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Meet Airrion!

CSU Dominguez Hills, Information Technology

"I am a first generation college student studying Information Technology with an emphasis in Cyber Security at CSU Dominguez Hills. Growing up, I always knew college was a necessity but with three other siblings, I knew that I would be unable to rely solely upon my parent's financial support.

STEM Advantage helps me as well as students like me over these hurdles, by giving us an added advantage by providing scholarships, mentors, and facilitating paid internships.

One short term goal I have is to gain work experience in IT through a full-time, paid summer internship. I want to break into the Cyber Security/ IT world where I can begin to put my coursework to use and get hands-on experience working with those who have been in the industry for many years.

Long term, I hope to head an IT department as a network or database administrator."

To provide a paid internship opportunity to Airrion or any of our STEM Advantage Scholars, please contact Lee Ann Kline at 949.322.3320 or at leeann@stemadvantage.org.



Cindy McKenzie, CIO Deluxe Entertainment Group and Vice President, STEM Advantage Receives the AIS's Distinguished Leadership Award!

The Advanced Imaging Society (AIS) announced the 10 honorees for the 2018 Technology Awards and the 13 women, INCLUDING OUR OWN CINDY MCKENZIE, who received the AIS's Distinguished Leadership Award at the AIS's Lumiere Awards on February 12, 2018. The event was co-sponsored by Cisco and Dell.

Winners of the the 2018 Technology Awards were selected from nearly 100 submissions by members of the AIS Technology Committee and honorees for the Distinguished Leadership Award were selected by a committee of representatives from various corners of the technology in media and entertainment community.

"Our latest class of 10 Technology Awards honorees and our timely recognition of 13 women receiving our Distinguished Leadership Award encompass familiar names along with recent discoveries, all of which represent the most creative, productive and forward-thinking efforts in visual technology and emerging content," said Jim

Chabin, President and CEO of The Advanced Imaging Society "The AIS has a mission to unite as well as celebrate the people and companies that are moving the entertainment technology business forward, and our honorees this year represent that goal perfectly."

Joining the celebration of Cindy's contributions to her work in business and technology were STEM Advantage Scholars Karina Martinez, Abanoub Ghaly, Danielle Yamane, Rubi Mora, Aliah Cadena, Alejandra Soto, MaryLiza Walker, Amy Rodriguez, and Amber Cosgrove.

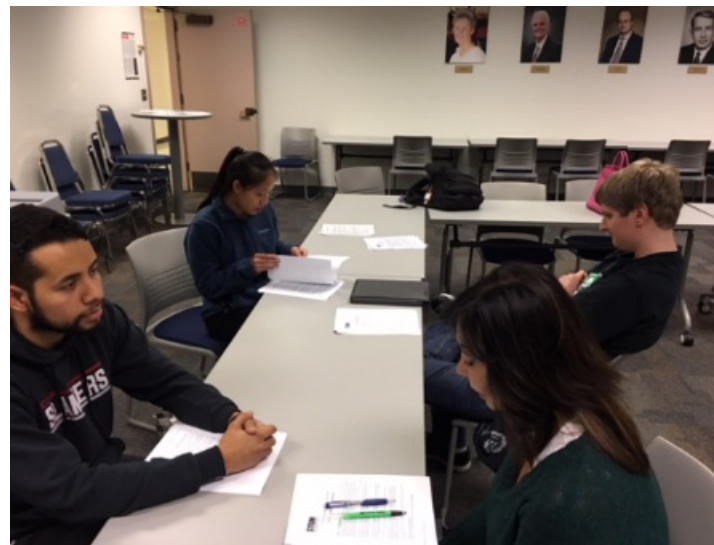


STEM Advantage hosts Three Interviewing Skills Workshops for Professional Development

On February 13, February 19, and February 26, 2018, Executive Director Dr. Dawn Mooney Digrius hosted three professional development workshops at CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, and CSU Los Angeles respectively for students interested in enhancing their interviewing skills.

Dawn provided information and students had the chance to participate in mock interviews, drawing from questions provided during the first half of the workshop.

As part of Engineering Week, CSUN welcomed STEM Advantage to campus. Roshini Bamunuarachichi, a Junior majoring in Computer Engineering at CSUN, shared her recent experiences interviewing for a full-time summer internship at Farmers Insurance as part of STEM Advantage's program. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming professional development workshops at www.stemadvantage.org.



STEM Advantage to hold its 6th Annual Fundraiser at SONY PICTURES STUDIOS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Our Annual Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, April 21, 2018** at **Sony Pictures Studios**, Culver City, CA from **6:00PM to 9:00PM**. Honorary Co-Chairs are **Cindy McKenzie, CIO Deluxe Entertainment** and **David Buckholtz, SVP Corporate Information Technology Sony Pictures Entertainment**. **Frank Mottek, KNX 1070** will again serve as Emcee.

For more information on the event, or to learn more about **Sponsoring** this year's event, please contact **Lee Ann Kline** at **949.322.3320** or at **leann@stemadvantage.org**.



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