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Honoring Willie Zuniga



Willie Zuniga—Scholar, Mentor, Caballero, Friend

Last week the CLSA community lost a friend, brother, and mentor. Willie Zuniga left us too soon, but his impact at Harvey Mudd and the greater Claremont Colleges will live forever. Since his first day at HMC, Willie wanted to make an impact and make sure that he was an advocate for Latino students not only at his campus, but the greater community.

As a CLSA sponsor during his sophomore and Junior year, Willie worked tirelessly to help first year HMC students acclimate to the rigors of being in STEM. Willie's impact went beyond HMC. During the CLSA retreat, I saw Willie talking, laughing and playing with sponsors and first year students from Pomona, Scripps, Pitzer and Claremont McKenna. He was a leader! Not because he wanted people to follow him, but rather his energy, spirit, and heart made people gravitate towards him.

Even though he was brilliant in his academics, he

was always humble. He had the uncanny gift to decipher complex information and make it understandable to those of us that were not as gifted.

He always knew that he wanted to give back to his community and wanted to be a professor. For example, during his sophomore year he approached me that he wanted to do undergraduate research. Even though it was early in his academic career, he was focused and driven to go to graduate school and be a professor.

His hard work and perseverance paid off when he was admitted to do research in a top physics department at the University of Illinois as part of the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP). The program director, Dr. Daniel Wong, would call me and praise the hard work and intellect of Willie. In many occurrences, Dr. Wong mentioned that he looked forward in calling Willie Dr. Zuniga. Upon learning of his passing, Dr. Wong was devastated and sent his condolences to his

family and the Claremont community. As a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow (MMUF) at Claremont, Willie was loved and made an impact with his fellow MMUF scholars, faculty and staff. All of us are heartbroken that we no longer have him. We will miss his intellect, but most importantly, his friendship, and his desire to make a difference.

Willie, CLSA loves you! May you rest in peace. You will forever live in our hearts. I will miss having you come to CLSA and talk about graduate school, SPLS, and life in general. You left us too soon, and you made me a better person. We will forever honor you and your contributions to CLSA. Descansa en paz.

Tony Jimenez
Associate Dean of Students
CLSA will host a luncheon this Friday, the 10th, at 12 noon to remember Willie and sign cards that will be sent to his family. We also encourage you to send us a copy of your favorite Willie photo which will be part of a photo video. For lunch, please RSVP by Thursday morning, 9th, before noon to clsa@cuc.claremont.edu.

From the Deans

Dear Students,

I hope that the beginning of the semester is treating you well. For many, the current events in the political discourse have created an environment of uneasiness. During these difficult times, it is essential that we lean on each other for support. CLSA is here for you. We love you!!!

Our community is diverse, and we celebrate you. Our students represent all corners of the Americas and the Iberian Peninsula.

We are Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Atheist, Agnostic and other faiths. As Latinos are ancestors are Indigenous, European, African, Middle Eastern and Asian. Even though we may have a diversity of viewpoints, we are familia and we need to support each other during these uncertain times.

If you need to talk to someone, take advantages of the resources of the Claremont Colleges. In addition to CLSA, Monsour, CAPAS, AARC, SDRC, OBSA,

QRC, the CARE Center at CMC are only a small sample of support that is available to you.

February is also a busy month at CLSA. Día de La Familia is occurring on Sunday, February 19th. This is a time that we celebrate you, the students and your familia. If you have a special talent, please let us know. We would love to have you perform in order to celebrate your talents. You can sing, play an instrument, or read poetry. We want to celebrate you!!

Lastly, CLSA Sponsor applications are forthcoming. In the next week we will send out an email with the application. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. With the current social climate in our nation, we need sponsors that can assist our new first-year students not only acclimate to the Claremont Colleges, but also know that that our community is here for them!

Un Abrazo,

Tony Jimenez

Associate Dean of Students

Graduate Student Brown Bag Series

Four graduate students at Claremont Graduate University will be highlighted by CLSA as part of the Graduate Student Brown Bag Series.

On February 16th; Claudia Cáceres, Ph.D. student at the School of Information Systems and Technology – will be presenting on — *Analyzing the Relationship between Climate Change*

and Food Insecurity in Developing Countries.

On February 21st, Melissa A. Navarro, Joint Ph.D. student at the School of Educational Studies at CGU and San Diego State University presenting will be on *Kindergarten Teachers' [mis]labeling Future Scientists.*

On February 27th, Michelle Soto-Peña, Ph.D. student at the School of Educational Studies will be presenting on *Reflections of Opportunity and Struggle: The Educational Experience of Transmigrant Salvadorans.*

Lastly on March 6th, Alonzo Campos, Ph.D. student, School of Educational Studies will be discussing his research on *Access and*

Equity: Problematizing Suburban Schooling.

CLSA invites you to bring your lunch and join us in supporting these scholars and their important research.

Chicano Latino Student Affairs will provide beverages and dessert.

CLSA Sponsor Applications

Would you like to be a member of a leadership team? Consider applying to be a Chicano Latino Student Affairs (CLSA) Sponsor. CLSA is seeking open-minded, welcoming and caring students in good academic standing to join

the 2017-2018 Sponsor Team. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of entering first-year students and at your respective college and at the Claremont Colleges.

Selected students will participate in a mandatory week-long Sponsor Training which will take place on the last week of August. CLSA Sponsors will be active during orientation and play a leadership role during the New Student Retreat.

The application period opens on February 14th and closes on March 20th. Interviews will take place on March 28th and 29th. For an application, please contact clsa@cuc.claremont.edu.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chapbook Deadline CLSA Grad Registration Opens— cuc.claremont. edu/clsa/ 5-6 pm CSWA Meeting	2	3 6-7 pm Las Señoritas Meeting	4
5 8-9 pm CASA Meeting	6	7 10:30-2 pm Pomona College Internship Program (PCIP) Write-In Session @ CLSA	8 5-6 pm CSWA Meeting	9	10 6-7 pm Las Señoritas Meeting	11
12	13	14 4:50-5 pm Pomona OA Leader Info Session @ CLSA	15 4-5 pm Adriana Ramos, USC Research & L.A. Co. Public Health Internship Opportunities 5-6 pm CSWA Meeting	16 12-1 pm Grad Student Brown Bag Series, Claudia Cáceres, Ph.D. Candidate & ESRI Winner, Information Systems & Technology—GIS	17 6-7 pm Las Señoritas Meeting	18
19 10 am Día de la Familia, Seaver Theater, Pomona College 8-9 pm CASA Meeting	20	21 12-1 pm Grad Student Brown Bag Series, Melissa Navarro, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Education Studies, CGU & SDSU	22 3:30 pm Dr. George Sanchez, USC, Keynote Speaker: The Claremont Colleges Diversity Teaching Award <i>Do They Really Want Me?: Faculty of Color, Student Protests & Future of Pre- dominately White Campuses, Balch Auditorium, SC</i>	23	24 6-7 pm Las Señoritas Meeting	25
26	27 12-1 pm Grad Student Brown Bag Series, Michelle Soto-Peña, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Educational Studies	28	1	2	3 7-9 pm Karaoke Night @ CLSA Stay tuned for all the details.	

Resource Center News

Fellowships

The Capital Fellows Programs offer a unique opportunity to participate in policymaking and development. The four fellowship programs are the **Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship, Executive Fellowship, Judicial Administration Fellowship, and California Senate Fellows**. The 18 Assembly Fellows, 18 Senate Fellows, 18 Executive Fellows and 10 Judicial Administration Fellows participate in policymaking, program development, and program implementation. Fellows in each program work for 11 months, receive health, dental and vision benefits and a monthly stipend of \$2,627 as well as receiving graduate units from the Sacramento State in Government or Public Policy. The **application deadline is February 13th**. Visit www.csus.edu/calst/programs for application and additional information.

The 2017 Montgomery Summer Research Diversity Fellowships in Law and Social Science for Undergraduate Students sponsored by the American Bar Foundation are designed to interest undergraduates from diverse backgrounds in pursuing graduate study in the social sciences. Applications from sophomores and juniors with a 3.0 GPA and majoring in the social sciences or humanities will be considered. Four summer research fellowships will be awarded and each student will be assigned to an American Bar Foundation Research Professor who will involve the student in the professor's research project and who will act as a mentor during the student's tenure. The students also will participate in a series of seminars and field visits to acquaint them with the many facets of socio legal research and the legal system. The students will work at the American Bar Foundation's offices in Chicago, Illinois for 35 hours a week for a period of 8 weeks. Each student will receive a stipend of \$3,600. Apply online at http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/fellowshipsCall_for_Summer_Research_Diversity_Fellows.html. **Deadline is February 15th**.

Internships

The goal of Mentoring Summer Research Internship Program (MSRIP) at the University of California, Riverside is to increase the number of outstanding students from diverse backgrounds who pursue a Masters and/or Ph.D. by strengthening their academic and professional development for admission prestigious colleges and universities nationwide. Its primary objectives are to: 1) provide preparation for graduate studies through a variety of workshops; 2) provide a mechanism that fosters faculty/student interrelationships; 3) give the students a first-hand look at graduate opportunities at UCR; 4) assist the students in realizing their potential for graduate studies; and 5) expose the faculty mentors to the possibility of recruiting their interns to their departments. Research areas are: Physical, biological and agricultural sciences; chemical/environmental, electrical, and mechanical engineering, and computer sciences; mathematics; social sciences, humanities and education. (Disciplines available in any particular year vary based upon faculty availability). Open to current sophomores and juniors. Participants receive a stipend of \$3,000 as well as room and board. **The deadline is February 17th** and the application can be found at <http://graduate.ucr.edu/MSRIP.html>.

Premedical Program & Post-Baccalaureate Programs

The Scripps Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program offers motivated women and men the opportunity to change the direction of their lives and, in thirteen months, complete the requisite science courses to successfully pursue a career in medicine. Learning in small classes under the guidance of dedicated faculty and advisors, our students have earned an acceptance rate into medical and professional schools of over 95%. Located within the Claremont Colleges, the Scripps Post-Bac program is an acknowledged leader in its field. For more information visit www.scrippscollege.edu/academics/postbac/index.php. **Application is due by March 1st**.

The University of California Los Angeles School of Medicine Premedical Enrichment Program (UCLA PREP) is a seven-week program designed to provide premedical and pre-dental students from disadvantaged backgrounds with a means of strengthening their ability and readiness to study medicine or dentistry. As a result of full participation in UCLA PREP, participants should have enhanced their chances of being accepted to medical or dental school and succeeding once there. **Application is due by March 1st**, for more information visit <http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/aeo/prep.cfm>.

The University of Connecticut School of Medicine Post Baccalaureate Program provides assistance in arranging for clinical and volunteer community service, and other volunteer and research opportunities at the U of C School of Medicine Health Center. Application is on a rolling basis but priority is given to completed applications by May 1st. For more information visit <http://medicine.uhc.edu/prospective/postbac/index.html>.

Scholarships

The Vosburg Seminar Award was established to recognize student scholars who have an interest in Religion, Politics and Social Justice. Two awards will be presented during Spring Semester: 1st Place—\$750 and 2nd Place—\$250. Awards will be presented to the scholars who can speak to their understanding of complex issues concerning religion, culture, politics and power, economic inequality, and their effects on college students. Students will submit a \$1500 word paper. For more information, please contact Reverend Leon Wood, Interim Chaplain of the Claremont Colleges at (909) 621-8823 or leon_wood@cuc.claremont.edu.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP) offers competitive scholarships to students who are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral, and social science health-related research. The NIH UGSP will pay up to \$20,000 per academic year in tuition, educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses to recipients. The scholarships are awarded for 1 year and can be renewed for up to 4 years. Students must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher. Apply online at www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp. **Deadline is March 1st.**

Brown & Caldwell are committed to increasing opportunities for minorities to pursue education and careers within the environmental profession. They offer the **Minority Scholarship Program** to students in their junior or senior year, as well as graduate students, who have declared a major in civil, chemical or environmental engineering or one of the environmental sciences (ecology, geology, hydrogeology) and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The award is in the amount of \$5,000 with an optional paid internship and a mentor. **The deadline is April 15th.** More details are available at

Summer Research Programs

UC San Diego (UCSD) offers the **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program** for students who are interested in a career in basic research and are seriously considering a Ph.D. Participants receive a stipend of \$3,000 for the 8-week summer program plus housing. **The deadline has been extended to February 14th** and you can find the application at <http://pharmacology.ucsd.edu/other/surf.html>.

The University of California, San Diego offers the Summer Training Academy Research Success (STARS) Program to undergraduates and masters students in all disciplines. This eight-week summer academy offers participants a rigorous research opportunity. **The deadline for this program is February 19th.** Most participants' funding comes from the UC Chancellors office and will cover travel, housing and \$3,000 stipend. Learn more at <https://grad.ucsd.edu/degrees/summer-researches/stars/index.html>.

Caltech's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) program introduces students to research under the guidance of seasoned research mentors at Caltech and Jet Propulsion Lab. Students experience the process of research as a creative intellectual activity. Fellows receive a \$6,000 award for the ten-week period which are distributed in two installments. Important: Students must identify and contact a mentor in advance of submitting an application. A mentor must agree to support your application, help you to develop and define a research project, and assist you in the writing of the research proposal. **The application deadline is February 22nd.** Applications details are available at <https://sfp.caltech.edu/programs/surf>.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison offers the SIGNALS Program is designed to be accessible to rising juniors and seniors who might not otherwise have this kind of undergraduate opportunity. There is no cost for the 10-week program participation. Additionally, a stipend is provided to each student, and housing and travel costs are covered. Program participants perform full-time research within a discipline-based research group led by a faculty member. A seminar series taken alongside allows participants to learn from each other's experiences and contextualize their research projects within the overarching theme of biological information flow, storage, and exchange. Additional events and activities build community, support career and graduate school exploration, and help students build useful skills, such as science writing. Students present their projects at a final symposium and write research reports to summarize their findings. **Applications are due February 15th.** For more details, please visit <https://wiscience.wisc.edu/IBS-SRP>.

The University of Colorado, offers the Summer Multicultural Access to Research Training (SMART) program to undergraduates who are interested in preparing for graduate school in a STEM field. The 10-week summer program provides hands-on experience in research and an introduction to graduate education at a leading university. Applicants must have completed their sophomore year. Selected participants receive round-trip transportation, room and board, and a competitive stipend. **February 15th is the deadline.** For additional information, please visit, <http://www.colorado.edu/GraduateSchool/DiversityInitiative/undergrads/>.