CSUCI STEM CORPS
Building a Culture of Service

Academic Service-Learning
  – Applying course learning to service

Volunteerism
  – Serve it UP!
    • Cross-divisional
    • Signature Service Day

Community Service
  – CSUCI Corps
CSUCI CORPS

Program established in 2009
Collaboration with the Federal Work Study (FWS) Program and the following community partners:
- Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo
- Camarillo Library
- Somis Elementary
- University Preparation Charter School
18 Corps members are paid through FWS and provide employment
- Academic Homework Support
- America Reads Tutors
- Provide 3000 hours of community service
The primary goals of the CSUCI Corps programs are to:

– build and support a network of community-committed students from CSUCI in their academic, civic, and professional development while increasing their community involvement in meaningful ways;

– foster connections between the University, its students, and the community;

– support greater student persistence and graduation rates, and,

– provide pathways for CSUCI students entering graduate school or the workforce.
STUDENT SUCCESS SEMINARS

Creates community
Sense of belong
Connection to the campus

CCE Connection
T-shirt
Business Cards
Certificate of Participation
"CSUCI Corps made me feel confident enough to be able to apply to jobs prior to grad school. It has provided me with the opportunity to be up to par with other candidates that will be applying to job positions." Karen Castaneda, CSUCI, '18, Psychology

"Being part of CI Corps allowed me to serve my community and gain knowledge I was able to directly apply to my field of study." Bianca Ayon, CSUCI '18, Early Childhood Studies

"CSUCI Corps had a great impact on me. The program exposed me to many things I was unaware of. The workshops we did helped me understand steps I needed to take to take care of myself mentally and physically and informed me about grad school and other opportunities. I am so grateful that I was able to be a part of a great program that allows you to make an impact on your community." Nathalie Huerta, CSUCI '19, Mathematics

"Being part of CSUCI Corps allowed me to work alongside some amazing people who did all they could to help me succeed." Hailey Moore, CSUCI '19, Education
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Educational Excellence: Ensuring students graduate with the high-level knowledge, skills and experience necessary for engaged citizenship and career success.
   • 1.2 Increase opportunities for students to engage with the regional community to apply their learning and address meaningful challenges.
   • 1.3 Continue to expand opportunities for students to develop a deep sense of civic engagement to become catalysts for social and economic progress in the community.
   • 1.7 Increase co-curricular engagement to strengthen community and support the achievement of their academic goals.

4. Capacity and Sustainability: Taking action to sustain and advance a robust University in an era of declining state support.
   • 4.1 Work in concert with business and community leadership to develop programs and initiatives that contribute to a robust economy and engaged citizenship.
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The CCE is requesting $43,000 to expand the Corps program to include a STEM arm – CSUCI STEM CORPS.

The money would fund an increase of 5 student positions @ $14.00 an hour (20 hours) for AY 20-21 = $42,000

Programming materials = $1,000
Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo (BGCC), Roberto Martinez, CEO

- A partnership with the Boys and Girls Club would prove fruitful as the Club will be adding 6,000 square feet of space to include a STEM Center in 2020.

Other potential partners with afterschool programs who have expressed a great interest include:

- University Preparation School (Charmon Evans, Executive Director)
- Somis Elementary (Dr. Robertson, Principal)
- Rio School District (Wanda Kelly, Director of Innovations, Partnerships and Principal Support)
CSUCI STEM Corps would provide tutoring and enrichment activities focused on supporting K-6 student learning in math and sciences.

Up to 20 hours per week

Activities could include:
• engaging in STEM experiments
• engaging in STEM academic activities with selected students either one-on-one or with small groups
• developing specific STEM skills
• tutoring in STEM homework
• creating a mini-STEM fair
• building creative STEM activities to do at home
• support to the annual Science Carnival
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PROJECT PLAN
WHY?

- Need at partner sites for STEM tutoring and after-school enrichment programs

- Pathway to the Peace Corps program
  - Peace Corp Prep course
  - Multiple Corps
    - Agriculture,
    - Community Economic Development,
    - Education,
    - Environment,
    - Health and Youth in Development.

- Programming that allows CSUCI students to live and learn through the mission
CSUCI STEM Corps allows students to use their education to create change in the community. By strengthening STEM education for students, especially from low-income backgrounds, STEM Corps has the potential to spark curiosity in STEM and build ladders of opportunity these students might otherwise never have.