

# ***CAPS***

*Culturally Adaptive Pathway to Success  
Summer Newsletter*

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Hello Cal State LA students and faculty!

The Culturally Adaptive Pathway to Success (CAPS) program has created this summer newsletter to share the experiences their scholars had over summer 2022.

CAPS is an NSF-funded scholarship that provides financial and academic aid to STEM students.

After COVID-19 regulations were lifted and with safety precautions, everyone was able to participate in outside activities. Many were able to attend their internship in person, explore new interests, and spend more time with family and friends. They have grown in skills and as individuals. We hope you enjoy reading about the experiences of these talented scholars.



# Civil Engineering

This summer in I grew as an adult a lot. At the end of last summer, I left my mom's house to live on my own. I did it with what I had saved up from my internship last year. With that and scholarship money I was able to live on my own without support. Now I have moved into an even bigger apartment not to far from school.

This summer I had an internship at Turner Construction again, this time as a field engineer. I learned even more than expected. I got to see 2 different projects on the site, one just starting, and the other nearing its end. This was cool because I got to see a lot of both processes. I ended my summer with an exciting trip to Atlanta to visit my uncle. Covid has made a lot of things had but it certainly pressured me into learning more about myself and what I want to do with my life. Coming into this new semester I am excited to go back on to campus. I have a lot of things this year to look forward to. There are 2 conferences this year for NSBE nearby and I am also hoping to get to run this year. Hopefully we don't regress into full quarantine.

## Nyle Ussery



After a long year of in-person classes and club activities restarting, it was finally nice to catch a break during the summer to relax and recharge. One of the most exciting things I did this summer was visit family in Nashville, Tennessee. It was the first time in a couple of years since I traveled and it was fun and interesting to explore another city that was different from LA. During the summer, a couple of friends and I began to study and prepare for the FE exam at night during the week. This coming school year, I am very much looking forward to graduating and passing my FE exam while also juggling club activities. I have high hopes for obtaining an internship during the year or securing a job after graduation.



## Alfonso Lima



# Civil Engineering

The most exciting thing I did this summer was finally getting internship experience! I have waited so long for this opportunity, and I was able to get my experience at the Port of Los Angeles in their Construction Division. I was able to learn so much and participate in many of their events that they hold. I joined their softball team and golf league. I am excited for this semester for many of my classes to be all in person because I feel like there is more involvement and interactions between my peers.

## Eloy Rodriguez





# Electrical Engineering

My summer after a year of in person classes is pretty much the same as before. I usually stay at home or go to outings with my family. Nothing really changed. The most exciting thing this summer is going to Universal Studios. Though I have gone a few times before, it's usually the most exciting thing I've done. It takes my mind off other things and a getaway with my siblings. I haven't really picked up any new hobbies during summer, but I have read more books that I have been wanting to read, improve my drawing skills and writing fictional stories (though they are not finished). What I look forward this school year is considering this is my last year, I want to be able to gain opportunities in search for internships to get experience before going into the work field. I want to be able to achieve better goals than I've done for the past few years and hopefully I'll finish on a high note.

Victor Hugo Trujillo Jr.



My summer 2022 was a little more exciting than the previous summer after a year of in person classes. There were a lot more opportunities to do activities that weren't available during the other years. For me the most exciting thing I did this summer was an internship at Medtronic Inc. This was the most exciting activity I did this summer since it opened a door for me into a well-established biomedical device company. Not only this but it also allowed me to accomplish one of my milestones which was to get an internship this summer. As for new hobbies, I picked up playing soccer again as a way to relax and de-stress from school. Overall, this new semester and school year has me very excited and nervous since it's my last challenging year and I can't wait to go through it all.



Medtronic

David Gonzalez



# Computer Science

This Summer was purely dedicated to doing an Internship in Virginia. It was a great experience as it was my 1st time adventuring out of California. Aside from the internship, I've spent a good amount of my time there exploring the state. Thankfully, Washington DC was near my location, so I managed to see some of the iconic stops there. If I had to summarize East Coast life, then I would say it's more humid when compared to the West with the occasional rain. Other than that, it was a great experience and I would definitely do this again at some point

## Geovanny Huerta

