From the Dean

Dear Students:

I hope that the first month at Claremont has been productive. For the first year students, I hope that your transition to Claremont has been a smooth one. For those who are second and third year students, this is the time to start thinking of internships and summer research opportunities. In the September issue of CHISPAS, Pitzer senior Rocio Medina wrote of her experience in conducting summer research at the University of Illinois. Moreover, Joana Perdomo (HMC 16), April Carlson (CMC 16) and Kimberly Ona (POM 16) conducted research at UC Merced, UCLA, and the Mayo Clinic respectively. It is paramount to be proactive in seeking out research and internship opportunities since it will allow you to become a strong candidate for graduate school and career opportunities.

For seniors, this is the time to start working on your graduate and professional school applications.

Please take time to start working on your statement of purpose and securing STRONG letters of recommendation. If you are interested in navigating the graduate school application process, I highly encourage all of you to sign up for the California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 8th at the University of California, San Diego. Information on transportation will be forthcoming so please check your emails from CLSA.

Lastly, I want to remind all of you to be mindful and respectful of your fellow students who are studying at CLSA. Even though we are happy that our center is a safe space for all students to gather socially, it is also a study space. As such please be mindful of the loudness of your conversations.

I hope that October is a month of academic and personal growth and stop by CLSA to say hello to your Claremont familia.

Saludos,

Tony Jimenez, Assist. Dean

Statement of Purpose Workshop

CLSA is hosting Carmela Diosana, from the University of Wisconsin, who will present a workshop on How to Write a Statement of Purpose for Graduate School on Wednesday, October 15 from 4-5:30 pm. The session will be held in the Tranquada Student Services Center Conference Room.

Although the session is focused on seniors applying to graduate school, the valuable information and techniques offered by Ms. Diosana can be utilized by all students for applications to internships, fellowships and summer research opportunities. Furthermore, it’s never too early to start working on your graduate school application.

Please RSVP at clsa@cuc.claremont.edu.
Costa Rica Summer Health Study

Jennifer Arias
Scripps College ‘15

I never imagined that I would have the opportunity to study abroad in the summer. As a science major it was challenging for me to rearrange my schedule in order to study abroad during the semester. In addition, many of the semester programs that I looked into did not capture my attention. The only program that seemed to fit was the Scripps College Costa Rica Summer Health study abroad program. However, as a Scripps college student I was not eligible for financial aid through Pitzer College. I could not receive financial aid through Scripps College either because Scripps does not offer financial aid for summer programs. I applied for several outside scholarships that fund study abroad programs because I could not afford the cost. After several months of applying I felt extremely blessed when I received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship and an outside scholarship through Scripps College. With both of these scholarships I was finally able to study abroad in Costa Rica during the summer of 2014.

Before flying out I was anxious because it was the farthest distance that I would travel on my own. However, the anxiety I felt before traveling to Costa Rica quickly turned into happiness after I landed and was greeted by the staff of the program and my host family. The Costa Rica Summer Health study abroad program was one of the most enriching learning experiences throughout my college career. The six-week program focused on learning about the Costa Rican universal health care system. I took two courses: Sociology of Health and Healthcare in Costa Rica and an Intensive Spanish Language course for Native Speakers. I also completed a three-week internship at a clinic in Tibas, San Jose. I lived with one of the greatest host families that taught me about the Costa Rican healthcare system, government, and culture. They also gave me lots of delicious mangos! I also went on study trips to a banana plantation, museums, hospitals, and clinics in order to deepen my understanding of what I learned in the classroom setting. Lastly, I visited Nicaragua for one week in order to learn about their healthcare system as well.

I feel extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to study abroad in Costa Rica because the program exposed me to a unique learning environment that I would never find in Claremont. So if you ever think of studying abroad I would highly recommend that you do!

Graduation Stoles

Students wishing to order a personalized graduation stole for commencement day must place their order by Wednesday, October 24th. Please email Ernestine Mendoza at clsa@cuc.claremont.edu to make an appointment. To preview samples, visit the company’s website at http://cultura.midwesttradedgroup.com.

You can visit the CLSA Facebook page to see the array of stoles ordered by last year’s graduating class. Stoles will be presented at Día de la Familia during Family Weekend.

Diversity Forum

The California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education “Diversity Forum” will be taking place on Saturday, November 8th at UC San Diego. Over 200 graduate schools will be discussing the process of applying and being admitted to their master and doctoral programs. In addition there will be workshops that relate to writing the statement of purpose, funding your graduate education, and how to be a competitive applicant. To register, please go to: www.caldiversityforum.org/register and use the password: triton2014. Spots are filling fast! If you need further information, please contact Assistant Dean Jimenez at: tonyj@cuc.claremont.edu

Vilma Fuentes Returns

Monsour Counseling Center Psychologist Vilma Fuentes will continue this 2014-2015 academic year as liaison to Chicano Latino Student Affairs. As such, she will make herself make herself available to students through her weekly drop-in hour at CLSA. Students can find Vilma every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:00 pm in the Resource Center.

Border Tour—U.S.-Mexico Wall

CLSA is hosting a San Diego border wall tour on Saturday, October 25th. The tour will include visiting Friendship Park as well as going to various sites to see the militarization of the area. The bus will depart at 8 am and return by 5 pm. You will need comfortable shoes, a light jacket and your ID. If you can join us, submit your meal card number and let us know of any dietary restrictions. Lunch will be provided. This is a very important trip and students have found it very moving as well as educational. Reserve now at clsa@cuc.claremont.edu no later than October 22. Invite your friends to join us for the tour.
The Onset of 2014-15 in Photos

Building community at New Student Retreat

Working as a Team

Getting acquainted

Trust!

Triumph!

New Friendships

2014 CLSA New Student Retreat

Open House

5-C First-Year BBQ

Financial Aid Staff at Open House

Pomona College First-Year Luncheon

NSF Workshop
Fellowships

The UCLA Law Fellows Program prepares participants to successfully enter and succeed in top law programs and legal careers by affording Fellows access to a variety of events, programs and services. Selected Fellows attend a series of monthly Saturday Academies held at UCLA School of Law in the winter and spring, where they are provided with mentoring, academic enrichment, and career development activities designed to de-mystify law school and the legal profession, and to present these objectives as viable options. The initial application deadline is October 20th although applications will still be accepted after the initial deadline, applicants are encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible to ensure maximum consideration. The application is available online at http://law.ucla.edu/admissions/outreach.

The Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship provides students with a variety of experiences to develop leadership and management expertise, to integrate learning and practice, to understand individual and cultural diversity, to appreciate individual and collaborative work and to enhance professional competencies. Applications are now being accepted and are available at http://p4bhealth.org/get-involved.

Leadership Conference

The Harvard Kennedy School will host the 15th annual spring Public Policy and Leadership Conference on February 19 through 22nd, 2015. This conference is open to first and second-year undergraduate students interested in pursuing professional careers in public service. These include careers in federal, state or local government, and work in the nonprofit sector or in international agencies. Our goal is also to provide information on various fellowship opportunities. Selected participants receive paid travel, accommodations, and meals. The deadline is November 12th. More information and application is available at www.hks.harvard.edu/degrees/diversity/pplc.

Mentorship Program

The application deadline for the Deloitte Consulting Diversity Mentorship Program has been extended to Friday, October 3rd. If you are a Sophomore and Junior, you may want to fill out this simple application that can lead to being mentored by a Deloitte member and develop a lasting relationship. Receive bi-weekly phones during this 8-week program and discuss important topics about professional life such as How to prepare for an interview, How to apply for jobs, Summer opportunities, Diversity in the workplace, Deloitte’s Human Capital Analyst Program, etc. Find application at https://deloittesurvey.deloitte.com/Community/se.aspx?s=3FC11B26656088F1

Scholarships

The Ayn Rand Essay Contest is open to all college undergraduates. The essay centers on Ayn Rand’s book Atlas Shrugged. There are 84 awards ranging from $50 to $10,000. The deadline is on October 24. Find more details at http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/AtlasShrugged.aspx.

The Berrien Fragos Thorn Arts Scholarships for Migrant Farmworkers offers two scholarships worth $500 and $2,500 to students interested in literature and art including computer-based art. The deadline for the $2,500 award is November 1. There is no deadline for the $500 award. Find more details at http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/thorn.htm.

The Council of International Education Exchange offers an overseas study abroad experience for financially-dependent students. The awards range from $1,000 to $4,000, depending on duration of study and financial need. All qualified students will be awarded. There are many programs. The deadline to study abroad during Spring Semester for two major groups of programs is on October 15 and November 1. Get more information at http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/scholarships/.

The Richard B. Fisher Scholarship is a program that includes a $15,000 scholarship as well as a summer internship with Morgan Stanley. Eligible candidates are sophomores and juniors with an interest in business or finance and who have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The application deadline for juniors is October 12th and for sophomores is January 11th. Students of all majors and disciplines are encouraged to apply. Additional information is available at http://www.morganstanley.com/about/careers/ischolarships_na.htm
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