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## From the Dean

Dear Students,

I hope that the Winter break was restful and it recharged you for what promises to be a very vibrant semester at the Claremont Colleges. I can't believe that the school year is half way completed. At CLSA we have been eagerly awaiting your return to campus.

During the fall semester, CGU Graduate Student, Maria Morales, was very gracious to serve as our interim Assistant Dean of Students. During her tenure, she worked closely with the CLSA Sponsors, helped with the planning of the CLSA New Student Retreat, and met regularly with students. As a community we appreciate her efforts and wish her the very best as she returns to CGU to complete her doctoral studies in education.

In the past few months the CLSA Assistant Dean search was in full swing. We received applications from across the nation. The search committee was represented by students, faculty and staff from the Claremont Colleges. I am happy to announce that we have selected

Xochitl Casillas as our permanent CLSA Assistant Dean.

Xochitl comes to us from California State University Fullerton (CSUF) where she is currently the Director of The Upward Bound Program. Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Prior to her role as director, she served as the coordinator of the Gear Up program (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness of Undergraduate Programs). In this role she worked with over 3,000 first generation, low-income and high school students in Southern California to prepare them for higher education. In addition to working with high schools students at CSU Fullerton, she also worked in the Graduate Studies office.

Her passion for assisting students has also led her to work with Proyecto Pastoral in East Los Angeles and the Boyle Heights

Learning Collaborative. Both are nonprofit organizations. In addition she has been engaged as a site testing consultant and research consultant for Vital Research, an evaluation firm based in West Los Angeles.

Xochitl is originally from Downey, California. She pursued her graduate studies at the University of Illinois where she earned her Master's in Educational Policy Studies. As a graduate student, her research focused on Home-School-Community Partnerships and Latino parental engagement and involvement.

As first generation college graduate, Xochitl is committed in making a difference and working closely with students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents in making sure that students are successful. Let us welcome Xochitl to the Claremont Colleges and the CLSA familia.

Sincerely,

Tony Jimenez  
Dean of Students

## CHICANO LATINO GRADUATION REGISTRATION

Attention seniors and graduate students, the registration period to participate in the Chicano Latino Graduation Ceremony has now opened. The bilingual Ceremony is

scheduled for Friday, May 11th. The deadline for registering on-time is March 17. All registrations that take place after March 17th will be considered late and subject to availability. Using your college email address, we

encourage you to register now at <https://services.claremont.edu/clsa/> to secure your participation in the 2018 Chicano Latino Graduation Ceremony. Any questions, email



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## Sabine Romero returns to Alma Mater

CLSA is thrilled that **Scripps alumna Sabine Romero '95 will be back on campus as the 2018 Lois Langland Alumna-in-Residence** series starting on February 22-25. The theme Sabine will address during her brief stay will be *Open Government: Ten Ways to Make a Difference in the World*. She is extremely knowledgeable in this area as she has 20 years of experience in domestic and International Affairs. Sabine



Sabine Romero, Scripps '95

majoring in International Relations. After graduation

she worked tirelessly with Southwest Voter Registration Education project leading nonpartisan voter registration projects from Washington DC to Arizona. She went on to receive her law degree in 2002 from the University of Texas at Austin. She currently works with the City of Austin as their lead elections attorney. She also heads their ethics and compliance division and now is the Chief Administrative Officer for the Office of

Innovation.

CLSA is eager to have Sabine Romero share her wealth of knowledge and experience. We are honored to have her as the Keynote Speaker at this year's Senior Dinner which will take place on Friday, February 23rd at Scripps College Hampton Room at 5:30 pm. Invitations are forthcoming.

## Invitation

You are all invited to join us in giving our new **CLSA Assistant Dean Xochitl Casillas** a warm welcome. We encourage you to take

some time from your busy schedule and drop by CLSA on **Wednesday, February 7th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm** to introduce yourself to our

new colleague. This is an exciting time for CLSA Staff including our Graduate Fellow and Interns as we move forward and begin

the semester with an individual that is eager to start working with students, staff and faculty across the 7Cs.

## Attention Sophomores

The **Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program (MMUF)** is now accepting applications. This program is designed to identify and support underrepresented students who are interested in obtaining a doctorate degree and becoming future faculty members.

Second year students with a minimum grade point average of 9.0 are eligible to apply. Applicants must be majoring in a core field in the arts and sciences. Selected Fellows receives academic and co-curricular support through close interaction with Faculty Research Mentors, weekly cohort meetings, selected

workshops and programs, stipends for research and repayment of undergraduate loans up to \$10,000. The MMUF program continues to support fellows during their graduate and postdoctoral careers through grants, close mentoring and training.

Learn more about this opportunity, the eligible

major and the application process at <http://colleges.claremont.edu/mmuf/program-components/>

**The application deadline is February 12, 2018.**

## Free Foothill Transit Rides

Have you heard about the **Class Pass**? The Claremont Colleges and Foothill Transit have partnered to help you get around town for FREE. Yes FREE! The Class Pass is a pilot program which

allows you to board all Foothill Transit Lines 188, 197, 292, 480, 492 and 690 which have stops along Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont Blvd., and Foothill Blvd. The Class Pass is also accepted

by the Silver Streak which takes you all the way to the Staples Center and L.A. Live.

Stop by Connection on the first floor of Honnold Library with your student, staff or

faculty ID to receive your Class Pass.

Visit [foothilltransit.org](http://foothilltransit.org) or call 1-800-RIDE-INFO for more information and to plan your next trip into downtown L.A.

## January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	<b>16</b> Spring Semester Classes Begin	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 3-4 pm Coffee Hour w/ Dean Tony, HMC Cafe	<b>19</b> 3-4 pm Coffee Hour w/ Dean Tony, Scripps Motley	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 11 am-12 pm Coffee Hour w/ Dean Tony, PO Coop Fountain	<b>24</b> 3-4 pm Grad Student Coffee Hour w/ Dean Tony, Coffee Bean	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3-4 pm Coffee Hour w/ Dean Tony, CMC Hub	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 3-4 pm Coffee Hour w/ Dean Tony, Pitzer Pit-Stop Cafe	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

## February 2018

				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Asst Dean Xochitl Casillas begins her tenure with CLSA  2 pm Pomona President Starr visits CLSA	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 3-5 pm Welcome Reception for Asst. Dean Casillas, CLSA	<b>8</b> 3-5 pm Coffee w/ CLSA Deans, CMC Care Center	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

### Conferences of Interest

There are a couple of events coming up very quickly in Los Angeles that you may find very beneficial. **For People of Color, Inc. is hosting the 2018: UCLA—Law School Admissions**

**Conference** on Saturday, February 3rd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Register at <https://forpeopleofcolor.wufoo.com/forms/2018-ucla-law-school-admissions-conference/>. The second

event is the **Los Angeles MBA Networking Event** scheduled for February 10th from 11:15 am to 4:00 pm at the L.A. Hotel Downtown. You may register at <http://www.thembatour.co>

[m/events/losangelesspring.html?partnerid=prospanicala](http://www.thembatour.co/m/events/losangelesspring.html?partnerid=prospanicala). Many business schools will be represented at the MBA Fair giving you the opportunity to meet with admissions directors.

# Resource Center News

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## Fellowships

The **Data Incubator** is a Cornell-funded data science training organization and they run the **Data Science Fellowship**, an intensive 8-week fellowship that prepares Masters students, PhDs, and postdocs in STEM and social science fields seeking industry careers as data scientists. Fellows have the option to participate in the program either in person in New York, San Francisco Bay area, Seattle, Boston, Washington DC, or online. Learn more about this program and apply at <https://www.thedataincubator.com/fellowship.html#apply?ref=wY2xzYUBjdWMuY2xhcmVtb250LmVkdQ==>

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## Internships

**Brown University Summer Research-Early Identification Program** offers up to 30 undergraduates a paid research internship with a faculty mentor. Research opportunities are available in the following areas: life sciences, physical sciences, humanities and social sciences, engineering, computer science, and applied mathematics. Participants receive a stipend, housing and reimbursement for round-trip travel to Brown. You can find additional details at <https://www.brown.edu/initiatives/summer-research-early-identification-program/about>. The application deadline is February 1st.

**The American Association for the Advancement (AAA) and the Pitts Family Foundation offer the Science Minority Science Writer's Internship**, a paid, 10-week experience in Washington, D.C., at the headquarters of AAAS's *Science* magazine. Under the guidance of award-winning reporters and editors, Interns will have a chance to experience what science writers do for a living and will contribute to weekly news section, including bylined articles in print and electronic services. The application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. To learn more about the application procedure, visit <http://www.aaas.org/page/aaas-minority-science-writers-internship>.

**Beam—Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics, a project of the Art of Problem Solving Foundation**, is seeking undergraduate students or recent graduates to be Residential Counselors/Teaching Assistants for a summer program that gives talented, underserved middle schoolers from underserved backgrounds. The program will take place June 13th through July 24th in Los Angeles and July 4th to August 14th in New York. Counselors must be strong mathematically, be reliable and take initiative. Learn more at <https://www.beammath.org/summer-positions>. The application deadline is February 12th.

**The Oregon Public Broadcasting provides the John R Tuttle Journalism and Production Minority Internship**—Open to juniors, seniors and recent graduates available to work full-time during the summer months. Through this internship, Interns are able to participate in a number of forms of journalism (audio, text, video, photo, blogs, social networking, dynamic syndication, mobile applications, etc) and/or production. Opportunities to interact with senior management and a wide array of professionals in their field of study will be provided. The application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. To learn more about the application procedure, please visit <https://www.opb.org/about/internships/tuttle/>.

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## Scholarship

**The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)** is open to high school seniors, undergraduate students, community college students transferring to four year universities and graduate students. In order to assist students obtain a college degree, HSF awards scholarships based on merit, amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000, based on relative need, among the Scholars selected. All majors and graduate fields accepted. The Deadline is March 30th. Obtain additional information at <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>.

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## Summer Science Programs

**The UC San Diego Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)** provides a 10-week summer **Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)** designed to engage students in diverse and exciting Earth, ocean and atmospheric sciences research. Selected students will participate in weekly research training workshop and a GRE preparation course, conduct research under the mentorship of faculty, post-doctoral researchers and graduate students at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Students spend 8 hours a day, Monday-Friday, engaged in research projects and will be compensated with a \$6,000 stipend, on-campus housing and travel. Meals are not included. Find application details at <https://scripps.ucsd.edu/undergrad/surf/program-details>. The deadline is March 5th.