Future History Makers Award Application - Latina History Day Conference 2023
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Future History Makers Award Application and Criteria

HOPE and The Estee Lauder Companies have partnered together to honor the accomplishments of future history-making Latinas in local communities. The honorees should foster a unique spirit of passion, possess a vision that brings communities together or charts a new path of discovery. As “Future History Makers,” these Latinas strive for excellence and deliver their best efforts towards being positive role models and creating change.

Who is a Future History Maker?
For the past seven years, HOPE has celebrated Future History Makers at the Latina History Day Conference, which is an annual conference established to recognize the historic and current achievements of Latinas, discuss community issues and embrace Latina culture. Future History Makers are the next generation of Latina women working to make an impact in their community by involvement in activities or projects, advancing in an academic field or pioneering groundbreaking research or inventions.

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Over the past few years many post-secondary institutions have experienced a significant drop in college enrollment. Students are pursuing other avenues that will help them reach their personal goals. While a portion of our graduates transition from high school to college, another percentage is seeking career opportunities that will enable them to be financially independent.

Similar to someone pursuing a degree, students who want to jump start their career right after graduation must be fully prepared for what's next. The process to get hired requires a time commitment which consists of; searching for employment opportunities, preparing required documents (resume, cover letter, references), mock interview practices, and be mentally ready to provide well thought-out responses.

To better support our students the city of Los Angeles offers support through their YouthSource programs. The network consists of 14 centers throughout the city which aim to support youth between the ages of 14-24. Some of the benefits of the program are paid internships, attainment of occupational skills, and job readiness programs.
Former SHCA alum Jason Baltazar is a Mechanical Engineering student from UC Merced. This past semester he decided to study abroad in Lund, Sweden. I had the opportunity to interview Jason and he gave me some insight into his European experience.

What were things that surprised you about the culture in Sweden?
In Sweden, they have Fika time which is a break that you take midday to have coffee or a snack. Initially, I was a little surprised because they stopped classes to allow you to grab a coffee and chat with a friend. Another thing that I noticed was that people are always dressed presentable. You never see anyone going to school in their pajamas or sweatpants.

Did you have any doubts about studying abroad?
Yes and no. I’ve always wanted to study abroad. One thing that stressed me out was that I thought I was going to get lost at the airport. Prior to visiting Sweden, I had never been on a plane or traveled out of the country. I thought that I wasn’t going to find my terminal because LAX is so big. When I arrived at the airport that changed and it was actually pretty easy navigating through LAX.

What was the hardest part of studying abroad?
The first month was the hardest because I was homesick. It was the first time I had ever been out of the states and I took some time to get acclimated. But the great thing about the study abroad program was that I was paired up with other Mechanical Engineering students who were also from different parts of the world. In addition, they had events that allowed me to get out of my comfort zone which helped me make new friends. I joined a Nation that is similar to a fraternity and that also opened more doors and opportunities.

What cities did you visit in Europe?
The great thing about Europe is that all the countries are close to each other and once you’re there it’s pretty economical to get around. Some of the places I visited were Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Amsterdam, Paris, Rome, and Barcelona. I was also fortunate enough to be in Europe during the world cup because people out there get amped for the games.

Overall what did you enjoy most about your experience?
I enjoyed meeting people from all over the world. It was nice to see how others’ perspectives and views differed depending on where they are from. For example, my friends from Netherlands and Spain said they don’t get assignments every day and a lot of their work is group assignments. On the other hand, my friend from Australia said they have a similar workload as people from the United States.

What advice would you give to other alumni who are considering studying abroad?
Just do it. It can definitely be overwhelming and scary but I think it’s an opportunity that everyone should take advantage of. When I arrived in Sweden I didn’t know anyone but after a few months, I made friends from different countries like the Netherlands, Australia, Spain, and many more. I would also encourage going by yourself because that allows you to do things that you want to do. Lastly, apply for scholarships. I was lucky enough to be awarded a scholarship that helped cover some of my expenses.
What skills/mindsets/attitudes did you learn while a student at Valor that have helped you during your first year in college?

In Valor, I learned that by stepping up to take AP courses and college courses were beneficial as they build a sense of self responsibility. Here at CSUN, I learned that the work is there and by managing time to do the work, it is possible to finish the work with the best effort put into it.

What do you wish you had known about college going in that could have helped you be even more successful?

I really wished I knew that I would have the self ability to find what I liked. While there weren’t many opportunities at Valor for me to figure out what I’m interested in, I had to take it on myself to take classes and look outside of the school and during my own free time to figure out what skills are strongest for me and what is a fit for me.

What have you enjoyed most about your first semester being on a college campus?

I have enjoyed meeting new people in my classes and making a schedule for myself. As an EOP student, I spent most of my summer in summer classes but I enjoyed it since I met so many new people. Along with that, I feel that if I didn’t go to CSUN, I wouldn’t have been able to get my drivers license and have that flexibility.

How has your world perspective grow or changed as a result of your time in college thus far?

I have been able to learn more about the history of why the world is the way it is. There is so much history that we don’t learn in high school that affects us today in how the world works and people’s different perspectives. We don’t get to learn about the other side of the story as much in high school but I am happy I got to hear the other side of the story.

What is your major and what do you plan on doing with your degree in the future? This can be more schooling, OR career and/or family related.

My major is Business Administration Management and with my degree, I would like to work with making a more comfortable workplace and being able to work with multiple departments in different companies.

Is there anything else you’d like to share or advice you would give to current students/staff at Valor?

My advice is to not lose hope when you see financial aid packages. For me, CSUN was not my first choice but because of financial reasons and for the programs that they offered me, there’s definitely a reason why I came to CSUN. I didn’t come here just because I couldn’t afford another school, I came here for the programs that the school has to offer and while I am not living the college life like in the movies, I get to go home everyday and I am lucky enough to have parents that support me in my studies and sacrifice time and money for me to slowly grow in my independence.
What’s not to like about living and learning right by the beach?! Bianca has the best of both worlds as a freshman at UCSB. She loves being surrounded by nature and appreciates her professors who capitalize on the environment by conducting classes and research on the beach, just steps away from some of her classrooms.

UCSB’s campus was just far enough from Los Angeles where she could practice being independent and have her own space but not too far where it would require a flight on an airplane.

She also loves the diversity and getting to meet people from all over the world. One of her new friends is from India and she recently had the most exquisite Indian food while learning more about the culture. Being at such a diverse campus allows her to “learn about other people.”

For the fall quarter she took 12 units, which is the minimum you should take in order to get full financial aid. “Take your time with classes. I took three classes. It feels like nothing but the homework does pile up on you. Don’t take too many at a time. You’ll be here for 4 years. You don’t want to burn out in the beginning. You should be enjoying every step of the way.”

Her fall quarter went really well academically and now that she has adjusted to the volume of work in college and living on her own, she plans on exploring a few clubs on campus to meet more people during this Winter quarter. She chose to live about 30 minutes away by car and is renting a room to save on money. It is a little harder to make friends when you don’t live in the dorms but with some effort you’ll start to find your people, whoever they are. “Just be open during your classes. Everyone is down to make friends but we are all shy. But if you just ‘hi’ and introduce yourself, that makes a difference.”

Bianca has grown so much in just one quarter and values being able to take care of herself. “I knew I had to make my own meals” and manage several responsibilities. “It’s not like in high schools where teachers email you if something is wrong or send you reminders. In college, it was a huge ‘wow’ to realize that you need to advocate for yourself.” So what does this Guacho have to say about her UCSB experience? “I love it here!”
We have hired the new ASCS Coordinator for Rise Kohyang High School!!! her name is Kimberly Arteaga and she will start on February 6th. More details to come in a few weeks!!