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Meet Beatriz!

CSU Los Angeles, Computer Science

Beatriz is a one of our newest STEM Advantage Scholars, a Sophomore Computer Science Major at California State University Los Angeles. She originally wanted to become a lawyer, but an internship with an IT consulting firm that hired her for various projects ultimately led her to a career path in Computer Science!

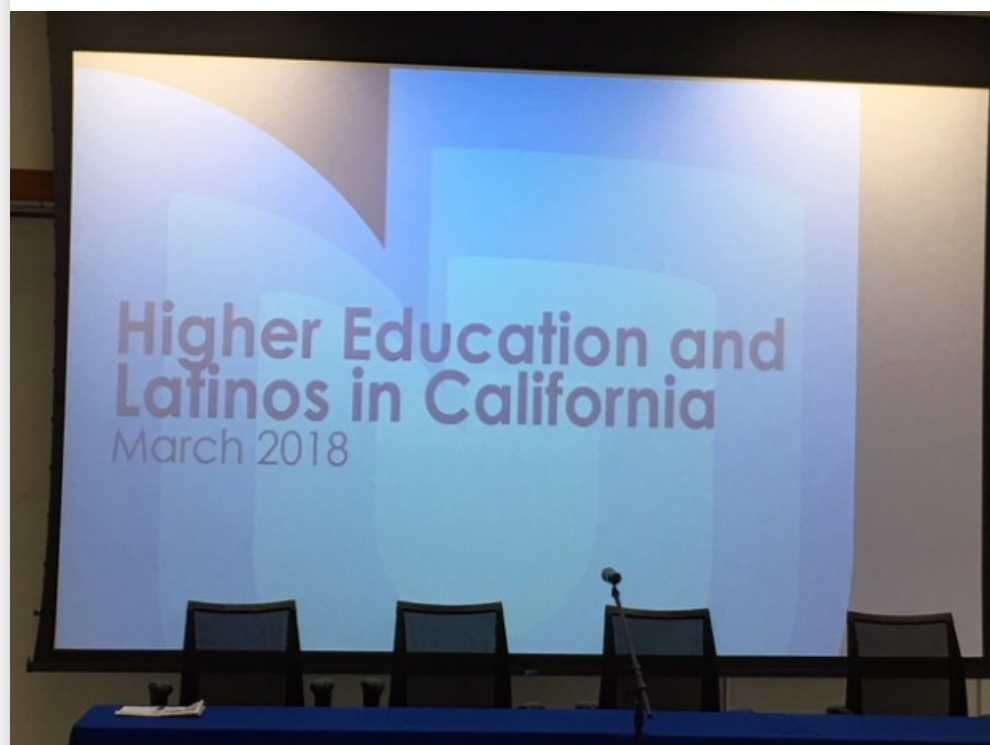
Beatriz's short term goals are to sharpen her skills in programming and learn new programs and methods.

Her long term goals are to collaborate and create new software programs to support preventative medical care.

Beatriz is passionate about promoting Computer Science to other women and wants to serve as a role model to young girls as to why they should pursue their dreams!

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

Higher Education and Latinos in California



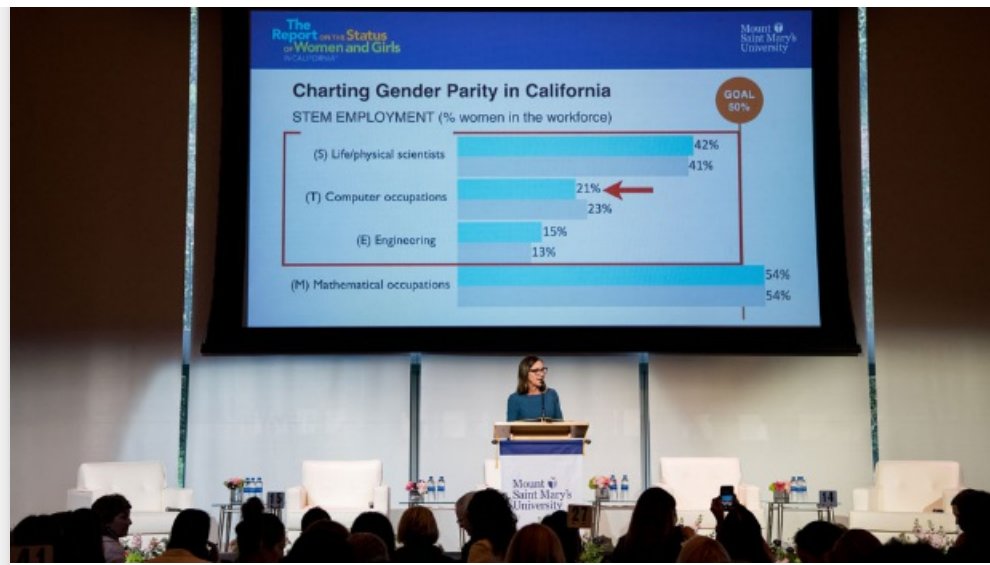
On March 21, 2018, Executive Director Dr. Dawn Mooney Digrius attended an event hosted by Univision and California Competes, focused on Latinos and higher education in California.

Some key takeaways from the event included:

- the ratio of counselors to high school students in CA is 945:1
- 40% of Latino Intenders (individuals not enrolled but plan to enroll in college) are first generation students
- 65% of Latinos are enrolled part-time, because they need to work
- 68% say that their college of choice is NOT a four-year institution, but a community college, because it accommodates their work schedules better

To see more Latinos enter the STEM fields and graduate with degrees in STEM, we must be cognizant of the challenges unique to Latinos in California.

The 2018 Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California



On March 22, 2018, Executive Director Dr. Dawn Mooney Digrus attended the Mount Saint Mary's conference on the Status of Women and Girls in California, held at the Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles. The event, coincident with the University's 2018 report, researched and produced by the Mount's Center for the Advancement of Women, highlighted workforce challenges that women face in California. President Ann McElany-Johnson revealed data on the gender disparity among the STEM fields in California in the slide above, noting that among Computer occupations, California actually decreased disparity between 2006 and 2016.

STEM Advantage provides opportunities for women and underrepresented communities to earn scholarships, work with mentors, and facilitates paid full-time summer internships. We believe that we can close this gender disparity in the computer occupations in California, by increasing the number of women and others entering the workforce post-graduation. Supporting STEM Advantage will increase the pipeline of qualified students gaining employment!

VIP luncheon with panel including Kim Baldonado, Geena Davis, and Erika Green Swafford, focused on Gender Equity in Hollywood. Photo by Dr. Digrus.



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6th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser- Sony Pictures Studios

Join us for our 6th Annual Fundraiser, on **Saturday, April 21, 2018**. 6:00PM-9:00PM.

Our venue is Sony Pictures Studios, an amazing historic and scenic location to celebrate our scholars and our program!

Wolfgang Puck Catering will provide us with tasty food and beverages.

Frank Mottek, Senior Money Anchor at KNX 1070 Newsradio will again serve as our Emcee!



Daraiha Greene, Head of Multicultural Engagement, CS in Media, Google will moderate our Scholars Panel



Christopher Gray, Founder and CEO of Scholly will be our Keynote Speaker

Individual Tickets are Limited
\$225.00 until March 31, 2018
\$250.00 April 1 to April 12, 2018.

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