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Dear Faculty,

The CDAE team is excited for the Spring Semester! We are looking forward to kicking off the year with you and our continued partnership with the goal of student success. Thank you for all that you do in the classroom and beyond to engage and promote career development!

The Career Center has been busy offering virtual and in-person appointments for a wide range of career topics: career exploration, internship/job search, resume and cover letter reviews, mocking interviewing, LinkedIn and networking. Thank you for the continued collaboration!

 Career Development & Alumni Engagement (CDAE)

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SINCE 2023,

4,962

JOBS POSTED ON
HANDSHAKE

1,100
EMPLOYERS HIRING DOLPHINS

650
STUDENT AND ALUMN
APPOINTMENTS

OVER

### **SPRING EVENTS** - Register on Handshake for Virtual Access

### Cafecito con Careers

**Feb 6 - April 30, Tuesdays** I 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Bell Tower 1548 Join us Tuesday of each week to meet you career counseling staff, learn about a career topic, and have some coffee and snacks.

### Resumes & Ramen

**Wednesday, Feb 28** I 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. I Bell Tower 1548 Join us in person for 45 minutes and let us review your resume. This is a great opportunity to learn tips and resources on how to build and get feedback on your resume! Stop by for one-on-one resume review while slurping on some soup!

### Fireside Chat

**Thursday, March 7** | Noon to 1 p.m. I Bell Tower 1471 & Zoom Attend a Fireside Chat, where industry professionals discuss their personal insights on various topics to help with your career exploration. Chief Investigator of Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Scott Whitney will be keynote speaker.



### Lunch & LinkedIn

Wednesday, March 13 | 11 a.m. to Noon | Bell Tower 1548 Lunch and Learn. Join us on learning more about what LinkedIn is, how to network with employers in your area and branding yourself!

### **Grad Fest**

**Wed. March 27 - Thurs. March 28** I 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. | Grand Salon Visit the Alumni & Friends Association booth to take advantage of your 20% discount on an alumni membership and swag items.

### **SPRING EVENTS** - Register on Handshake for Virtual Access

### How to Stand Out at a Career Fair-Facilitated by Enterprise

Tuesday, April 9 I Noon to 1 p.m. | Zoom Join us for an online career fair prep session with expert advice from an employer! At this event you'll learn about preparing for a Career Fair and strategies to set yourself apart from other candidates. You won't want to miss this opportunity. Don't worry if you have to leave early for class, just come and stay as long as you can!

### **Career & Internship Fair**

**Wednesday, April 17** | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. I Broome Library Plaza

Whether you are seeking your first post-graduation job or looking for that next level position, our Career & Internship Fairs are a must-attend event! Be sure to prepare beforehand by visiting our Career & Alumni YouTube page.



### <u>Virtual Mentorship & Networking</u>

**Thursday,** April 25 I Noon to 1 p.m. I Zoom Interested in learning more about careers in government? Learn how to feel confident networking with alumni.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

### Lee Yarborough, Career Counselor

Lee joined CDAE in December 2023 and is excited to be a part of the CSUCI Community! She has 15+ years of experience in the higher education field with the main goals of ensuring student success and helping individuals become more career ready. Lee earned her Master's degree in School Counseling at Long Island University and has provided counseling and job placement services to individuals throughout California in a variety of educational institutions. Lee is looking forward helping students in their career journey by providing individual support, encouragement, and guidance along the way!



### Soledad "Bambi" Hosaka, Alumni Relations Coordinator

Bambi joins CSUCI with 12+ years of experience in marketing, public relations, development, and community relations roles in non-profit and corporate sectors. Bambi's demonstrated track record in implementing and executing large communication strategies, social media campaigns, board development, brand awareness, and strong focus on relationship-building approaches will aid in her ability to provide leadership and strategic direction to foster high-quality alumni engagement at CSUCI.

### Amariza Almaguer , Administrative Support

Amariza Almaguer is a 2022 graduate of UC Davis. She has her Bachelors of Science in Human Development and is currently she a graduate student at California Lutheran University working on attaining her Masters for College Student Personal. She enjoys helping others and making a difference. "I believe knowledge is power. The more you know the better you can be prepared!"





#### **FALL 2023 RECAP**

The Fall Career and Internship Fair was a huge success! We welcomed employers hiring for internships, part-time and full-time roles! The 400+Dolphins that attended were able to meet and greet and showcase their networking skills!



### **CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR**

IN ATTENDANCE:

**56**EMPLOYERS

400+
STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

100+

RECRUITING
POSITIONS





Did you know? According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Job Outlook 2024 Report...

#### The Intern Gets the Job:

"When employers are deciding between candidates who are otherwise equally qualified for the same position, having an internship is the top deciding factor. Regardless of whether the candidate has interned with the hiring organization or within the industry, this factor makes or breaks the hiring choice".

## **Exciting News!** Thanks to the Faculty and Career Center support...

### Student Internship applications have increased:

Students submitted a record-high number of monthly Handshake applications for internships during November 2023.

This is a **200% increase** since February 2023!



### WHAT IS HANDSHAKE?

Handshake is CSUCI's central hub for current internship, full-time, and on-campus employment opportunities. By completing their profiles, students will be recommended to apply for relevant job postings and directly connect with employers.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO SIGN UP:**

All students can access their CSUCI Handshake account through their myCI portal. After confirming CSUCI credentials, students are required to fill out their student information and career preferences on their profile.

### 4 STEPS TO ENGAGE WITH CDAE

- 1. Encourage students to peruse job/internship offerings and info sessions on Handshake.
- 2. Attend one Spring Career event as a class assignment.
- 3. Connect with Chris Acosta (<a href="mailto:christopher.acosta@csuci.edu">christopher.acosta@csuci.edu</a>) for academic credit internships support, as well as how experiential education can increase enrollment.
- 4. Request an in-class Career presentation (4-6 weeks in advance for preparation).





# 5 reasons you need Handshake



### Competitive advantage

Handshake is the only place that connects you, your school, and employers together. You'll see jobs and internships posted specifically for students, and employers actively recruiting from your school.



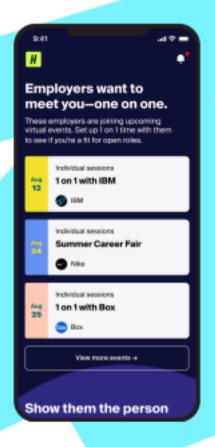
#### Active recruiters

Employers on Handshake message students with event invites, interview requests, and new job opportunities.



### No experience required

The jobs on Handshake are meant for students like you, so you can get the work experience you need.





### **Curated work opportunities**

When you fill out your profile, we'll show you jobs and internships that match your interests and skills. You may even discover a new career path.



### Exciting employers

All of the top employers are recruiting students on Handshake, including Fortune 500, startups, nonprofits and more.





### CAREER EXPLORATION RESOURCES

See below for resources and activities to assist students with early career preparation. Access the online version for embedded links.

### **Self-Assessments**

<u>Focus 2 Assessment</u> - Take these selfassessments to identify your VIPS - Values, Interests, Personality, and Skills/Strengths. Compile the results to discover career options related to your specific qualities.

**Honing Strengths & Skills** - Students can take the free VIA Character Strengths inventory to clarify their strengths and the ways that they can use them.

**Deciphering Values** - Students can sort their values into categories by using an online Values Card Sort. This can help them clarify their career & life values.

### **Career Exploration**

### What Can I Do with This Major? -

Students can see what types of careers to consider, organized by major.

**Exploring Career Types** - Career OneStop lets students search by keywords & location to learn about employment trends, skills, wages, & related job titles.

### **Researching Job Descriptions-**

Students can explore job/internship search databases, compile a list of their 10 favorite positions, & analyze for themes.

### **Networking**

**Finding a Mentor** - Students can search Dolphin Connect, a networking resource, to find alumni in various fields to speak about their career trajectories since graduating CSUCI.

### **Requesting an Informational**

Interview - This worksheet explains the purpose of informational interviews and relevant questions to ask

**LinkedIn** - Create an effective profile, add connections and explore unique features like <u>Linkedin Learning</u> to network and access courses by industry experts.

### **Counseling Support**



### Request an In-Class Presentation -

Check out a list of our presentation topics on our website. Please leave 4-6 weeks in advance for Career Center staff to customize your presentation

### <u>Career Counseling</u> <u>Appointments -</u>

Students are able to book an appointment to speak with a Career counselor, from career exploration, to resume reviews, job search, and interview prep.

Spring 2024 Newsletter



**SEARCHING FOR A PART-TIME JOB, FULL-TIME JOB, OR INTERNSHIP?** 

Attend the fair to meet with employers looking to hire Dolphins!

GO.CSUCI.EDU/FAIRINFO

### PREP FOR THE FAIR!

Visit our YouTube CSUCI Career & Alumni for videos of our prep workshops





ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION C H A N N E L

The University encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs, events and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation, or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the respective area below as soon as possible, but no later than seven (7) business days prior to the event/activity: CSUCI Students: accommodations@csuci.edu; CSUCI Employees and Members of the Public: angela.portillo@csuci.edu.