incomplete if I failed to extend my sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for this incredible administrative support team. Sincere thanks to both Vania and Jennifer for your dedication and hard work. You made this role much easier.

It has been absolutely wonderful serving as the Chair of the Emeriti Mentor Program.





A Year in Photos

As we near the end of the academic year, it's a natural time to pause and reflect on the many accomplishments and valuable lessons learned during the past several months. For students, this period marks an important opportunity to reflect on the various challenges faced – be it academic, personal, or social. It's a chance to recognize personal growth and maturity achieved by overcoming obstacles with determination and resilience.

As the academic term concludes, it's a well-deserved moment to acknowledge and celebrate achievements, both big and small, resulting from hard work and perseverance. Whether it's new insights gained, skills refined, goals achieved, or new horizons explored, each milestone is deserving of recognition and pride. These accomplishments were not solitary endeavors. It's also a time to express gratitude to the invaluable Emeriti Mentors and dedicated Staff members whose guidance, wisdom, and support were essential throughout the journey. Their roles in providing encouragement, advice, and fostering a conducive learning environment are immeasurable.

As we prepare to bid farewell to this chapter and transition to the next phase, let's carry forward the wisdom, experiences, and self-discovery gained. These will undoubtedly inspire and propel us as we embrace fresh opportunities and tackle new challenges with renewed vigor and confidence drawn from our learning experiences.

Events (Top to bottom, left to right): Kick-Off BBQ, Scavenger Hunt, RA Spring Luncheon, Stuart Art Collection Tour, Scavenger Hunt, RA/EA Holiday Party





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2024-25 Upcoming Events

Chancellor's Scholars Program Opening Reception

Wednesday, September 25 @ 4:30 PM, UCSD Faculty Club

CSP Kick-Off BBQ

Saturday, September 28 @ 12 PM

Dream to Reality - Health Sciences

Wednesday, November 20 @ 11 AM

CSP/EMP Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 4 @ 11 AM

CSP Etiquette Dinner

Friday, January 24 @ 5:30PM, UCSD Faculty Club

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