TEAM Mentor

**Declared Major/Minor:** Computer Engineering

**Community College:** Revelle

**Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):**
Web, games, startups

**Future Plans:** robotics, machine learning

**Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:**
Tools, tips, and resources I wish I had going into UCSD

**Fun facts:**
I can do one-arm push-ups with 3 fingers (used to be 1)

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Romina Shirazi

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor:
Bioengineering

Community College:
Clovis Community College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
Math/Science Tutor at Clovis Community College

Future Plans:
Get involved in research and other opportunities on campus and get prepared for MCAT.

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
Share all the information I have to help you reach your goal.

Fun facts:
I make jewelry out of silver and gold!
Manali Shah

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Bioengineering

Community College: Mt. San Antonio College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc): I currently work in a bioengineering research lab that deals with pelvic floor muscles after birth injury.

Future Plans: work and medical school (fingers crossed)

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: give you advice, support, be a friend, help with your transition

Fun facts: I love basketball! Go Lakers, wohoooo!!
THANG PHAN

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Computer Science, minoring in Entrepreneurship

Community College: Orange Coast College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc): Intern at NASA, Web Designer, Marketing Consultant, Undergrad Researcher at UCSD, Founder of 2 student-led startups

Future Plans: Work as a product manager after college and eventually start a business! (hopefully)

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: I can give advice on anything relating to academics (currently at a 4.0) or professional development. I can also advise on how to manage your time and be involved on campus!

Fun facts: I hiked at 6 different national parks, I like to play chess, I only have half a hamstring in my right leg

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TEAM Mentor
Tee Srey

Declared Major/Minor:
MS in Computer Science (BS in CompSci 2019)

Community College:
San Diego Mesa College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
Internship at Hughes Network Systems and Esri
TEAM Coordinator, co-founded oSTEM, hosted HARD Hack 2019
TA’ed CSE20, CSE103, CSE140(L)/CSE141(L)

Future Plans:
Software Engineer by day
Community college professor by evening
DJ by night

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
AMA: Grad school, internship, TA, CSE classes, places to get boba, how to stay sane, help you grow your network.
Most importantly, you can vent about anything. I'm all ears.

Fun facts:
I'm a good cook.
I binge watch all the Saw movies every year.
Also, I have a gross fun fact, ask me if you're curious.

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TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor:
Bioengineering: Bioengineering

Community College: Mt. San Jacinto College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
Biotechnology Skills/Techniques Internship
MakerSpace Internship

Future Plans: Master’s in Prosthetics and Orthotics

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: Help you find resources, clubs/organizations, help you stay motivated, expand your network of students and anything else I can assist in.

Fun facts: I was on the cover of my community college’s webpage for several months that friends would send me pictures telling me they saw me. Also, I have a pet bird that dislikes everyone in my family.

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TEAM Mentor
Declared Major/Minor:
   Computer Science
Community College:
   Irvine Valley College
Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
   Research Intern @Academia Sinica
   Upperclassman @UCSD JUMP mentor-mentee program
   User Interface Engineer @AndroVideo Inc.
   System Operator @Midimall Inc.
Future Plans:
   Applying for master or getting a job in the technology industry.
Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
   I believe that there is a gap between studying in community college and the UC. If you need any advice about the future planning or the school life, I will be there for you.
Fun facts:
   Haven’t been in the state for almost a year because of the covid.

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TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Chemical Engineering

Community College: Imperial Valley College

Prior Experiences: I am currently waiting for my internship at a local brewery to start. Apart from that, I am a Sgt. in the marines, worked at Best Buy and tutored community college physics.

Future Plans: Once I graduate, I plan to work on renewable energy or the water industry.

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: I will provide valuable resources and tips to handle stress.

Fun facts: I play League of Legends on my free time. That picture was at the start of UCSD.

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Olivier Rogers

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: NanoEngineering

Community College: San Diego Miramar College
Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc): Joined a research group right before lockdown.
Future Plans: Get involved in research
Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: I can share my strategies for balancing work loads with life, and advice on applying for research positions or student orgs.
Fun facts: I enjoy mountain biking on the weekend and sometimes doing things the hardest way possible in order to learn more about it.
Lara Najjar

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Structural Engineering

Community College: Earl Warren College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc): I have worked on various great projects for my classes that provided me with various and valuable experiences.

Future Plans: I have many plans for the future but for now I’m heading to the industry after graduation and hopefully I will be working in my own design and construction company in several years from now.

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: I can assist in navigating the complexities that you might

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Josue Luna

Role in TEAM: Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Mechanical Engineering

Previous Institution: MiraCosta College (Oceanside, CA)

Prior Experiences: McNair Scholar at UCSD, Software Engineer Volunteer Intern, Research Experience, and presenting at multiple conferences

Future Plans: Conduct Materials Science research for the U.S. Military and develop new advanced structures for aircrafts and autonomous vehicles

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: Identify your strengths and talents and offer suggestions on how you can further develop them

Fun Facts: I enjoy being outdoors. Outdoor photography, going on trail runs, and hiking.
Kristen Rosier

TEAM Mentor
Kristen Rosier

Declared Major/Minor:
Mechanical Engineering

Community College:
Grossmont

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
Hydrophone technician at Scripps Institute of
Oceanography and lab assistant in the Bioinspired
Robotics and Design Lab in the MAE dept.

Future Plans:
Continue working at Scripps for a few years before
going to grad school

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
Internship opportunities/applications

Fun facts:
I can make really good goat noises
Joseph Katona

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Electrical Engineering

Community College: Los Angeles Valley College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc): ACM icpc participant, fluid dynamics research with cuda and OpenCL, former student body president (at LAVC)

Future Plans: Become an Electrical engineer

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
Personal wellness, finance, and business proficiency

Fun facts: Avid basketball fan, love my pets and my games. Big tech guy.

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TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor:
Mechanical Engineering

Community College:
San Diego Mesa College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
Former TEAM mentee, current GEAR participant (LSDO Lab)

Future Plans:
Graduating and working in the public sector

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
I can help direct you to research, financial, counseling, social, and classroom resources at school and guide you on classes/professors to take.

Fun facts:
I have a twin

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Janitzia Olivas

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Structural Engineering
Community College: Southwestern College (Chula Vista, CA)

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
Summer Research: Studied the Dynamic Fracture Behavior of Polymeric Materials Subjected to High-Impulse Impact using a light-gas gun, optical setup, and installation of strain gages in the specimen to analyze tension and stress through MATLAB.
Industry: Worked in Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) where I analyzed basic RF and optical measurements trough MATLAB and helped packaged an electrical system.
Current Project: Member of the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) UCSD Competition Team. The UCSD team is trained by Flatiron Corp. to compete in estimating a real life Heavy Civil project.

Future Plans: To apply my structural analysis and structural design skills in the aerospace or civil industries.

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: I can help you; have a smooth transition to UCSD, improve your time management skills, get involved in leadership opportunities and project experience to strengthen your personal skills and resume. Plus, I can help you edit your resume and give you general tips on starting an elevator pitch. Most importantly, you’ll have a mentor and a friend you can talk to during those hard times! Lol

Fun facts: I know Muay Thai and Kickboxing (not an expert though), I love Six Flags, and I’m from the city with the best carne asada tacos in the world! You guess what city that is...
Hope Leng

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Bioengineering: Biotechnology / Dance
Community College: Woodland Community College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
- Activity-based nanosensor as a rapid TBI diagnostic (Kwon Lab @UCSD)
- Microcontact printing graphene for optical stimulation (NanoTools Bioscience)
- Coding a semi-automated study tracker tool (Genentech)

Future Plans: PhD in Bioengineering, with a focus on Brain Organoid research to reduce reliance on animal-based assays

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: I want to help you create a plan for school/work/life balance. I’m always here to listen, and I hope you have fun at UCSD! Welcome :D

Fun facts: Some other transfer students and I started an online resource called “The Big BENG” to help you with those challenging upper division courses. Please check us out!
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/thebigbengucsd
Instagram: @thebig_beng
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vx1xGcg3UaY
TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Electrical Engineering

Community College: Chabot College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
- Working on an AI RC Car Project with Prof. Khoshabeh

Future Plans:
- Complete my BS/MS program

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
- Study tips/plan for ECE courses
- Meeting other students in Engineering Curriculum

Fun facts:
- Everytime I cook is like throwing 3-sided die with three possible outcome: \{palatable food, cardboard, poison\}.

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Delina Kambo

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Bioengineering

Community College: Cypress College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc): Genentech Scholar Foundation Summer 2020, Undergraduate student researcher at Ideker Lab

Future Plans: MS or PhD in Bioengineering focusing on molecular medicine.

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success: Academic advice, tips for adjusting to UCSD, looking for research opportunities

Fun facts: I love eating rice with cheese, because you know... cheese addiction is a thing.

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Chris McGuire

TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor: Computer Science

Community College: Grossmont College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
Cybersecurity Engineer, researching ventilators

Future Plans: Most likely continuing in industry

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
Lessons learned transferring, work and school time management, AMA

Fun facts: Backpacked across Catalina, Speak Chinese

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TEAM Mentor
Anahid Foroughishafiee

Declared Major/Minor:
Bioengineering: Biotechnology

Community College:
Palomar College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
TRELS Scholar, URS Scholar, CSBS-PSON Scholar

Future Plans:
Attend graduate school for PhD in Bioengineering.

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
Help with applications, navigating UCSD and classes, getting research positions at a lab or internship in industry.

Fun facts:
I started CC as a journalism major.

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Aayushma Gautam

TEAM Mentor
Declared Major/Minor: Bioengineering: Biotechnology
Community College: Skyline College
Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
Research experience in Steinmetz Lab at UCSD (McNair’s Scholar)
- 2 summer research experience at San Francisco State University (NIH Bridges Scholar)
- Have presented my research at local and national conference
Future Plans: Would like to get a PhD in Bionanotechnology
Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
Would love to help you navigate research, coursework or just UCSD in general.
Fun facts: I am obsessed with Among Us
TEAM Mentor

Declared Major/Minor:
Bioengineering: Bioinformatics Major with
Minor in Mathematics

Community College:
Mendocino Community College

Prior Experiences (industry, research, etc):
Gladstone Institute of Cardiac Disease (UCSF)
Quantitative Biosciences Institute (UCSF)
Bioinformatics Research Assistant (UCSD)

Future Plans:
College and Career Counselor for Higher Education

Contributions I Can Make to Your Success:
Always open to provide feedback, advice, or just an ear for listening.

Fun facts:
I perform Ballet Folklorico (Mexican Folk Dance).

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