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Upcoming Events:

The Virtual California Black College Expo is an ONLINE Experience to provide students access to colleges, highlighting historically black colleges and Students can get ACCEPTED and receive SCHOLARSHIPS on the SPOT! College Application fees can also be waived!

Register at TheCollegeExpo.org
When: February 19-20, 2021 from 2-6pm PST

Celebrating Black History Month

In this month’s newsletter, we celebrate Black History Month’s observance, first celebrated in the year 1976. We commemorate the countless contributions of African American leaders in science, literature, and every aspect of American life. Within UC Riverside, the African Student and Black Student Union Programs have served as an integral source of community support for students during these especially trying times. Thank you for your invaluable service to our community. This month’s newsletter was inspired by @aspucr, @ucrbsu, @usp_uce, and @nblsa_uce.

We would like to celebrate the first Black, South Asian woman to serve as the VP of this nation, madame Kamala Harris! This is a monumental moment in American history!

Amanda Gorman, a California and LA native, is the first-ever National Youth Poet Laureate and the youngest inaugural poet. READ ABOUT AMANDA’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS HERE: https://www.health.com/mind-body/amanda-gorman-speech-auditory-processing-disorder

Student Spotlight

Jordan Mullins

Jordan Mullins is graduate student leading a longitudinal brain imaging study examining the effects of ethnic-racial discrimination on the development of anxiety symptoms in Latina girls, mentored by Dr. Kalina Michalska and sponsored by a research grant from the NIH Health Disparities Center. She is also testing potential protective effects of positive maternal ethnic-racial socialization on this relationship. In her work, Jordan is seeking input from members of the Latinx community in Riverside in the form of a Community Advisory Board. She is also incorporating ethnic identity theory and measures developed by Dr. Cecilia Ayon, a Latina scholar in the Department of Public Policy. Congratulations Jordan!
Email DMART226@ucr.edu for more information!

**Grad School 101**

*“Effective Proposals for Graduate School”*

Mondays, February 22, 2021 | 3:00PM-4:00PM | Via Zoom

This workshop is designed to provide students with a general overview of various graduate programs, while discussing strategies to secure funding, as well as developing a general framework for crafting an effective proposal. It is appropriate for students who are in the early stages of graduate school applications.

**“Letters of Rec & Personal Statements”**

Mondays, March 1, 2021 | 3:00PM-4:30PM | Via Zoom

*Funding Graduate School*  

Mondays, March 8, 2021 | 3:00PM-4:30PM | Via Zoom

*Register here: tinyurl.com/y3nhlgrp*

**Previous and Upcoming Events Cont.**

We would also like to bring attention to Hiruni Samadi Galpayage Dona a PhD student at Queen Mary University of London who was invited by Dr. Rosenbaum to speak at UCR on 1/18/2021 MLK Day. Hiruni and her advisor recently published an article in Science magazine about Charles Turner, an African American scientist whose landmark work was forgotten, although later contributed to winning the Nobel Prize. View Hiruni’s talk at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4r9-lUxejI8

Dr. Bravo also serves on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee at UCR. She is currently mentoring graduate students on the DEI external communication committee and helps in the production of this newsletter! Thank you for your research and service that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion in Psychology! To learn more about Dr. Bravo, visit: https://profiles.ucr.edu/app/home/profile/dbrav001

**Past Event:**

ASPB, ASP, and HUB Programs Present: Step Forward: A Social Justice Symposium – Keep an eye out for the recording! @asp

**March DEI Spotlight**

To nominate a deserving student or scholar who conducts research on topics related to DEI or social justice and/or who represents the outstanding work of BIPOC scholars, please complete this form.

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**Faculty Spotlight**

**Dr. Diamond Bravo**

We are pleased to spotlight Dr. Diamond Bravo for her research highlighting the cultural mechanisms underlying ethnic-racial minority adolescents’ achievement motivation and psychosocial adjustment. Contributing to efforts that address structural and systemic racism, discrimination and oppression, as a part of the SRCD Ethnic and Racial Issues Committee’s Anti-Racist Series, Dr. Bravo and colleagues recently created a webinar showcasing views on allyship and becoming a co-conspirator within the context of developmental science (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4r9-lUxejI8).

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