



# The Tri-Org

AISES, NSBE, AND SOLES WELCOME YOU AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE FAMILY.

## *A Message From Your Presidents*

Congratulations on your acceptance to UCLA and CEED! :D We hope that you consider attending UCLA as well as the CEED program, and will join the Tri-Org (AISES, NSBE, SOLES) in the fall. CEED, AISES, NSBE, and SOLES are committed to increasing the number of underrepresented minority students in the sciences and engineering. Being part of these organizations, you are exposed to many great opportunities including: peer mentorship, student center resources, professional development events, academic excellence workshops, and an extensive industry network.

Throughout the year, we also attend several national conferences, career fairs, social gatherings, and community programs. But more than anything else, CEED and the Tri-Org create an environment for our students to learn and grow together. You won't find another group of students as close-knit as we are, and when you join us, you join brothers and sisters who are committed to helping one another succeed at UCLA. With all that in mind, we hope to see you at Summer Bridge and in the fall, and we'd really just like to say, "Welcome to UCLA, and welcome to our Family."



*Natalia Ramirez - American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)*



*Adriana Villagomez - Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists (SOLES)*



*Jessii Chun - National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)*



## Mya Cross - 2nd Year, Materials Science Engineering

Hello! My name is Mya and I am a Materials Engineering major. Honestly, I chose to come to UCLA because of CEED. The opportunity to be able to meet other students like me in my field the summer before starting college contributed heavily in making my first quarter as smooth as it was. Knowing that you have a group of peers to rely on makes the transition to college life much easier. As a part of CEED at UCLA, I have made connections, and been given opportunities that I most likely would not have known about had I been “alone” in the school of engineering. Along with CEED, I am also involved with the Materials Research Society (MRS) and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE).

## Sophia Martinez - 3rd Year, Aerospace Engineering

When choosing UCLA, I was mainly concerned about financial aid so being aware that CEED gave out more scholarship money to their students than the entire school of Engineering combined was very enticing. I've had the privilege to be selected by CEED as a National Science Foundation scholar for the past two years, awarding me several thousand dollars. I can confidently say that CEED has benefited every aspect of my college career. I have made the Dean's List several times and have been able to maintain a very high Major GPA. With all of this hard work, I have become the Project Manager for Bearospace at UCLA, a competitive high-powered rocketry team through CEED. It is the only technical project at UCLA geared specifically for Underrepresented Minorities in Engineering that competes in NASA's University Student Launch Initiative as well as Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium's First Nations Launch every year. This summer I will be interning at Boeing as a Structural Design Engineer. I don't believe I would be in the same place I am now without CEED.



## Bradley Pickard - 2nd Year, Computer Science

I came to UCLA because of all the opportunities I saw here for an aspiring engineer. When I visited for Discover Engineering day, I saw a bustling, vibrant group of people doing all kinds of cool things beyond the classroom to develop themselves. CEED was the cherry on top; I was being given access to a supportive community and all kinds of professional development opportunities. I was hesitant to sign-up for the special orientation session and summer bridge. Now, I can say doing so was the right decision because the friends I made there are still some of the closest connections I've made at UCLA, and CEED has impacted every aspect of my career. During my time at UCLA, I've been involved in the National Society of Black Engineers as the chapter Secretary, the X1 robotics team, and I'm looking forward to a software internship with Google this Summer.

## Andy Muratalla - 3rd Year, Aerospace Engineering

Choosing UCLA, for me, was mostly because I wanted to stay local and I had heard it had some of the most grants and scholarships available to minority STEM pursuant students out there. Never did I think that CEED would impact me the way that it has. The best decision I have made since coming to UCLA was attending Summer Bridge into fall quarter of my first year. That's where I met my best friends, whom I have grinded through the last 3 years at UCLA with. CEED provided me with my first research laboratory experience, allowing me to enhance my skillset and stand out amongst my peers. I was able to find a sense of community early on, allowing me to focus on my academics and excel through the support of the program and its members. I now stand, 3 years later, as president of the Society of Latino Engineers and with a full-time offer from Lockheed Martin Space post-graduation: all thanks to the unwavering support and generosity of the CEED program.



## Kelly Espino - 1st Year, Civil Engineering

I chose UCLA for so many reasons besides it being the number one public university. Being the first in my family to go to college, I wanted to be away from home, but close enough to help my parents and younger siblings. The greatest influence however was CEED, which prepared me for my transition, walked me through every step, and provided me with endless opportunities. With my time in CEED I have been able to talk to company representatives who specifically want CEED students, receive the Southern California Edison Scholarship, go into research as a freshman, excel in all of my classes to be placed among the Engineering Dean's Honors List, and score my first paid internship for the summer with Granite Construction. Above all, CEED has provided me with unbreakable friendships with people who understand me and my background, help me grow each and everyday, and support me through all of my ups and downs.



NSBE officers recruit members at engineering day events in fall quarter.



CEED freshmen work together in the dorms on E-87 projects like building and programming a mechanical rover.

CEED students experience professionalism at Corporate Gamesmanship, a career fair available only to CEED students



CEED students connecting with Industry mentors during the annual Corporate Round Table during winter quarter.

NSBE members in San Francisco for the annual regional conference, where students interviewed and received offers for internships.



Members work hard at one of the many study nights they organize



Students enjoy free food and the company of other students industry at Tri-Org meetings.



CEED Freshmen showing off their martial arts moves for their E-87 project.

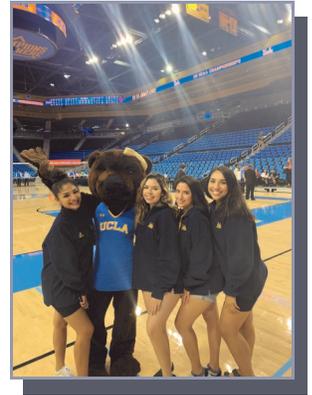
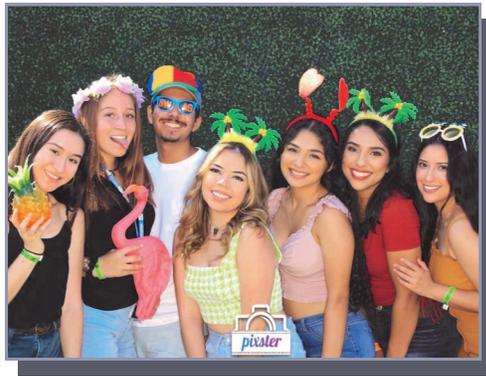


2020 AISES Rocket Project members, who compete in two rocket competitions.



Tri-Org members at Structured Study Night, a CEED only event that connects students to TAs that can tutor them in classes for a night.

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YOU'VE BEEN ON THE TOURS; YOU'VE HEARD FROM STUDENTS; COME SEE FOR YOURSELF WHY YOU SHOULD COME TO UCLA AND BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY! TIME IS RUNNING OUT, SO REGISTER NOW!



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