

Stan State Learning in the Community

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Thank you to our wonderful faculty for their service.

Virtually engaging with the community.

Save the Date April 24 for Science Day!

STUDENT PLACEMENT UPDATES

As Spring 2021 comes to a close, the Office of Service Learning would like to remind the campus community all service learning and academic internship activities will continue virtually through the summer.

In addition, an exception request for in-person internship activity has been developed. Please visit the office of Service Learning website for more information.

STARS OF SERVICE:

As faculty, staff, and students continue to excel in community service, the Office of Service Learning will be highlighting those who have positively impacted the campus and community. Included in our semester newsletter will be a synopsis of faculty who have been featured in past Stars of Service articles found on our service learning webpage, such as Dr. Richard Wallace, Dr. Dae Hee Kim, and others.

Last year Dr. Richard Wallace and his Anthropology course conducted an impactful survey of local homeless individuals to provide vital information to the We Care Program that shelters up to 50 homeless men.

Another group of Stars from last spring is Dr. Dae Hee Kim and his computer science students who assisted in reinvigorating non-profit community websites to assist with providing updated information to the public.

This group of Stars in the spring 2019 brought the community closer to the stars in the sky. Dr. Mohktari, Dr. Morsony, Dr. Pagano, Dr. To and science student volunteers opened the observatory to over 600 community members.

Keep a look out for the next Stars of Service stories! Don't miss your chance to read about future Stan State Stars and the community impact.

We are glad to highlight individuals or groups with your ongoing service. If you would like to see an individual or group highlighted in the Stars of Service please complete the form on the Service Learning Stars of Service page.



Dr. Wallace, Dr. Dae Hee Kim, Dr. Mohktari, Dr. Pagano, Dr. To

Stars of Service

VIRTUAL SCIENCE DAY

This year is the 10th annual Science Day! It will be the first ever virtual Science Day at Stan State and will be held **Saturday, April 24, 2021** from 10am to 2pm.

There will be **5** live events and numerous new released videos of various science activities, demonstrations, and presentations!

Make sure to check out the Science Day webpage at <https://www.csustan.edu/science/annual-science-day> for more information and to RSVP for the live events.

We look forward to having you be apart of the 10th Annual Science Day!



Daisy Hernandez and Sunpreet Kaur with photos from two virtual activities.

SCIENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY THE VIRTUAL WORLD

Science in Our Community continues to bring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) awareness to the community through different activities and programs that are offered virtually.

During the fall 2020 semester Science in Our Community (SIOC) worked with Cunningham Elementary School and Wakefield Elementary School to bring STEM activities to their fourth-grade classes, know as the Junior Scientist Program. With the assistance from Stan State student volunteers, SIOC hosted two activities for the Junior Scientist program that reached over 100 fourth graders. The first activity “Puking Pumpkin Experiment” held in October was led by Biology student, Anaissa Medina. She taught the Junior Scientists about chemical reactions, atoms, states of matter, types of chemical reactions, and more through her demonstration featuring a carved pumpkin, vinegar and baking soda. The second activity, “Straw Rockets experiment” held in November was led by Biology Student Mahnoor Raza, who taught the fourth graders about Orbit, mass, matter, force, gravity, Isaac Newton, Newton’s three laws of motion and more.

Additionally, SIOC hosted two virtual Science Saturday events in the fall 2020 offering hands-on science despite being virtual. In November they worked with Stan State’s Computer Science Club and STEM Ambassadors to bring the activity “Coding for Kids” which introduced 6th through 8th grade students to the coding program known as Scratch. With the assistance the Stan State volunteers, the middle schoolers were able to learn how to use Scratch to make computer games and/or short animations. The second Science Saturday was “Sticking with Chemistry” led by Dr. Aleman, Dr. Manchanda, Dr. Schara, Warriors Chemistry Club, and student STEM Ambassadors. This activity showed 6th through 8th grade students how to work with household items to make their own glue and test their own glue with their parents’ support.

These activities allowed k-12 students in the community to experience real science at home and connect University students, faculty, and staff.

INTRODUCING SERVICE LEARNING FACULTY LIAISON, DR. JENNIFER HELZER.

The Office of Service Learning would like to share a warm welcome to Dr. Jennifer Helzer from the Geography department as she joins the team as our Faculty Liaison. Dr. Helzer will help inform faculty about the services and benefits of Service Learning such as community engaged research. Additionally, she will share how Service Learning as a high impact practice can extend classroom learning into real world applications that can benefit our community, as well as our students' academic goals.

We look forward to being able to expand service learning opportunities for our students and to better meet our service learning faculty needs.

Please feel free to reach out to the Service Learning Office for about adding service learning or academic internships to your course(s).



Dr. Jennifer Helzer

“Service Learning—Educating Students in Service Builds Stronger Communities.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ **Turlock Community Collaborative**

Join us via Zoom on the third Tuesday of most months at 1:30pm.

Upcoming dates include: 04/20/2021, 05/18/2021, 06/15/2021

Contact Breanna Hale at bhale1@csustan.edu for more information.

⇒ **Twenty-sixth Annual Cesar E. Chavez, Dolores Huerta and Larry Itliong Memorial Celebration**

Virtual Event on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10am to 11am.

Join us to celebrate the life and principles of E. Chavez, Dolores Huerta and Larry Itliong. For more information see the website at

<https://www.csustan.edu/wccc>

⇒ **Tenth Annual Science Day**

Virtual Event on Saturday, April 24, 2021 10am to 2pm.

Join us for 5 live events and pre-recorded science activities that showcase science at Stanislaus State for the whole family.

For more information see the website at

<https://www.csustan.edu/science/annual-science-day>

OFFICE OF SERVICE LEARNING

The primary goal of the Office of Service Learning at California State University, Stanislaus is to enhance student learning through community-based service and/or internships.

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