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HSI Award

Brinley Stringer

Near-Peer Mentors: The Assets of Relationships in
Mathematics Classrooms

Mentor: Mary Pilgrim

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Griselda Paredes

Institutional Agent Perspectives: The Role of Latinx Servings
at HSIs

Mentor: Felisha Herrera-Villareal

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Women in Engineering Award

Lilith Astete Vasquez

Response of antibiotic resistant bacteria during anammox treatment of pretreated municipal wastewater and landfill leachate

Mentor: Natalie Mladenov

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Women in Engineering Award

Aina Narvasa

Numerical and Experimental Investigation of Extreme Lunar
Conditions on the Physical and Mechanical Properties of
Lunar Construction Materials

Mentor: Marta Miletic

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Women in Engineering Award

Britton Mennie

Helical flow in the aortic arch during mechanical circulatory support

Mentor: Karen May-Newman

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Sustainability Award

Jenielle Domaosal

Embryonic development is affected by chemical leachate resulting from tire wear particles (TWP) in the zebrafish, *Danio rerio*

Mentor: Karilyn Sant

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Charles Wei-hsun Fu Foundation Philosophy Award

Carlos Melendrez

Lucid Philosophy

Mentor: Sandra Wawrytko

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Art's Alive Award

Emily Teaze

My Brain and it's Eyes: Disability, Access, and Competent
Care during Viral Times

Mentor: Yetta Howard

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Arts Exhibit Award

Nanzi Muro

Breakdown | Right Thing to Do!

Mentor: Arzu Ozkal

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Outstanding Creative and Performing Arts Award

Cynthia Bloodgood

Considerations for Sharing Resources With Small Theaters
and Drama Programs

Mentor: Ben Clark

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Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) Award

Paul Kauvaka

Shock Response of Polyurea Foams

Mentor: George Youssef

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Chris Rodriguez, Katie Andrade, Emma Hodge, Erica Axtell

Cross-Linguistic Interactions during Word Retrieval in Bilinguals with Aphasia:
An Eye-Tracking Study

Mentor: Stephanie Ries
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Research Award for Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice

Da Quanisha Parks

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Antoinette Dunlap

Needs Assessment of Mental and Emotional Support
Available to Adolescent Refugees in School Settings in San
Diego County

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Isabela Cruz-Vespa

Vicarious Racism and Substance-Use: Assessing the moderating roles of social-connection and ethnic-identity

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Alana Lopez
Rosa Cobian Aguilar

Oral Health and Hygiene Behaviors and Oral Cancer Knowledge, Attitudes, and
Perceptions: A Scoping Review

Mentor: Melody Schiaffino
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Judy Mahmalji

Early brain connectivity patterns predict later language skills
in preschoolers with autism spectrum disorder

Mentor: Inna Fishman

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Library Award

Brianna Pham

Why Aren't There Enough Female Asian American
Healthcare Professionals? Navigating Gendered and
Racialized Discourses of Leadership

Mentor: Tiffany Dykstra-DeVette

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Valentina Rodriguez

HCC organoid model in the Latino population

Mentor: Ricardo Zayas

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Rohan Rahatgaonkar

Kinematics of high resolution VLT/MUSE spectroscopic sample of nearby galaxies through 3-D tilted ring modeling.

Mentor: Kate Rubin

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Kendal Ruffin

Impact of Health Disparities and Prostate Cancer Among
African American Men

Mentor: Vanessa Malcarne

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Nicolas Gutierrez III

No Person Shall Willfully Resist, Delay, or Obstruct: The
Criminalization of Activists and Organizers Resisting
Homeless Encampment Sweeps

Mentor: Megan Welsh Carroll

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Undergraduate Research Excellence Award

Sydney Niesen

Study of the relationship between face mask use and face touching frequency in public areas: Naturalistic Study Design.

Mentor: Jennifer Felner

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Sama Mikhail

Aerobic Activity is Impaired by Vaping

Mentor: Mark Sussman

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Viktoria Voragen

Improving Shelf Life of Bacteriophage Pharmaceuticals

Mentor: Dwayne Roach

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Liam Seitz

Investigation of PCET-Based Redox-Responsive H-bonding in
Simple 2 H-bonding Systems.

Mentor: Dylan Karr

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Tavee Binavi

An Analysis of The School to Prison Pipeline

Mentor: Nicole Mendoza

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Nawaf Alneami

Nature-based solutions for enhancing soil hydro-mechanical properties

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Ash Osiris

Interview With A DJ: An Ethnography on Alternative Music
and Culture.

Mentor: Jocelyn Killmer

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Sandrien Mekany

Her Turn to Learn: Expanding Girls' Education in
Afghanistan

Mentor: Candice Simmons

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Rania Atto

Role of ABC Transporters in the Planarian species *Schmidtea mediterranea*

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Aryanna Talamantes

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Linguistic and Non-Linguistic Visual Processing in Aphasia

Mentor: JoAnn Silkes

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Valentina Rivera

Exploring Psychometric Properties of a new Oral Behavior Social Support
(OHBSS) Scale in English and Spanish

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Land Occupations in Belo Horizonte, Brazil

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Natacha Garbe

The Relationship between One's First Language and Second
Language Writing

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Marianna Amato

College Adjustment Among Latiné Students

Mentor: Vanja Lazarevic

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Chaztyn Pangelina

The effect of increasing heart rate on intermittent aortic valve opening during LVAD

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Mark Smeets

The Impact Efficacy of Density-graded Polyurea Foams

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Nasim Kasiri

Stage at cancer diagnosis and cannabis use among adult cancer survivors in Southern California

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Informed consent: research studies and people with aphasia

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Andrea Van Bebber

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COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in the Imperial Valley

Mentor: Linda Abarbanell
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Felix Santillanes

Visualization and Analysis Using R for Imperial Valley Traffic
Incidents Data

Mentor: Huan Qin

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Andy Huizar

Toby Sandoz

Colton Dils

Not All Classrooms Have Four Walls: The Impact of Traveling Abroad on
Intercultural Communication Competence

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Emily Meints

Fear Mapping: How people view senses of safety around the
SDSU campus differently

Mentor: Bruce Appleyard

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Renee Owens

Claire Way

Examining County-Level Right-Wing Authoritarianism as a Mediating and Moderating Variable in the Relationship Between Minority Representation and the Implicit White = American Effect

Mentor: Lisandra Dobson
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Utilizing CRISPRi interrogation of host-microbe interactions
to identify stimulants of animal development

Mentor: Nicholas Shikuma

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Dean's Award: Arts and Letters

Avery Cardosi

Making The Grade: Examining The Racial-Ethnic Differences
In ADHD's Impact on Academic Performance

Mentor: Audrey Beck

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Ulises Magallon Estrada

Can Latinos be Racist? Examining Anti-Blackness Among
Latinos

Mentor: Audrey Beck

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Olivia Moran

Attitudes surrounding having children shifting among
millennials and Gen-z; Birth Rate Declining

Mentor: Erlinde Cornelis

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Tamika Lovelace

The impact of Covid-19 and sociopolitical unrest on
Anti-racism in Education

Mentor: Estella Chizhik

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Maraliz Fischler-Barraza

Integrating art and science as a tool to build science-specific disciplinary knowledge and skills.

Mentor: Kathleen Schenkel

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Zachary Conte

Role of Aortic Tissue Stiffness in LV-LVAD Mechanics

Mentor: Karen May-Newman

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Emily Brown

Lunar Farming: Mechanism of Plant Growth Promotion in
Lunar Regolith by Biopolymer and Urea Fertilizer

Mentor: Marta Miletic

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Lloyd Marshall

Effects of smoking on locomotor muscle adaptations to
chronic electrical stimulation

Mentor: Leonardo Nogueira

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Chloe Hull

The Effect of Demographic and Xenobiotic Factors on the
Breast Milk Microbiome

Mentor: Karilyn Sant

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Financial Toxicity Among Underserved Breast Cancer
Survivors

Mentor: EunJeong Ko

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Georgina Gabriela Canto Encalada

Flux balance analysis of the ammonia-oxidizing bacterium
Nitrosomonas europaea ATCC19718 unravels specific
metabolic activities while degrading toxic compounds

Mentor: Cristal Zuniga

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Andrea Berreondo

En Ser Mujer: Latin American Women and Digital Media
Entrepreneurship

Mentor: Lourdes Cueva-Chacon

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Graciela Moran

Funding For All The Effect of State Micro Grant Programs for
Entrepreneurs in the Inland Empire: Utilizing Study Results
from Caravanserai Projects' California Dream Fund Grant
Program (2022)

Mentor: Dr. Mounah Abdul-Samad

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Shayla Shahar

Characterization of Metagenomes and Pathogen
Identification of the Tijuana River

Mentor: Scott Kelley

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Tiffany Luong

Bench to Bedside Phage Therapy for Severe Pneumonia in
Cystic Fibrosis

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Hana Foo

Gemstone Apothecary

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Kristin Tenney

The Psychological Needs of an Undergraduate Computer
Scientist: Three Case Studies

Mentor: Alexander Chizhick

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Scott Monahan

Population Genomics of the Invasive Pink Rice Borer Moth,
Sesemia inferens

Mentor: Arun Sethuraman

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Tina Marcroft

Exploring Expert and Novice Understanding of Organismal
Relatedness

Mentor: Regis Komperda

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Giovanna Zampa

Development and deployment of a comprehensive social survey to understand public restroom access and related health concerns among San Diegans experiencing homelessness

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Life Cycle Assessment: Cradle-to-Grave Carbon Dioxide
Emissions of BEV and PHEV

Mentor: John Abraham

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Sara Rodrigue

Creating a Scorecard for Public Restrooms in San Diego County to Address Accessibility, Cleanliness, and Safety

Mentor: Jerel Calzo

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Brianna O'Boyle

WeChat Usage and Emoji Ratings: How usage of the social media platform WeChat influences the ratings of emojis from WeChat

Mentor: Gabriel Doyle

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Ila Peeler

Understanding the Metabolism of Recently Isolated
Infectious Bacterium, *Bordatella atropi*

Mentor: Cristal Zuniga

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Kayla Solsbak

“The Feminine Presence”: Gender Discourse in the United
Farm Workers’ Newspaper

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