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### August 2019 Newsletter



#### STEM Advantage Scholars @ Accenture

STEM Advantage Scholars Alexis (Computer Engineering major @ Cal State Northridge), Denise (Computer Science major at Cal Poly Pomona) and Kareena (Computer Science major at Cal State Long Beach) were honored to be selected for summer internships at Accenture. In addition to the amazing insights they gained into the world of consulting and the impact they can have, they participated in interesting and fun events, including a Hackathon (that's where they took the photo above). Alexis and Kareena attended a Student Leadership Conference with interns from across North America, and Denise went to Boston to attend an underclassmen conference.

"Being a part of Accenture has been both rewarding and exciting. We are forever grateful!"

Plus, STEM Advantage launched Accenture's Skills to Succeed Academy, an immersive, online learning program to help students build skills and confidence to choose the right career, find a job and be successful in the workplace, to STEM Advantage Scholars this spring. Based on positive feedback, we will be offering this program more broadly to STEM students at the campuses we serve this fall. Students can select from 36 interactive, bite-sized learning modules to create a personalized learning path to prepare for a job interview and much more.



#### Harry @ Northrop Grumman

As you may know, a few STEM Advantage Scholars are veterans. We are humbled and honored to serve veterans, who have done so much to serve our country.

Harry served in the United States Marine Corps and is earning a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona. Harry had a great experience during his summer internship at Northrop Grumman. He supported the F/A-18 program and was lucky enough to go on a tour to the Naval Air Station in Leemore where the flight squadrons train for deployment. In this photo, Harry is next to an F/A-18 Super Hornet.

Like most STEM Advantage Scholars, Harry is a first generation college student. In addition to a paid internship, having a mentor (Harry's mentor is an engineer at Boeing) and receiving a

scholarship to graduate with less student debt helps students like Harry prepare for and launch STEM careers.

### How can you get involved?

To provide a paid internship, be a mentor, provide a scholarship, or hire recent graduates, please contact Lee Ann at [leeann@stemadvantage.org](mailto:leeann@stemadvantage.org)



### Networking & building community

In the summer and during winter break we hold social and networking events to provide opportunities for STEM Advantage Scholars to practice their networking skills with industry leaders and build community.

We are grateful to Kern Wasan for hosting our Scholars at Pivotal Labs on August 7, and inviting Pivotal's engineers, designers and partners to help the students practice their networking skills and elevator pitch. Special thanks to Bryan Villagonzalo, Sr. Product Designer at Pivotal Labs, who gave a lightning talk on the use and meaning of colors in user centered design.

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