



Cal State
DC Scholars
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A Capitol Spring!

It's finally feeling like Spring here in our nation's capital! With warm weather and gorgeous cherry blossoms around every street corner, this Spring has brought new beginnings to DC as well as to our Cal State DC Scholars family! In this Spring edition, you will be able to see all the incredible things our DC alumni and scholars have been up to these past several months!



Meet Leah

In 2018, Leah Millhander left sunny California to live and intern in our nation's capital as a DC Scholar. Since then, she has never looked back. Leah currently works at Porterfield, Fettig, and Sears, LLCs as a Senior Legislative Assistant. **"I wouldn't be where I am today without this program,"** remarks Leah. During her time as a scholar she interned for Congressman Ed Royce who, at the time, was the Chairman for the House of Foreign Affairs Committee. Leah's shares her words of wisdom for our future and current scholars **"No task is too small when it comes to your internship -you will go farther and be more successful having that mindset."**



Best of DC

Happy Spring! ربيع سعيد! ¡Feliz Primavera! 快乐的春天! Fröhlichen Frühling!

Make your way down to Embassy Row because it is International Cultural Awareness month in DC! Be sure to attend Passport DC, a month-long journey around the world highlighting DC's thriving international diplomatic community. 31 days of programming by 70 embassies. Enjoy open houses, street festivals, performances, workshops, and so much more. You'll be able to visit over 70 countries, without ever having to leave the nation's capital!



Meet the Morales

The Cal State DC Scholars program has given hundreds of Cal State Fullerton students access to the nation's capital since 2006. Until now, the program has never seen two students from the same family. Following in her father's footsteps, Kamille Morales is interning with California's 49th Congressional District office. She **"[gives] credit to [her] dad because he put himself through college as an older adult and broke down barriers in pursuit of his goals, which has been very inspiring to watch. He told [her] to take in as much as [she] can in Washington and appreciate the work that goes into building democracy."** You can learn more about their story [HERE](#).

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SPRING TERM IN REVIEW

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WOW! It is truly hard to believe that our Spring scholars are going to return home to California very soon. From performances at Ford's Theatre to meet and greets at the White House, our scholars really have done it all during their time in DC. We are so proud of them! Enjoy this highlights reel of the many adventures they embarked on this Spring Term.



Alumni Meet and Greet



White House Field Trip



California State Society Event with Rep. Correa



Field Trip to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial

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PARTICIPATING IN THE CAL STATE DC PROGRAM HAS ALLOWED ME TO GROW PROFESSIONALLY AS A STUDENT WHILE DEVELOPING PERSONAL CONFIDENCE TO ACHIEVE MY GOALS.

KATHY MORALES (22')

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INTERNING IN WASHINGTON, DC HAS GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE NUANCES OF MUSEUM WORK IN THE COUNTRY'S MOST PROMINENT HISTORICAL REGION.

JAIRO RIOS (22')



Performance at the Kennedy Center



Tidal Basin Fun!



Cherry Blossom Festival



Field Trip to Mount Vernon



Field Trip to the Arlington Cemetery

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I AM BEYOND GRATEFUL FOR WHAT THIS PROGRAM HAS TO OFFER, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT BUT IT GAVE ME THE EXPOSURE I NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I TRULY WANTED OUT OF MY OWN LIFE.

JAMES ANTHONY (22')

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CLASS NOTES

We want to know what you have been up to!

Our DC Scholar Community is filled with very busy, hardworking individuals who are leading dynamic lives. Thank you to each and every one of you for being here with us today. We are very pleased to be able to welcome those of you that have been with us for a long time now as well as those who are new to the DC Scholars Alumni community to share any updates or announcements with us. We hope that this Class Notes section provides an opportunity for everyone to connect after so many years! If you would like to participate, please submit your news to dcinterns@fullerton.edu.

Kimberly Torres (16') and her family welcomed their baby Son into the world in September of 2021. He is 7 months and just as curious as ever!

Jessica Hernandez (13') recently started a new position as the Senior Success Manager, Financial Services for Salesforce.

Ben Savercool (Summer 19') recently became a legislative aide for Congressman Newhouse, the Chairman of the Western Caucus and an appropriations committee member. He is also finishing out his MA in Political Science at California State University, Chico.

Madelyn Torres (Summer 21') recently graduated after the fall of 2021 with a Bachelor's in political science, magna cum laude! After serving as a policy and programs intern for the Mayor of Riverside, she has recently landed a job with the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce as a Community Development Coordinator.

Samantha Montalvo (Spring 20') recently accepted a staff assistant position at the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC)! As of April she calls Washington DC her home.



Kimberly Torres's 7 month-old son.



Ben Savercool in front of the White House

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

"My last two years with the Cal State DC program have been incredibly fulfilling. We have made a lot of progress after the covid hiatus, and it has been great to see our spring cohort thriving in DC (and some of our students receiving job offers and remaining in DC!). I am excited for our summer scholars who will be heading out in a few weeks along with Dr. Steve Stambough (June Faculty) and Dr. Patricia Literte (July Faculty). I need to step down from the director position at the end of this academic year to focus on my health, but I am thrilled to announce that Steve Stambough will be taking over, as he has now fulfilled his responsibilities as chair of the academic senate. I have no doubt that the program will continue to flourish with the "DC Godfather" back at the helm. Thanks to all of you who have supported our program and our students - we could not do this without your help." - Dr. Meriem Doucette

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