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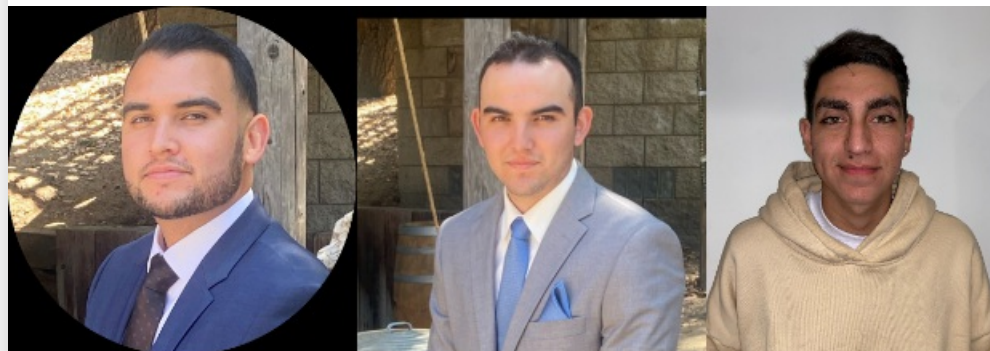


STEM Advantage Scholar: Samantha

"I admire the STEM Advantage program's mission to work with women and those in underserved communities to help them pursue careers in STEM. I fall under both categories and it has been uplifting being selected as a scholar for the STEM Advantage program.

Pursuing a career in STEM is already a big challenge, but being an underrepresented individual majoring in a STEM-related field is even more challenging. Through STEM Advantage I am able to have a community that supports me in this journey of mine. I am currently President of a club on campus, Latinos in Science and Engineering, and am an active member in Women in Computing and will be 'paying it forward' by sharing the valuable skills that I have learned through the program with them. When I am done with the program I will be able to help other women and underserved communities professionally due to my experience. Also, I look forward to becoming a mentor in the STEM Advantage program in the future!"

Samantha is earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Science at Cal State Long Beach



Making a Generational Impact

Did you know that we have multiple siblings and cousins who are STEM Advantage Scholars?

"I joined the STEM program back in 2016 and got an amazing Information Security opportunity with Toyota HQ. After the STEM program helped kickstart my career, I recommended the program to my relatives. I knew it would be a great opportunity for them to also kickstart their career. Anthony was also able to land an Information Security opportunity through the STEM program. Marcel is just starting with STEM and has a bright future with STEM by his side. Our goal is to start our own Digital Forensics company.

We are all thankful for the opportunities and support the STEM program provides."

Jesse earned and Anthony and Marcel are earning bachelor's degrees in Computer Technology & Information Security at Cal State Dominguez Hills

STEM Advantage Scholars are the best ambassadors for our program supporting and making a difference for their family, community, and future generations.



STEM Advantage Scholar: Jalyssa

"My time as a STEM Advantage Scholar has been filled with an abundance of opportunity and growth. I have learned crucial career tips in webinars and fostered meaningful relationships with several mentors and peers. Thanks to the support of the program, I received an enriching experience as an intern at the Aerospace Corporation last summer, and a scholarship this year. Additionally, through the connections I have made in the STEM Advantage program, I am happy to say that I have gotten help with applying to graduate schools and fellowships. The support that this program provided was so essential because it left a positive and lasting impact for me to succeed beyond college."

Jalyssa is earning a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering at Cal State Long Beach

Invest in Diverse STEM Talent

Talent is equally distributed, but opportunity is not. STEM Advantage mentors, prepares, and inspires women and underserved communities to pursue STEM careers. We provide economic and social mobility to underserved groups, while providing a vetted pipeline of diverse talent to businesses to fill their workforce needs. Thanks to your support, our program is having an impact. In 2021, Los Angeles Business Journal honored STEM Advantage as Diversity, Inclusion + Equity Nonprofit of the Year!

100% of your tax-deductible gift funds STEM Advantage Scholars, who are mostly low-income, first-generation college students, attending California State University (CSU), the *largest and most ethnically diverse four-year public university system in the nation*.

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