

STEM Guest Speaker Series/Workshops
Norco College STEM Alumni Transfer Panel
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Ahmad Elhaija
UC Los Angeles
Class of 2021
Major: PreMed and Psychobiology
Founder and CEO
International Collegiate Health
Initiative (ICHI)

Ahmad Elhaija is a third-year pre-medical student at UCLA majoring in Psychobiology. While at UCLA, Ahmad has founded the 501 (c)3 non-profit social enterprise, International Collegiate Health Initiative (ICHI) with the mission to improve the overall health of the communities it serves by providing high quality medical, nutritional, and social services. He is an alumni of the Pre-Medical Enrichment Program at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and works as a research assistant at the UCLA Department of General Internal Medicine and Health Services. He currently serves as CEO of ICHI and was named a 2019 Strauss Scholar and 2020 Truman Finalist. Ahmad is a proud Arab American who has volunteered with Access California Services since the age of 12, mentoring immigrant and refugee children, he has also worked as a United Nations World Refugee Day committee volunteer through the Refugee Forum of Orange County. For his work with the Arab American community he was a recipient of the Arab American Institute's Helen Abbott Community Service Award. His main current project is to continue the advancement of ICHI's mobile medical clinic in the cities of Maywood and Bell in Southeast Los Angeles, and expand his non-profit to college campuses across the globe.



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Brittiney Sempasa
UC Riverside
Class of 2021
Major: Electrical Engineering
Intern, Northrup Grumman

My name is Brittiney Sempasa and I am a Junior at the University of California, Riverside majoring in Electrical Engineering. Prior to transferring to UCR I attended Norco College and was an active participant in the STEM Scholars Program. Prior to my first quarter at UCR I was selected for the Bourns College of Engineering Summer Bridge Program where I participated in research in machine learning earning a \$5,000 stipend. Currently, I am involved in various student organizations such as Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Society of Women Engineers (SWE), and National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). I have secured an internship with Northrop Grumman as a Systems Integration Test and Evaluations intern at the Aerospace Redondo Beach site. I also serve as the MESA Engineering Peer Mentor for Bourns College of Engineering.

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Seda Shirinian
UC Los Angeles
Class of 2020
Major: Human Biology & Society
Research Intern, Sedars-Sinai

My name is Seda Shirinian, and I am a fourth year undergraduate student at UCLA majoring in Human Biology & Society. I attended Norco College as a dual enrollment high school student starting in 2016. Once I graduated from JFK Middle College High School in 2017, I continued to attend Norco College for one year before transferring to UCLA in September of 2018. I obtained an Associate's degree in Math & Science and Social & Behavioral Studies. At Norco College, I was involved in the Honors program and the STEM Scholars program. Also, I worked as a STEM Center Student Assistant, and I served as a School of STEM peer mentor. I am thankful for the opportunity to have grown academically as a student at Norco College. In 2018, I transferred to UCLA and was awarded the UCLA Transfer Alliance Program Scholarship for successful completion of the Honors program at Norco College. Outside of the classroom, I volunteer on the geriatric floor of Santa Monica Hospital where I provide individualized companionship to older patients while they are hospitalized. Over the past year, I have worked as a research intern under the department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at Cedars-Sinai. Currently in this role, I help analyze effectiveness of clinical health alerts on the prescription of Naloxone, an opioid antagonist, by comparing trends of prescription for departments and providers. I also serve as a peer mentor for community college students in the LA area through the Center for Community College Partnerships program where I help students navigate the transfer process by developing workshops, holding advising appointments, and mentoring throughout the transition from community college to university. After graduation, I plan to enroll in a graduate program related to the Biomedical Sciences with a long-term goal of attending medical school.



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My name is Marsella G. Ortiz. I attended Norco College and participated in the Puente Program and the STEM Scholars Program earning an A.S. in Math and Science. Patricia Gill was my Puente Mentor. I transferred to Cal State East Bay and majored in Chemistry, Biological Sciences. I was involved in various programs at Cal State East Bay including the GANAS Program and MEChA. In addition I was a Water Quality Summer Intern in 2016 for the City of Bend conducting and compiling research for the development of a private stormwater facility database. I earned my Bachelor's In Science in Chemistry, with a Minor in Biological Sciences and Option: Forensic Sciences in June 2017. After graduation, my first employer was Eurofins Environmental Testing US in Sacramento, California where I worked as a Chemist. Currently, I am a Chemist at Thermo Fisher Scientific: Pharma Services.

Marsella G. Ortiz
Cal State East Bay, Alumni
Class of 2017
Major: Chemistry
Minor: Biological Sciences
Option: Forensic Sciences
Chemist, Thermo Fisher Scientific



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Angel Jimenez
Cal State Fullerton, Alumni
Class of 2018
Major: Computer Science
Cybersecurity Compliance Analyst
Southern California Edison

I am an Alumni of Norco College and the STEM Scholars Program. I transferred to California State University, Fullerton in Spring 2015. I received my Bachelor of Science in Computer Science as the Class of 2018 and while at CSUF, I completed an internship at Channel Vision Technology and Southern California Edison where I was hired as a Cybersecurity Compliance Analyst.

In my current role, I help keep the electric grid secure by managing cybersecurity vulnerabilities throughout the SCE territory. While at SCE, I am pursuing a Master's of Science in Computer Science at California Polytechnic University, Pomona. My current research area is in Machine Learning and Cybersecurity. Specifically, I am researching how to use deep learning techniques to identify malicious activity on a network of IoT devices.

In my free time, I enjoy hiking up Skyline with my wife, lifting weights with friends, and volunteering in the local community.

Feel free to add me on LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/angel-jimenez-a7a628100/>

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Matthew (Matt) Johnson
UC Santa Cruz, Alumni
Class of 2019
Major: Computer Science
Software Engineer
SurveyMonkey

My name is Matthew Johnson and I am an alumni of Norco College and the STEM Scholars Program. My major is Computer Science and I transferred to UC Santa Cruz in 2017. While at Norco College I spent a lot of time with friends at the STEM Center and was a STEM tutor and SI Leader (math and computer science) for two years. While at UC Santa Cruz I continued tutoring computer science and performed undergraduate TA duties as well. I participated in 2 internships while I was attending UCSC, both with a company called SurveyMonkey. If you have taken a survey online before, chances are you used SurveyMonkey at least once. My first internship with them was in the summer of 2018 as a QA Automation Engineer at their San Mateo office. I basically wrote software / tests that would automatically run instead of manually sitting there and reviewing code to make sure it worked. In the summer of 2019 however I chose to take an internship as a Software Engineer up in SurveyMonkey's Portland office. Upon graduation, I took a full time position with SurveyMonkey as a Software Engineer in their Portland office on their Customer Success Engineering team. I chose Portland because I strongly believed I wanted to live there, and it turns out I made the right choice as I live here now and love it!



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My name is Ria Shiv. I am currently working as a Software Engineer at Google. I transferred to UC Berkeley from Norco College in 2017 as an Electrical Engineering and Computer Science major and graduated from UC Berkeley in 2019. While a student at Norco College, I was a participant in the STEM Scholars Program, a Supplemental Instruction Leader for math and a STEM tutor for all levels of math, physics and computer science. I was also a part of Circle K Club at Norco College where I did a lot of volunteer work. During my time at UC Berkeley, I was a board member of Robotics@Berkeley. I also did an internship at NAVSEA (the Naval Base in Corona). Other than work, my hobbies include dancing, painting, swimming and traveling the world.

Ria Shiv
UC Berkeley, Alumni
Class of 2019
Major: Electrical Engineering and
Computer Science
Software Engineer, Google



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Norco College STEM Alumni Transfer Panel: Shirley Yan
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My name is Shirley Yan and I am currently a software engineer at KeepTruckin, a tech unicorn based in San Francisco. I began my higher education at John F. Kennedy Middle College and at Norco College where I was a participant in the STEM Scholars Program. I applied and was accepted to UC Berkeley. During my time at UC Berkeley I was studying Computer Science. Although I never had any internships, my extensive experiences with developing my personal software projects enabled me to get an edge during the job seeking process. I graduated last year from UC Berkeley in 2019 with a Bachelors in Science degree in Computer Science.

Shirley Yan
UC Berkeley, Alumni
Class of 2019
Major: Computer Science
IOS Engineer, KeepTruckin

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Ceasar Navarro
Cal Poly Pomona
Class of 2020
Major: Mechanical Engineering
2019 Process Engineer Intern
TTM Technologies

My name is Ceasar Giovanni Navarro, I am 6th Year Mechanical Engineering Student at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (CPP). I moved from Chicago, IL to Riverside, CA to pursue my engineering degree. I attended several community colleges; College of Lake County (CLC) , Norco College, Riverside City College (RCC), and Chaffey College but Norco College was where I received the most support. I later transferred to Cal Poly Pomona (CPP) as a Mechanical Engineering major. I interned at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona Division (Norco, CA) as a Mechanical Engineer Intern and TTM Technologies (Anaheim, CA) as a Process Engineer Intern. Under the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program I was a research assistant at the University of Southern California (USC) at The Automatic Coordination of Teams (ACT) Lab. At CPP I am involved in a couple of clubs and organizations such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and Robotics Club. For the hands-on experiences, I was a member of Unmanned Autonomous Systems Club (UAS) and a current member of Hyperloop. I have love outdoor activities, some of my favorite activities to do are: Hiking, Surfing, Camping, and Soccer. My favorite engineering hobby is tinkering/simulating robots.

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Mohamad Abu-Hilal is a Norco College Alumni and currently a Senior at Cal Poly Pomona majoring in Civil Engineering. He has been working at the County of Orange for 2 years. The first year I was involved in the surveying department where I did a lot of fieldwork and office work. The second-year I became an intern in the design team in the county. Since this is my area of interest, I was able to excel and get involved in so many interesting projects. My senior project was focused on design and construction and I was the team lead in the structural analysis where I created a 3D model on SAP 2000. In addition, I was involved in reviewing the work of my colleagues and implementing all the designs in SAP.

Mohamad Hilal
Cal Poly Pomona
Class of 2020
Major: Civil Engineering
Civil Engineering Intern
County of Orange

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Class of 2020****Major: Mechanical Engineering
Graduate Student Researcher
CE-CERT UC Riverside**

I am a proud mechanical engineering student who is graduating from the University of California, Riverside with a Bachelor of Science at the end of this quarter. I am especially proud because as a former undocumented immigrant and first-generation low-income student, my journey has not been easy. Though I battled against adversity pursuing a higher education, I was able to align myself with a strong support system like the STEM Scholars program to reach the level of success I have now. While at Norco College, I discovered a passion for engineering, obtained my first internship, participated in student advocacy, and established a professional network. In addition, due to my academic excellence I was awarded the Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship and the Latinos Promoting Education and Culture Endowed Scholarship. Upon graduating from Norco College, I completed an engineering graphics certification and A.S. degrees in Math & Science, Pre-Engineering, and Physics. In 2017, I transferred to the UC Riverside's Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE) where I became a peer mentor for the BCOE Transfer Transition Program. Following this experience, I was met with the opportunity to work with the emissions and fuels research team at the College of Engineering Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT). For the past year, I have been working on a real-world tire and brake wear emissions research study. My research involves analyzing the concentration and dispersion of brake wear particles along the 5 freeway in Anaheim and 710 highway in Long Beach. Having the responsibility of operating a particulate matter analyzer, studying published journals related to non-exhaust emissions, and analyzing in-field data has given me clarity and insight into the world of environmental research. It has also influenced my desire to apply to the Mechanical Engineering Ph.D. program with a specialization in air quality. I am very proud of the position I have reached and hope that I can inspire more women to pursue a career in STEM.

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Maria Bello-Carrillo
UC Los Angeles
Class of 2020
Major: Molecular, Cell &
Developmental Biology
and Pre-Dental
Patient Health Advocate
UCLA Witherbee Foundation
Children's Health Center (CHC)

Maria is a Norco College STEM Scholars Alumni and a senior at the University of California, Los Angeles pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology. She is grateful to have been able to engage in the plethora of resources that Norco College has to offer to their students. With her family's unfailing faith, support, and love, and through mentorship and academic enrichment programs she transferred to the institution of her dreams, UCLA! Previously, she was a Norco College Student Ambassador, Summer Advantage Peer Mentor, and a recipient of the 2018 Athena Award. Her involvement at UCLA focuses on volunteer work and advocacy associated with underserved communities. She has gained some research experience through her discovery-based lab course involving the isolation and identification of drought resistant growth promoting rhizobacteria. As a Patient Health Advocate, she is paired with residents and attending physicians to help improve patient care by having an emphasis on upstreamism and she carries out casework for patients at the UCLA Witherbee Foundation Children's Health Center (CHC). Additionally, she volunteers as a Spanish translator during patient consultations at CHC and during patient assessment appointments at the UCLA School of Dentistry. As a pre-dental student, she is an active member of the Pre-Dental Student Outreach Program, a general volunteer at the UCLA School of Dentistry, a volunteer at community events such as Care Harbor, is enrolled in UCLA Basic Dental Principles courses and is an event coordinator for the UCLA Pre-Dental Society. After graduation, she plans to take a gap year to prepare and apply to dental school.

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Rushil Rawal
UC Los Angeles
Class of 2021
Major: Molecular, Cell &
Developmental Biology
and Pre-Dental
Research Intern
Sedars-Sinai

Rushil Rawal is a 3rd year undergraduate student at the University of California, Los Angeles, majoring in molecular, cell, and developmental biology. In 2018, he received an Associate's in Math and Science and in Behavioral Sciences from Norco College, while being a senior in high school. Through his involvement as a volunteer at Kaiser Permanente hospital throughout his time in high school, participation in the Norco College STEM Scholars Program, experience with lab and clinical research, and personal experiences with family health adversities, he gained a passion for the field of medicine at an early age. His time at Kaiser Permanente earned him the President's Volunteer Service Award. As a current student at UCLA, Rushil is an active member of a non-profit organization called Project Rishi, with the aim of assessing the health of individuals from an impoverished village in South India. He also is the editor for the UCLA Medical Literature Society. Rushil is a student researcher research at the Cedars-Sinai Hospital in West Hollywood where he analyzes data on different patient scenarios in the field of surgery. He aspires to become a physician and start a non-profit organization with the goal of improving impoverished regions of the world by promoting the implementation of better health practices and access to adequate resources.

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Juan Carlos Guzman
UC Irvine
Class of 2020
Major: Environmental Engineering
Treasurer, AAEES at UC Irvine

I am Norco College Alumni, and before my journey at UCI began, I was a Supplemental Instruction (SI) Mentor at Norco College for Integral Calculus, Geometry, Algebra, and Multivariable Calculus. It was during my time at Norco College where I really researched what I wanted to do. Thanks to the Engineering Pathways and Learning Resource Center (LRC) staff, I found my calling as an Environmental Engineer.

Currently, I am a Senior Environmental Engineering Undergraduate at the University of California, Irvine. As part of UCI's Civil and Environmental Engineering program, I am enrolled in the senior design series. The design project allows students to get field experience, and are teamed up with peers to work together with local engineering firms. The firm I am working with is Fuscoe Engineering, Inc. for a land development project. My part of the design project involves the Hydrology and Grading Plan of the site. Earlier this year I was the project manager for another land development project with a focus on the basic infrastructural, environmental, circulation aspects.

The year before I had the opportunity to do research for UC Irvine's Engineering Conference Tall Farm Project. I collaborated with fellow engineering students to design an 18 story vertical autonomous farm with a water filtration system, an autonomous crop farming mechanism, and utilization of AI to optimize the different structures. My group's paper competed against other teams but ultimately, we won and got published.

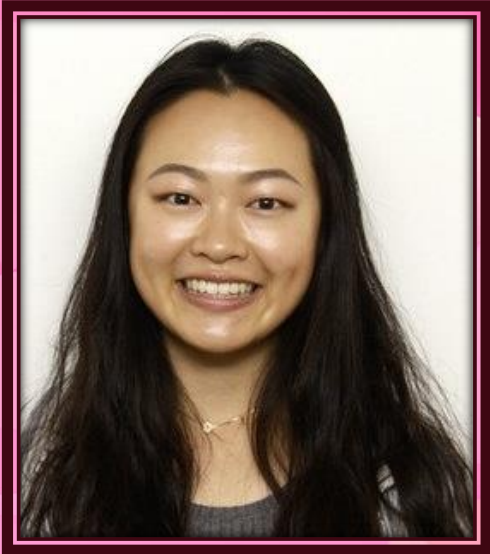
Some of the Engineering Clubs I have been a part of are the American Academy for Environmental Engineers and Scientists (AAEES), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). As part of AAEES, I am the club Treasurer and handle fundraisers. Additionally, we tour public works facilities such as the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) to get insight on how the plant works and possible internships. As part of ASCE, I am on the rowing team in their concrete canoe event for the Pacific Southwest Conference (PSWC). The club also has lots of industry speakers as well as resume and job fair events. As part of SHPE, I am in their Professional Committee and had a mentor guide me to improve and polish up the job fair network, interview etiquette, resume, and professional photos. I also study with SHPE during study jams that still take place over ZOOM.

Clubs are a great way to make friends in your major which has certainly been the case with me. I have been able to find a study group and space during school. However, I have also been able to connect with peers outside of class by going to club events at the beach or on a hike. Additionally, the Engineering Clubs have expanded my network which can help and widen my connections to possible jobs.

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Tiffany Pan
UC San Diego, Alumni
Class of 2019
B. S. Math and Computer Science
Software Engineer
Square

I am currently a software engineer on the Android Platform team at Square, where I work on developing the operating system for the Square Terminal and the Square Register that have helped enable many restaurants, shops, and small businesses to process payments with ease. During my time at Norco College from 2014 to 2016, I had been a part of the STEM program, tutored in several math and science courses, interned at UC Berkeley's Biomechanical Engineering lab one summer, and then at the Naval Surface Warfare Center - Corona the next summer. Then I transferred to UC San Diego as a Math- Computer Science major, where I tutored for lower division computer science classes and was actively involved in the Women in Computing club on campus. Through these communities, I was able to grow my network, learn computer science topics in depth, attend many career fairs such as the Grace Hopper Conference (the world's largest gathering of women technologists) in 2018 and in 2019. These all helped me land internships at Intel as a graphics software engineer, at Northrop Grumman as a software engineer, and at Workday as a software developer for one summer and then as an iOS engineer for the fall. After graduating from UCSD in 2019, I moved to San Francisco and started working at Square in August 2019.

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Raul Gonzalez
San Jose State University, Alumni
Class of 2019
B. S. Mechanical Engineering
Application Engineer
Plasmatrete North America

I grew up in a traditional Mexican family. My mom and dad supported me through my adolescent life by working hard. I thank them for that every day. My story is like many others that I have met along my journey. It was with great sacrifice that I was able to accomplish my goals but the motive has always been to have a better life. I am a Norco College Alumni who participated in the STEM Scholars Program then transferred to San Jose State University as a Mechanical Engineering Major. I participated in SOLES and MEP. I received my Bachelors' in Science in Mechanical Engineering in June 2019. While attending SJSU I had the good fortune to have two Mechanical Engineering internships – one with Aixtron, Inc. and another with Eugenius Inc. Just prior to graduation, I was hired at Plasmatrete North America as an applications intern and since June 2019 I am an Application Engineer with Plasmatrete.



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Edgar is a STEM Scholar Alumni. While attending Norco College he worked as a science tutor at the LRC and helped new students transition into college as a Student Ambassador. He then transferred to UC Irvine in fall 2017, where he was involved in clinical research at the School of Medicine. Moreover, he has been a participant of enrichment programs such as the Summer Health Professions Education Program and Medicos, Enfermeros y Dentistas Para El Pueblo(MEDPEP) at UCLA. Edgar intends to attend medical school next year.

Edgar Carlos
UC Irvine
Class of 2020
Major: Biology, Biological Sciences
Research Assistant, (L3) Lab at UC Irvine



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My name is Cameron Clark, I transferred to UC Santa Cruz winter 2018 and will be graduating with a B.S. in Astrophysics Spring 2020. I do research on exoplanets where my main goal is to find tidally locked rocky planets using statistical analysis; of which my thesis and published paper will be written about. I also am the head of the mentoring program for the physics club(SPS) which, along with the Women in Physics Association(WiPA), we pair undergraduates with experienced students to help inspire, encourage, and guide them to being successful.

Cameron Clark
University of California, Santa Cruz
Class of 2020
B. S. Astrophysics
Mentor, Society of Physics at UC Santa Cruz



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Go Ito
UC Los Angeles Alumni
Class of 2019
B. S. Statistics
Sr. Science Integration Analyst
The Walt Disney Company

Go Ito is a Senior Science Integration Analyst at The Walt Disney Company. He joined the Disney Decision Science and Integration team as the only member without a graduate degree since the establishment of the team in 2011. Having his theoretical statistics background, he utilizes the power of data science to quantitatively analyze and propose business strategies in the media industry. His current project concentrates on the optimization of Disney's Broadway Live-Action marketing strategy based on time-series analysis. Prior to joining the Walt Disney Company, Go earned a Bachelor of Science in Statistics and Minor in Mathematics (Summa Cum Laude) from the University of California, Los Angeles in June 2019. He transferred to UCLA from Norco College in 2017. He worked as a STEM Tutor and taught Physics and Mathematics for a year.

Go's objective in the next 5 years is to pursue to a PhD program to research on spatio-temporal statistics and optimization, with potential applications in the fields of urban planning, geopolitics, crime study, transportation, resource allocation, and hazard study.

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Norco College STEM Workshop Activity with Eva Amezola
Yoga: What's Physiology Have To Do With It?
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Eva Amezola
Yoga: What's Physiology Have To
Do With It?

Eva Amezola currently works as an associate faculty member with the counseling department at Norco College. She is also the founder of Arbol de Vida (Tree of Life) Yoga & Meditation. Arbol de Vida focuses on helping individuals come back to wellness through the connection of body, mind, and spirit.

Eva previously worked with the Federal Department of Education's Upward Bound Programs for twelve years. During this time, she managed and designed college support programs with social justice frameworks. Eva has dedicated her career to serving low-income and first-generation college bound students.

Eva holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California, San Diego in Latin American Studies & Spanish Literature and a Masters of Arts in Education Counseling from San Diego State University. In addition to many years of personal practice, Eva has completed a 200 hour yoga educator training and a certificate in Engineering Health: Introduction to Yoga & Physiology.

Eva is passionate about promoting health and wellness in the community and in her profession. One of her greatest passions are new adventures and eco-tourism. She has traveled widely to more than 30 countries pursuing those experiences. Eva also enjoys hiking, camping, running, and being outdoors.



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Burhan Alestwani
Cal Poly Pomona
Class of 2020
Major: Electrical Engineering &
Computer Engineering
Field Service Engineering Intern
Eaton

My name is Burhan Alestwani. I am a Norco College Alumni and a senior at Cal Poly Pomona pursuing a double major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering. I started at Norco College as a Math and Physics tutor at the Learning Resource Center. I was awarded at Norco College the Southern California Edison scholarship for academic excellence and participation. Once I transferred to Cal Poly Pomona, I got more involved in projects and extra-curricular activities. I joined the Bronco Motorsports Formula team as a member trainee. Within the team I assisted in designing various circuits that were implemented directly on the car. I also worked with multiple professors on different projects using Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) boards in fields related to encryption and image processing. As a challenge last summer, my colleague and I decided to design and build an Inductive Charging Autonomous Rover on our own. I also received multiple awards this year including the Chevron and the Boeing scholarships from the Electrical and Computer Engineering department.



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Jessica Osanyinpeju

UC Los Angeles

Class of 2020

Major: Biology

I am a senior at UCLA and transferred from Norco College in 2018. My major is biology and I am also pre-med, hopefully, a future psychiatrist. At Norco, I was a math and chemistry tutor at the LRC and a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Honors Program. At UCLA, I am currently involved in clinical research at the medical school and also work as a mentor to students at Glendale College through UCLA's Center for Community College Partnerships. I was once a mentee through the same program in 2017-2018 and I believe the mentorship they provided was a major factor in my ability to navigate the transfer application and be confident I would succeed once I transferred. I had the best mentors myself and hope to be as great as they were. Feel free to ask me any questions about the transfer process, CCCP, or my experience at UCLA!

Fun fact: my favorite show is Doctor Who, very STEM!



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Miguel was born in Guatemala and moved to Corona, CA with his family at a young age. He attended Norco College and was part of the STEM Scholars program. He transferred and graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a B.S. in Chemistry and Minor in Earth Science.

During his academic career Miguel focused on developing laboratory and research skills, as well as giving back to underrepresented groups via tutoring/mentoring with Norco's STEM program and Society the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS).

As a young professional, Miguel has worked as a Research Chemist in the petrochemical industry developing catalysts for a more efficient technology platform. Recently, he has started a new role as an Associate Field Scientist at Apeel Sciences where they use plant-derived materials to extend shelf life of produce and contribute to a more abundant future for the planet.

Eventually, Miguel aspires to pursue a graduate degree and to become a mentor for students that want to succeed.

Miguel Toledo
UC Santa Barbara Alumni
Class of 2018
B. S. Chemistry
Minor: Earth Sciences
Associate Field Scientist
Apeel Sciences