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RECORD NUMBERS CHECK OUT CAL STATE DC SCHOLARS PROGRAM!
Within the first two weeks of the fall 2021 semester, more than 150 CSU students indicated their interest in participating in the Spring and Summer 2022 program. Student ambassadors from our 2022 cohort visited 30 classes to discuss how the program has changed their lives, which has led to record attendance in our fall information sessions.

DR. STAMBOUGH TAKES ON THE SENATE

...the Academic Senate that is. After strategically leading the Cal State DC Scholars Program through the Covid pandemic, Dr. Stambough is turning his attention to Academic Affairs at Fullerton. “As the Chair of the Academic Senate, he will help facilitate and lead the university efforts on issues ranging from campus re-entry to updates of personnel documents through a justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion lens.” Dr. Stambough will help the campus address these and other issues to ensure that we take what was learned over the last couple of years and make intentional decisions about what a Titan experience should be. Dr. Stambough is thrilled to stay connected to the Cal State DC Scholars Program as a member of the Advisory Board and looks forward to helping out in any way he can.

BEST OF DC

Martin’s Tavern, established in 1933, is one of the oldest family owned establishments in Washington DC. For four generations, the Martin family has served every president from Harry S. Truman to George W. Bush. Martin’s Tavern has a unique story tied to each table. Whether it be John F. Kennedy’s proposal to Jackie Kennedy in booth #1 or William Donovan’s (Director of the Office of Strategic Services and co-founder of the American Legion) secret meetings in the dugout which ultimately assisted allies in winning WWII. Martin’s Tavern is filled with monumental moments in American History. Hopefully one day our DC Scholars will make their mark in one of these booths!

DONATE $20.22 TO SUPPORT A DC SCHOLAR!

In honor of our 2022 Spring and Summer Cohorts, the Cal State DC Scholars Program is launching a crowdfunding campaign and asking all alumni and supporters of the program to contribute $20.22. With record numbers of students expressing interest in the Program, increased funding for travel and housing is critical for students to be able to participate. Please help us grow our community by clicking HERE to support our effort. All money will be used to offset the cost of student travel and housing. Every donation that is given will be matched... so please consider giving this fall!!
CHEERS TO A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER 2021 SESSION!

This past summer, fifteen of our brightest scholars came together for a semester of virtual learning and working in our nation’s capital. Although they could not physically be in the District, these students did not hold back—taking advantage of the many connections and experiences they created this summer. Whether it was learning about the history of our nation’s capital or working at Fortune 500 companies, these students gained invaluable tools and lessons that they will carry throughout their academic and professional careers.

Marianna, a 2021 Summer Scholar, proclaims that this program undoubtedly ignited her passion for politics on an international and domestic level. Through this program, Marianna was able to turn her internship with Congressman Lou Correa into a full-time job. “I would absolutely recommend this program to other students,” she says. “It allowed me to explore my political interests on a deeper level.” Marianna and the many other scholars in this program, worked with congressional offices, law firms, and lobbying firms discovering their own passions. Through this program, with the help of DC Scholars alumni and professors, our Summer Scholars were able to receive insider knowledge about the working world, giving them the confidence and preparation needed before stepping foot in the virtual office. “The support system at the DC Scholars Program is amazing. The wide variety of alumni were so helpful and great mentors in the entire internship process!” Kasra, a Summer 2021 Scholar, remarks.

Internships, especially in our nation’s capital, have never been more competitive than they are today. Our bright scholars worked hard to earn their spots in such prestigious companies. Oftentimes, these industrious students worked East Coast hours from the Pacific Coast. They then further showed their dedication to the program by working late into the night attending virtual classes. “Although this program is hard work, this was a wonderful experience for me and I’m glad I signed up as a DC scholar. This was the best internship I’ve had while in college,” Kasra, exclaimed.

This summer cohort was a smashing success and we are so glad the DC scholars Program is back for another session and is here to stay! If you’re interested in joining our program, click HERE to attend one of our next information sessions!

HOT OFF THE HILL

In response to a March 2021 Roll Call article suggesting, “Black and Latino students are underrepresented [on Capitol Hill], comprising 15% and 20% of undergraduates nationally but just 6.7% and 7.9% of paid Hill interns,” the Cal State DC Scholars Program is hitting the Hill, reminding members of Congress that we are uniquely poised to fill the equity gap, as our scholars are:

- 40% Latinx
- 9.1% black
- 8.9% Asian-Pacific Islander
- 8% other

We’re also reminding our DC partners, that as we continue to grow the program, we also need to increase our internship opportunities. Let us know if you have an internship for a DC Scholar!

A LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

“I am thrilled to be taking over as the Interim Director of the Cal State DC Scholars program. Having spent the last year as the Deputy Director and hearing from our alumni about all the ways this program has transformed their lives, I am looking forward to building on the incredible legacy that has been created over the past 15 years. We are very excited to be transitioning back to in-person sessions for Spring and Summer 2022, after completing a virtual version of our program last summer. One of the aspects of last summer’s program that our students found most beneficial was the mentoring program. Each student was paired with a mentor based on their internship interests and it was very successful. I am hoping that many of you reading this, will consider becoming a mentor to a student for the spring and/or summer. It’s a relatively low time commitment (meeting virtually or in person 1-2 times per month) but it has an enormous impact on our students. To become a mentor, click HERE. If there are other ways you would like to get involved, please email me at dcinterns@fullerton.edu. The support of our alumni and friends is critical for the success of our program!”

Dr. Meriem Doucette