

EDUCATION

Doctorate in Public Health **December 2023**
Walden University

Master of Public Health in Community Health Education **December 2019**
California State University, Northridge

Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies, Concentration in Chicana/o Studies **May 2017**
California State University, Fullerton

CERTIFICATES

Emotional Intelligence Certified Coach, MHS 2021

Mental Health First Aid Certificate, National Council for Behavioral Health 2021

CSU Student Success Analytics Certificate, CSU Chancellor's Office 2021

Certificate in Grant Writing and Administration, California State University, Dominguez Hills 2019

RESEARCH & INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Community Impact & Evaluation Intern **Oct. 2018 – May 2019**

Internship Site: Jamboree Housing Corporation, Clark Commons | Partners for Better Health, Inc. | Rancho Cucamonga, CA

- Developed quality assessment tools for measuring service impact among the community.
- Facilitated workshops (i.e., nutrition, mental health, physical activity) for 70 parents and their children.
- Identified Public Health theoretical framework utilized for implementation and evaluation of services.
- Collected and analyzed 90 surveys aimed to gain insight on health concerns among residents in the community.
- Assisted in establishing a sustainable internship program to continue evaluating services provided to the community.

Graduate Research Assistant **Oct. 2018 – May 2019**

Chartering Access for Hispanics Majoring In Needed Careers and Occupations in Healthcare (CAMINO)

California State University, Northridge | Northridge, CA

- Research Project: Active Minds: Anxiety among community college students with Migrant Seasonal Farmworker (MSFW) backgrounds
 - Developed and designed research project; Constructed literature review; Performed content analysis; Conducted and Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data, and interpreted results.

Undergraduate Academic Researcher **Aug. 2016 – May 2017**

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

California State University, Fullerton | Fullerton, CA

- Undergraduate Thesis: Pesticide exposure effects on female farmworkers reproductive health: The need for improved community awareness
 - Constructed literature review; Performed content analysis; Conducted database search; Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data and interpreted results.

Undergraduate Academic Researcher **June 2016 – Aug. 2016**

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Consortium-Summer Research Institute (UROC-SRI)

The University of Arizona | Tucson, AZ

- Research Project: Risk communication and Perceptions of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Softener Ban
 - Evaluated the environmental and social impacts of the water softener ban in Santa Clarita, CA; Presented a collective story of the water softener ban detailing pre- and post-ban events; Constructed literature review; Performed content analysis; Conducted database search; Analyzed data and interpreted results.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Basic Needs Committee **2020-2022**

- Saved with Basic Needs Coordinator and other professional staff to advocate on issue related to equity and student academic success including transportation, housing, and food security.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tutorial Program Coordinator **Feb. 2022 – Present**
Learning and Academic Resource Center, Long Beach City College | Long Beach, CA

- Develop and facilitate extensive training (i.e., interpersonal communication, diverse students, meta-cognition, group dynamics, etc.) to tutors and supplemental instruction leaders to ensure preparation for individual and group sessions.
- Maintain and analyze program data to evaluate program success and departmental Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs).
- Interpret course success rates to identify trends and student needs.
- Oversee and monitor program budget (100K) to ensure program implementation.
- Foster working relationships with stakeholders including faculty, administrators, and students

Founder/Principal Consultant **Oct. 2019 – Present**
Colibri Community Wellness Consulting, LLC

- Lead Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA) to assess the needs of communities.
- Design quality improvement evaluation processes to assess the effectiveness of services.
- Implement comprehensive assessments and evaluation services that align with social determinants of health including homelessness, nutrition, and mental health efforts.
- Develop and deliver health education content and health promotion programs that are personalized to the environments and individuals to improve determinants of health.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) Coordinator **Mar. 2020 – Feb. 2020**
Toro Learning & Testing Center (TLTC), California State University, Dominguez Hills | Carson, CA

- Manage a team of 70 SI Leaders and Mentors across 5 departments to facilitate successful student persistence and retention.
- Collaborate with Department Chairs, Faculty, and Staff to create an embedded support model to improve course completion.
- Design and implement quarterly assessment tools to evaluate and improve SI Program.
- Assess student academic needs to accommodate program services and intervention strategies.
- Prepare academic year budget (\$500K+) to allocate funds for SI personnel, training, and materials.
- Develop, plan, and facilitate training curriculum and provide staff with a foundational training and program framework.
- Seek external funding opportunities to support expansion of program services.
- Collaborate with campus affinity groups including Basic Needs, Toro Food Pantry, Student disability Resource Center, Student Health Services, and Career Center.

Major Contributions:

- Secured \$15,000 in additional funding to expand supplemental instruction training for SI Leaders.
- Developed a Holistic Training Curriculum for students that includes Leadership, Mentorship, and Communication Skills.
- Developed SI Leader Certification to recognize SI Leaders for their contribution to the SI Program.
- Developed the TLTC Career Readiness & Leadership Workshop Series to develop students by providing opportunities to gain competencies that support a successful transition to professional roles or post-baccalaureate programs.

Pre-Award Coordinator **April 2019 – Mar. 2020**
Research Advancement, Arizona State University | Phoenix, AZ

- Planned and organized and submitted 40+ faculty research proposals and documented collection in accordance with sponsor guidelines, funding limitations, or other specifications as necessary.
- Constructed a compliant budget that integrated Federal, State and ASU/ASU Foundation requirements.
- Liaised regularly with faculty and administrators from external academic institutions, non-profit organizations, and industry partners to ensure proper development and timely submission of grants.
- Prepared grant proposals in ASU's Enterprise Research Administration (ERA) grants management system for departmental and institutional review, approval, and submission to Sponsor.

Field Program Manager **April 2019 – Mar. 2020**
Access ASU-American Dream Academy (ADA) Arizona State University | Phoenix, AZ | DTWN Phoenix Campus

- Managed 9 school programs (Spanish and English) focused on topics including college readiness, admissions, financial aid, and other educational resources to K-12 parents and students.
- Led introductory and graduation sessions for a special program, Families Preparing the New Generation (FPNG), which were part of a partnership with Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) aimed to study nutrition habits among Latinx families in Arizona.

- Collaborated with staff to develop and implement strategies to increase access and outreach among K-12 students and families while fostering successful relationships with K-12 school principals and other members of school district leadership teams.

Interim Student Support Services Coordinator

Aug. 2018 – April 2019

Student Support Services-TRiO, Santiago Canyon College | Orange, CA

- Provided support services to 140 underrepresented, low income, first generation, neurodiverse college students to support their academic goals and aspirations.
- Mentored students in achieving academic goals by reviewing individual educational plans and helping students identify and overcome barriers that may influence their academic success.
- Facilitated workshops on community cultural wealth, debunking stereotypes, and intersectionality to motivate students to continue persisting through their educational journeys.
- Developed comprehensive reports pertaining to student participation, program goals, achievements, and evaluations for annual performance report submitted to the Department of Education (DoE).
- Collaborated with campus affinity groups including Basic Needs, Hawks Nest Food Pantry, CalWORKs, Disabled Students Programs and Services, First Year Support Center, Guardian Scholars, and Student Health & Wellness Services.

Major Contributions:

- Secured a \$1,500 supplemental grant to support student academic engagement and success.
- Secured a \$300 internal grant for the SEA club to promote student empowerment and advocacy.
- Developed quality improvement evaluation forms to assess program effectiveness and grant objectives compliance.

Student Services Specialist

Dec. 2017 – Aug. 2018

Upward Bound Math and Science Program (UBMS), Santiago Canyon College | Orange, CA

- Provided academic support services to 64 underrepresented, low income, first-generation, high school (HS) students to successfully graduate from high school and enroll in post-secondary education.
- Supported students with community college applications in order to enroll in Dual Enrollment courses.
- Conducted bilingual presentations to HS students on topics including college readiness, college admissions, and financial aid.
- Developed comprehensive reports pertaining to student participation, program goals, achievements, and evaluations for annual performance report submitted to the Department of Education (DoE).

Major Contributions:

- Secured a \$40,000 supplemental grant to facilitate high school student's exposure to computer science.
- Secured a \$1,500 supplemental grant to support student academic engagement and success.
- Developed and facilitated a high school hands-on science curriculum to expose students to the fields of Public Health, Mental Health, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

College Access and Programs Coordinator

June 2017 – Dec. 2017

The Malibu Foundation for Youth and Families | Malibu, CA

- Coordinated 6 programs and implemented services, and activities that prepare youth for academic success such as the Career Launch Job Readiness program, Goals for Graduation program, and raised awareness among youth on alcohol and drug prevention through Brent's Club Programming.
- Facilitated programs for the youth to become environmentally aware and become better community members through their participation in Green Teens and Torch Club.
- Led programs for the youth to raise awareness on alcohol and drug prevention through Brent's Club Programming.
- Provided case management and support for all students, including guidance through college application process, scholarship searches, and financial aid application process.
- Supervised high school and college interns from during club hours to ensure a safe environment for the youth and staff.

Lead Student Advisor Parent Program Specialist & Office Assistant

Aug. 2012 – June 2017

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP Grant,

California State University, Fullerton | Fullerton, CA

- Managed the data entry system to maintain record of parent participation across 6 participating Middle and High Schools.
- Conducted outreach to parents to increase engagement in events and activities such as parent nights, cash for college and college admission workshops.
- Facilitated quarterly workshops on financial aid, applications, and process for college admission for parents and students.
- Created culturally sensitive literature for monolingual parents on GEAR UP parent and family nights.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Chicano/Latino Faculty & Staff Association 2019
- Southern California Public Health Association , member 2018
- National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS), member 2017
- American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), member 2017
- Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), member 2017
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), member 2017
- American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education-National Conference 2014

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellow 2018-2019
- CSUN CAMINO Scholar 2017-2019
- CSUN College of Health and Human Development, CAMINO Scholarship 2018
- CSUF Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Scholar 2014-2017
- California State Fullerton University Grant 2016-2017
- California State Fullerton Dean's List 2015, 2017