

KHC NEWSLETTER

Official Newsletter of the Kellogg Honors College,
Cal Poly Pomona



Congratulations KHC Class of 2024!

BY DR. CLAUDIA GARCIA-DES LAURIERS
DIRECTOR, KHC



The end of the academic year is a time of celebration that I look forward to every spring. All of the hard work comes to fruition, and we graduate another cohort of students. This year, I found myself a bit more sentimental. The first cohort I recruited in the Spring of 2020 graduated. Not only is this a benchmark in my career as KHC director, but we all went through a tough time--the COVID-19 pandemic. I am in awe of their resilience; not only did we survive a global pandemic, the sequelae of which we are still navigating, but we thrived!

As you will see in the pages to come, our KHC Class of 2024, did us proud. We graduated 68 students, the largest cohort of graduates in 5 years. Katie Wilson was selected as Valedictorian of the Collins College of Hospitality Management, and Roy Mouad was honored as McPhee Scholar for the College of Engineering. The vast majority of our graduates also received university honors (85%), including 54% graduated Summa Cum Laude, 22% Magna Cum Laude, and 9% Cum Laude.

All of this success is possible due to the incredible support of CPP faculty who teach and mentor honors students, students' families and support systems, and the KHC team! Congratulations to the inspirational KHC Class of 2024, we applaud your resilience and are in awe of your achievements!



KHC Convocation, Kellogg West, April 25, 2024

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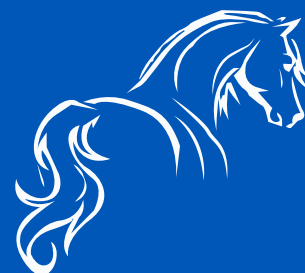
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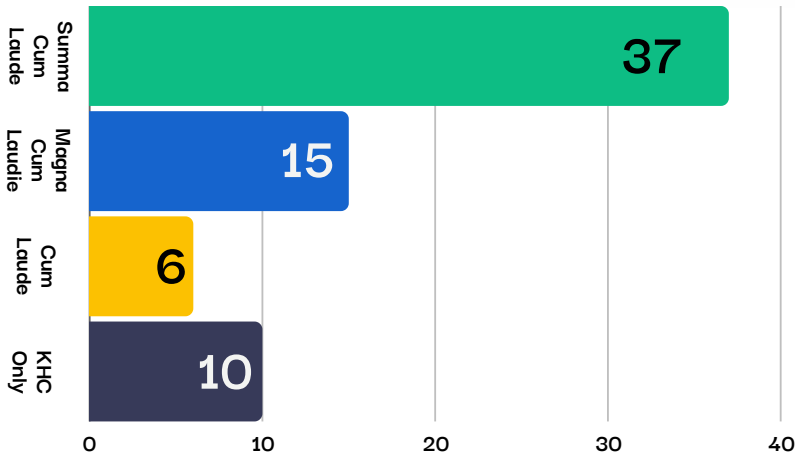
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KHC Class of 2024 Honors Recognitions



College of Engineering McPhee Scholar
Roy Mouad

Collins College of Hospitality Valedictorian
Katie Smith

Summa Cum Laude 3.8-4.0
Magna Cum Laude 3.65-3.79
Cum Laude 3.5-3.64
KHC Honors 3.3+



President Coley, Roy Muoad,
Dean Andrew Ketsdever (Photo T. Zasadzinski)



Katie Wilson, Dean Margie Ferree Jones
(Photo T. Zasadzinski)

Two KHC Graduates Receive Top Honors

BY CLAUDIA GARCIA-DES LAURIERS
KHC DIRECTOR

The Julian A. McPhee Outstanding Student Scholar award is given to the Valedictorian for each of the 8 Colleges. The award takes its name from Julian A. McPhee former president of Cal Poly. While he served as President at the San Luis Obispo campus overseeing significant transformations that saved this campus and saw it thrive. He also was critical to the establishment of Cal Poly Pomona in 1966 only 1 year before his passing. The award represents one of the highest honors received by CPP graduates.

This year two KHC students were selected as Valedictorians of their respective colleges. Katie Wilson was selected as the Valedictorian of the Collins College of Hospitality Management. Upon graduation, Katie will start her position at Marriott Hotels in Boston, MA. Roy Muoad was selected as McPhee Scholar of the College of Engineering. Roy, like Katie, graduates Summa Cum Laude and has accepted a position as a process design engineer at Fluor.

Congratulations to Katie and Roy for these amazing achievements!

KHC Class of 2024 Achievements & Convocation Celebration

KHC Class of 2024

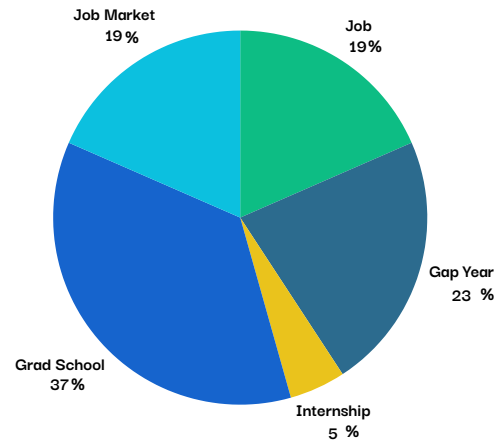
3.77 Average GPA

3.99 Years to Graduation: First Year

2.4 Years to Graduation: Transfer



Post Graduation Plans



Total is > 100% because some students are workin in industry and going to graduate school



Modeling Inclusive Academic Excellence: KHC Graduation Rates



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KHC, Director

*KHC visibly contributing to improvement of overall campus rates
** Gray cells indicate > 10 students
Tables generated with data from CPP Institutional Research
Graduation Rate Dashboards

Table 1: KHC Graduation Rates for FTF & Transfer Students

CPP FTF Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2017	Non-Honors Fall 2017	All CPP Fall 2017	Honors Fall 2018	Non-Honors Fall 2018	All CPP Fall 2018	Honors Fall 2019	Non-honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019
4 years or less	58.5%	29%	29.1%*	53.3%	33.6%	33.7%*	60.9%	36.80%	36.8%
5 years or less	92.6%	57.90%	58.1%*	85.9%	60.6%	60.6%			
6 years or less	95.7%	66.60%	66.7%*						

CPP Transfer Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2019	Non-honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019	Honors Fall 2020	Non-honors Fall 2020	All CPP Fall 2020	Honors Fall 2021	Non-honors Fall 2021	All CPP Fall 2021
2 years or less	42.9%	33.10%	33.1%	12.5%	29.00%	29.0%	37.1%	33.70%	33.7%
3 years or less	100.0%	67.0%	67.0%	75.0%	63.3%	63.3%			
4 years or less	100.0%	78.3%	78.3%						

The CSU as part of systemic student success efforts launched the 2025 Graduation Initiative in 2015. The goal is to reach a 40% 4-year graduation rate and a 70% rate for 6-year graduation for First Time Freshman (FTF). In order to make these goals, a number of equity-minded practices have been launched across all CSU campuses to reduce equity gaps and improve student success. These data tables provide an update on how KHC is contributing to these larger campus and system-wide goals. FTF Honors students have exceeded CSU targets by 13-20% and have a 95.7% 6 year graduation rate, exceeding CSU target by 25.7% (Table 1).

FTF, Female Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2017	Non-Honors Fall 2017	All CPP Fall 2017	Honors Fall 2018	Non-Honors Fall 2018	All CPP Fall 2018	Honors Fall 2019	Non-Honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019
4 years or less	65.8%	34.40%	34.40%	71.9%	39.6%	39.60%	62.5%	42.2%	42.20%
5 years or less	94.7%	62.90%	62.90%	100.0%	65.4%	65.40%			
6 years or less	97.4%	70%	70.0%						

Table 2: KHC Graduation Rates for FTF , Gender Comparison

FTF, Male Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2017	Non-Honors Fall 2017	All CPP Fall 2017	Honors Fall 2018	Non-Honors Fall 2018	All CPP Fall 2018	Honors Fall 2019	Non-Honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019
4 years or less	53.8%	24.00%	24.00%	48.5%	28.1%	28.2%*	55.6%	31.5%	31.50%
5 years or less	92.3%	53.30%	53.4%*	84.8%	56.2%	56.3%*			
6 years or less	96.2%	63.5%	63.9%*						

The goals for transfer students set by GI 2025 are 45% for the 2-year rate and 85% for the 4-year rate. KHC will continue to work on improving our 2-year graduation rates for transfer students, but we are doing well in the 3 and 4 year graduation rate reporting 100% for the Fall 2019 cohort (Table 1). While graduation rates for FTF students are excellent, our transfer students, especially those onboarded around the pandemic still need support, and while system goals have not yet been fully met, our rates for transfer student graduation rates exceed campus data (Table 1).

Table 3: KHC Graduation Rates for FTF, Under-represented Minority & Non-Under Represented Minority Comparison

FTF, URM Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2017	Non-Honors Fall 2017	All CPP Fall 2017	Honors Fall 2018	Non-Honors Fall 2018	All CPP Fall 2018	Honors Fall 2019	Non-Honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019
4 years or less	56.3%	21.7%	21.8%*	56.3%	27%	27.1%*	60.0%	30.2%	30.20%
5 years or less	100.0%	50.2%	50.2%	81.3%	53.30%	53.4%*			
6 years or less	100.0%	60.0%	60.0%						

FTF, Non-URM Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2017	Non-Honors Fall 2017	All CPP Fall 2017	Honors Fall 2018	Non-Honors Fall 2018	All CPP Fall 2018	Honors Fall 2019	Non-Honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019
4 years or less	62.5%	36.50%	36.50%	61.2%	40.60%	40.7%*	59.4%	44.2%	44.20%
5 years or less	91.7%	65.70%	65.9%*	95.9%	68.40%	68.5%*			
6 years or less	95.8%	73.3%	73.5%*						

In terms of equity gaps, KHC is making great strides in eliminating them for honors students. Women, which make up the majority of our honors student population, are outperforming male students, but both genders are exceeding campus rates and CSU system targets (Table 2).

The equity gap between Under Represented Minority honors students and Non-Underrepresented Minority honors students has nearly been eliminated based on the data for the Fall 2019 cohort (Table 3). A similar trend is visible between graduation rates for First-Generation and Non-First Generation students with the equity gaps being closed by the Fall 2019 cohort (Table 4).

FTF, First Gen Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2017	Non-Honors Fall 2017	All CPP Fall 2017	Honors Fall 2018	Non-Honors Fall 2018	All CPP Fall 2018	Honors Fall 2019	Non-Honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019
4 years or less	33%	22.30%	22.30%	31.30%	28.90%	28.90%	61.50%	33.60%	33.60%
5 years or less	92%	50.10%	52.2%*	62.50%	54.70%	54.70%			
6 years or less	100%	60.70%	60.8%*						

Table 4: KHC Graduation Rates for FTF, First Generation College Student & Non-First Generation Comparison

FTF, Non-First Gen Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2017	Non-Honors Fall 2017	All CPP Fall 2017	Honors Fall 2018	Non-Honors Fall 2018	All CPP Fall 2018	Honors Fall 2019	Non-Honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019
4 years or less	62.2%	32.60%	32.6%	57.9%	35.9%	35.8%*	60.8%	38.5%	38.50%
5 years or less	92.7%	61.10%	61.1%	90.8%	63.5%	63.50%			
6 years or less	95.1%	69.80%	69.8%						

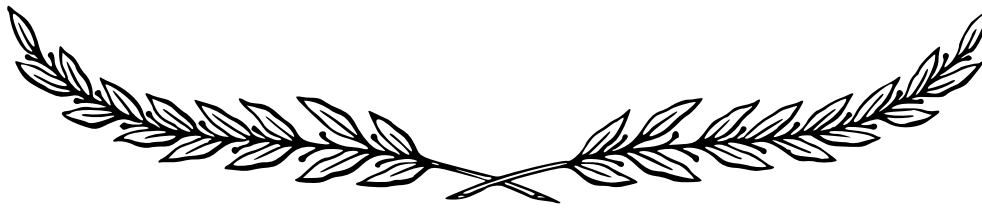
Pell eligible students are also thriving in the Kellogg Honors College, exceeding campus and CSU system goals and fully eliminating the equity gap by the Fall 2019 cohort (Table 5).

The Kellogg Honors College is very intentional in supporting student success. These efforts are leading to the elimination of equity gaps especially in the area of graduation rates. In so doing, we are meeting our mission of being a model of inclusive academic excellence.

Table 5: KHC Graduation Rates for FTF & Transfer, Pell Grant Eligible & Non-Pell Grant Eligible Comparison

FTF, Pell Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2017	Non-Honors Fall 2017	All CPP Fall 2017	Honors Fall 2018	Non-Honors Fall 2018	All CPP Fall 2018	Honors Fall 2019	Non-Honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019
4 years or less	53.8%	23.90%	23.90%	34.8%	29.0%	29.00%	66.7%	33.5%	33.50%
5 years or less	88.5%	53.30%	53.30%	69.6%	55.0%	55.00%			
6 years or less	92.3%	62.2%	62.2%						

FTF, Non-Pell Grad Rate within	Honors Fall 2017	Non-Honors Fall 2017	All CPP Fall 2017	Honors Fall 2018	Non-Honors Fall 2018	All CPP Fall 2018	Honors Fall 2019	Non-Honors Fall 2019	All CPP Fall 2019
4 years or less	60.3%	33.40%	33.5%*	59.4%	37.4%	37.5%*	59.2%	39.8%	39.80%
5 years or less	94.1%	61.90%	62.1%*	91.3%	65.2%	65.3%*			
6 years or less	97.1%	70.5%	70.6%*						



**Computer Science Major,
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Stretches Her Theatrical Wings**

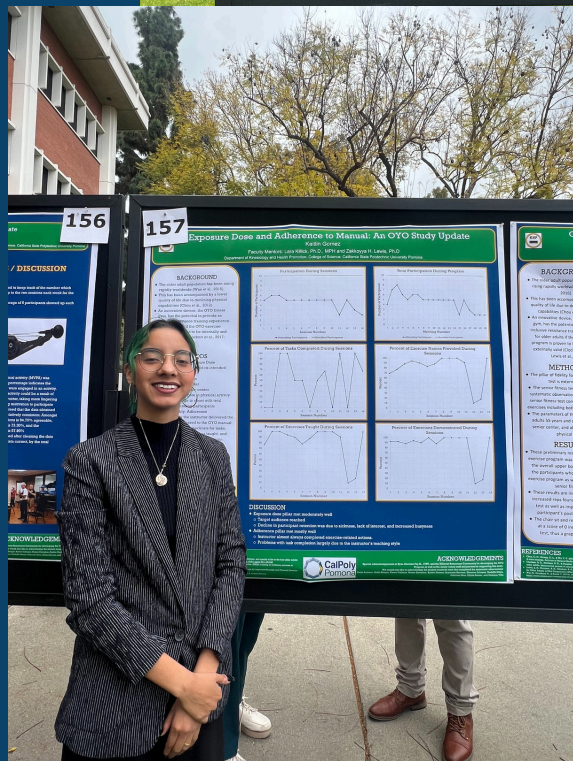
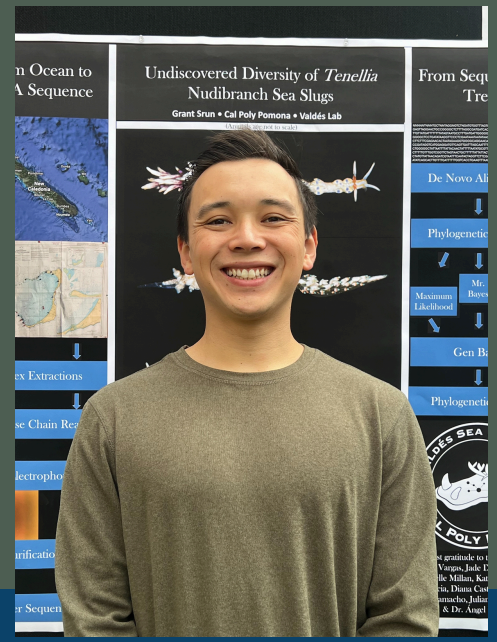
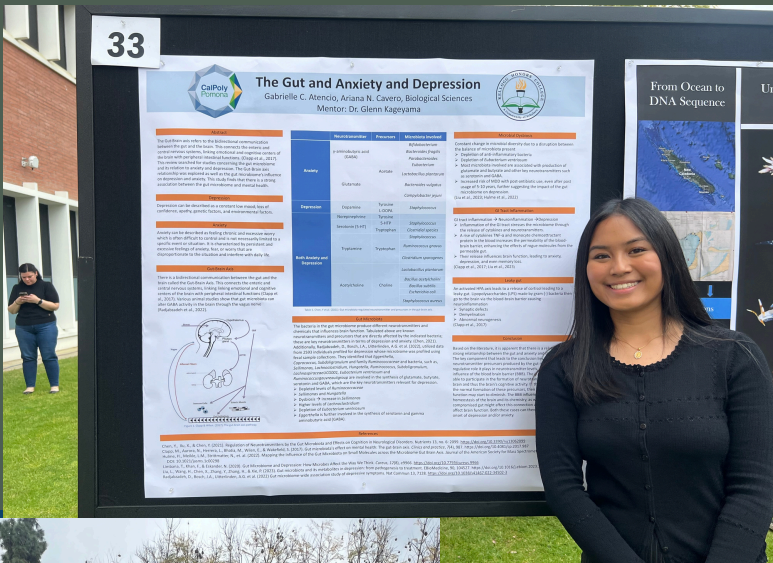
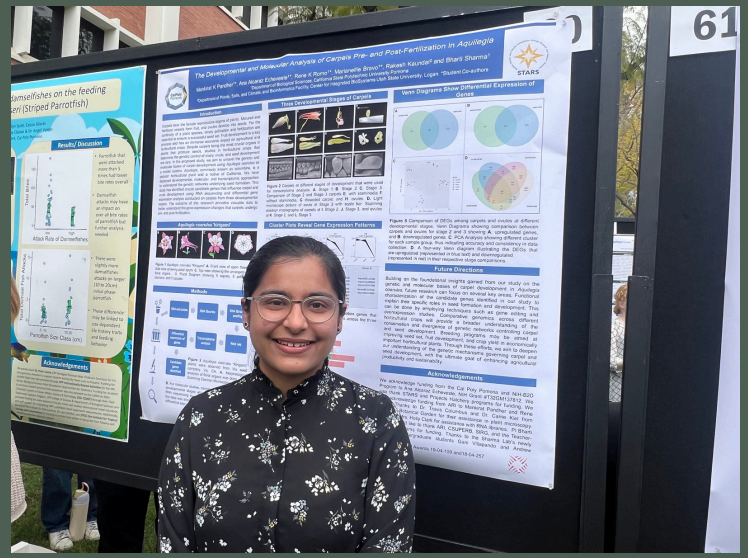
From May 7-9, 2024 the CPP Theater Department celebrated their *Festival of Student Written Plays*. KHC student Cleo Yau, a computer science major, stretched her creative wings participating in nearly all of the works presented. She has earned the AAB Memorial Science for All Scholarship and an internship at Deloitte for her work in computer science, but is also a talented actress with a passion for theater. Congratulations to Cleo for her excellent performances and giving life to CPP student written works.



Celebrating Student Research

BY DR. CLAUDIA GARCIA-DES LAURIERS
KHC DIRECTOR

Every spring semester KHC students presents the results of research conducted during the fall semester or previous summer. Undergraduate research is an incredibly important part of student professional development. This year over 70 students presented at the Research Scholarly and Creative Activities conference, approximately a dozen students presented in the College of Science Symposium and four KHC students presented their research at the Western Regional Honors Conference that was held at CSU Long Beach. Some of these just rehearsals for presentations that will take place at regional and national meetings.

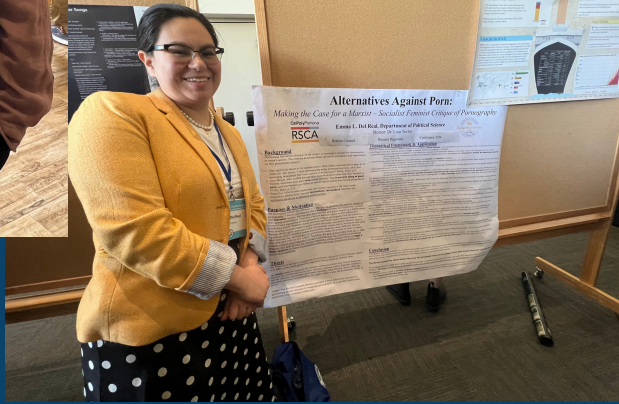
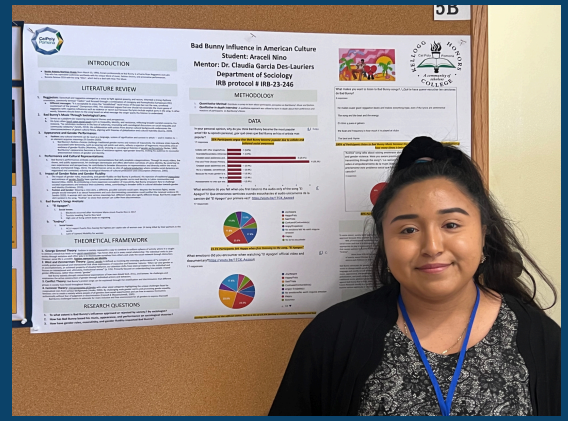


Highlights from the College of Science Symposium

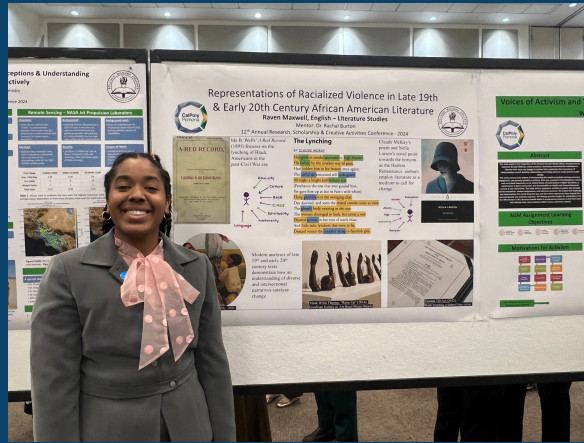
Top to Bottom: Makiran Prandar, Gabrielle Atencio, Grant Srun, Kaitlyn Gomez, & Sawyer Hardy

Western Regional Honors Conference

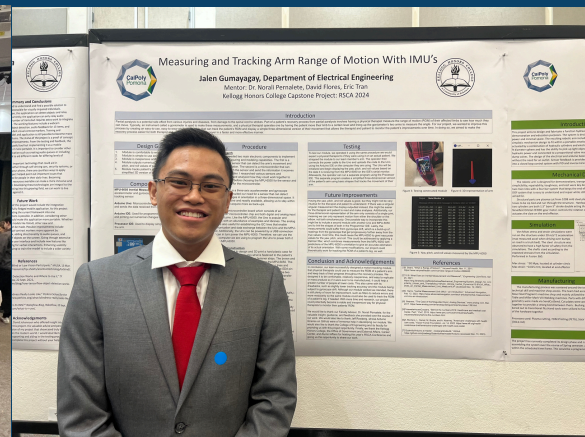
Andy Anderson, Emma Del Real, Chun Choi & Araceli Niño



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KHC Class of 2024
Student Research



KHC Honors
Symposium
CPP at the Research
Scholarly and
Creative Activities



KHC Student Success

By Won Choi

KHC Academic Coordinator

Honors students work hard throughout the year applying for internships, scholarships, and employment. For seniors, their focus is on what comes next, job, grad school, gap year or some other experience that will launch them into their future. These are some of the amazing accomplishments of for this academic year.

INTERNSHIPS

- Cleo Yau, Intern Deloitte
- Krista Zagarian, Computer Systems Architect Intern, City of Manhattan Beach, CA
- Bryan Quevedo Ramos, Summer Intern, LA Air Force Base
- Aakriti Adhikari, Intern at Forum for Women, Law & Development
- Sara Snyder, GIS Intern, Golden State Water Company
- Robin Yeh, Intern at KPMG and HCTV Tax Internship
- Chun Choi, Bake Mark R & D Intern
- Emily Quinton, Disney Professional Internship
- Matthew Burica, Intern at SpaceX
- Raphael Napinas, Intern, Concept Overdrive



JOBS

- Krista Zagarian, Software Engineer, Northrup Grumman
- Emily Quinton, Disney Global Licensing Team, Toy Division
- Andy Anderson, Camp Counselor, Washington
- Jackie Barret, Food Exploration and Discovery (NGO)
- Sebastian Arteaga, Aerospace Engineer, Lockheed Martin
- Khan Doan, John A. Martin and Associates
- Katie Wilson, Marriott, Boston
- Ana Valenzuela, Civil Engineer, Kimley-Horn
- Jalen Gumaygay, Instrumentation Operations JT-4
- Gabrielle Faith Lizares, CA Dept. of Rehabilitation
- Raphael Napinas, Northrup Grumman
- Roy Mouad, Process Design Engineer, Fluor
- Julia Sevilla, Engineer, HNTB

SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Alan Felzer Honors Scholarship**
Olivia Walsh & Lucy Alexander
- **Collins Harvest Auction**
Vanessa Bonilla
- **James A. Collins Honors Scholarship**
Vanessa Bonilla
- **Kellogg Honors Scholar**
Chole Alchin, Lucy Alexander, Adrian Alog, Zoe Andal, Alex Boghossian, Aiyana Castañon, Michael Cho, Joshua Dang, Hailey Donner, Emma Duran, Fynn Entus, Angel Galicia Cooper, Sawyer Hardy, Anai Hernandez, Mikayla Hernandez, Diego Herrera, Hannah Herrick, Lana Hi, Darren Kao, Robert Kimle, Benjamin Kittaka, Lindsey Lam, Evan Harrick, Andy Le, Samuel Lena, Nuoyan Li, Krishazoe Maramba, Camille McCurry, Michelle Millian, Justin Mills, Emily Oliva, Tanya Patel, Adrian Perez, Emily Pham, Nicole Sarabia, Katheryn Shadrack, Fariha Shahid, Sara Snyder, Ella Summers, Mahi Sutaria, Semiramis Suzer, David Thornton, Anton Vanoppen, Olivia Walsh, Stephany Wong, Robyn Yeh
- **Wen & Mei Lien Chang Honors**
Bella Escobar, Lana Hy, Simon Ibrahim, Anju Leach, Kailyn White, & Robin Yeh
- **Gregoire Family President's Scholar**
Alex Jimenez Cruz
- **Roberts Family President's Scholar**
Harini Pootheri
- **Bernard and Lucie Bidart President's Scholar**
Rein Mortada
- **Annete F. and Morton J. Blumner President's Scholar**
Michael Perez
- **Nicole Christine Coté President's Scholar**
Nuoyan Promise Li
- **Norman Williamson Jr. Family President's Scholar**
Anai Hernandez
- **Dr. Andrew G. Chong President's Scholar**
Gina Lalli
- **AAB Memorial Science for All Scholarship**
Cleo Yau
- **SCIFT Phil Bates Scholarship**
Chun Choi
- **FT Feeding Tomorrow Scholarship**
Chun Choi
- **College Corp Fellow**
Chun Choi



The following graduate programs have accepted KHC students to begin pursuing their advanced degrees beginning in the fall of 2024.

GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Shannon Johnson, Doctor of Physical Therapy, University of the Pacific
- Sebastian Arteaga, MA Aerospace Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder
- Nolan Edwards, MA English, Cal Poly Pomona
- Brad Bollyut, MA Electrical Engineering, Cal Poly Pomona
- Kyle Chao, University of Southern California Gould School of Law
- Araceli Niño, MA Social Work, University of Southern California
- Yunle Wang, MA Public Health, University of California, Berkeley
- Emily Demattia, MA Archaeology, University of York, Great Britain
- Jonathan Peña, MA Computer Science, Cal Poly Pomona
- Harshitha Ravuru, MA in Semi-Conductor Manufacture, University of California, Los Angeles
- Sherwin Sathish, MA in AI Software and Hardware, University of Southern California
- Eliel Davis, MA, CSU Dominguez Hills
- Mankirat Pandher, MA Biotechnology, University of California, Irvine
- Emma Del Real, MPA, University of Southern California
- Angelica Whisnant, Ph.D. Astronomy, The Ohio State
- Angela Gotinco, Ph.D. Chemistry, University of California, Irvine
- Priscilla Mendieta, Ph.D. Sociology, University of Iowa
- Sabrina Ling, Veterinary School, University of California, Davis
- Ivanna Marroquin, Veterinary School, Purdue University



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Karla Macedo, Research Assistant, Dept. of Food Science, Cal Poly Pomona
- Elliot Summers, Student Council Representative, Western Psychological Association
- Angela Whisnant, REU, University of California San Diego and REU, National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Virginia



**KHC Pantages Theater Trip
March 2024
Chicago the Musical**



KHC in the News

Click on the icons on the left to read about some of the newsworthy activities that KHC students and staff participated in.



KHC Student Aadi Mehta, contributor to the Poly Post, Follow his work



The Biden Administration Created Chaos at the Border, Now It Must Be Fixed

Poly Post--KHC Student Aadi Mehta, February 27, 2024, Opinion



2024 ASI Election Results

The Campus Crop, KHC Student Megan Shadrick elected 2024-25 ASI Vice President



CPP Men's and Women's Rosters Reign Supreme at the CCAA Championships

Poly Post, KHC Students, Jaelyn Thomas and Alessio Sommacal are student athletes on this amazing track team, May 14, 2024



Alessio Sommacal Wins First Career CCAA Track Athlete of the Week Award

Poly Post, KHC Student, Alessio Sommacal, March 19, 2024



CPP Model UN Team Shines at National Model United Nations Conference

Poly Post, KHC Student, Ilke Susser CPP Model UN Team Member, April 2024

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