

# MESA/MPS/UndocuSTEM

Newsletter Spring 2026 - Week 2

## Highlights!

### 🌟 Your Week 2 with MESA!

#### Welcome to Week 2!

Spring Quarter is here, and we know the it can feel both exciting and overwhelming. If you're getting started on new assignments, adjusting to your classes, or looking for a place to stay focused, MESA is here to support you.

Stop by anytime for drop-in tutoring! You can ask questions, review concepts, or simply study in a welcoming and supportive environment. Starting strong makes a difference, and even a short visit can help you build confidence for the weeks ahead.



## Highlight!

### MESA at UC Berkeley: A Transformative Experience

MESA's recent field trip to UC Berkeley was an incredibly impactful and enriching experience for our students. Through the transfer workshop and student panel, participants gained not only practical guidance on transfer preparation but also meaningful insight into the UC Berkeley journey from both current students and industry professionals. The conversations highlighted academic expectations, daily student life, and valuable opportunities such as programs, scholarships, and internships. More importantly, the experience empowered students to see themselves within these spaces and better understand the pathways available to them. This visit served as a powerful step in strengthening both their confidence and commitment to achieving their academic and career goals.



### Meet our MESA Tutor Anjoelo Calderon!

Hi! I'm Anjoelo! Most people call me Jello. I'm a CS student transferring this fall 2026. I got into tutoring during high school when I realized I could help my peers succeed together. It also helps that tutoring and teaching are the best ways to solidify your own understanding of topics. I've always loved helping my peers and have always been looking for more opportunities to help out the community! My hobbies consists of: D&D, Martial Arts, and Game Development



## MESA/De Anza College Events

### STEM TALKS: Hardwired for Success: Owning your narrative in the Engineering World

In honor of Black Student Success Week, MESA presents Danielle Ferguson-Macklin of Teradyne for an empowering session on owning your professional narrative. You'll learn to combat impostor syndrome and transform your unique community college journey into a powerful competitive advantage. This workshop provides the tools to articulate your technical worth and confidently bridge the gap from transfer student to high-impact engineering professional.



Join us for a great talk and pizza!

Wed APRIL 22nd

1:30PM-2:30PM; SS4 MESA Center

### Register for UndocuSTEM MESA Conference Thursday April 30th!

We are excited to bring back the 5th Annual UndocuSTEM Conference at De Anza College! Join us on April 30th to hear from inspiring STEM professionals in **Biology, Engineering, and Computer Science**. This conference is a vital platform for all students, specifically undocumented and DACAmented students to gain the resources, mentorship, and community support needed to thrive in STEM pathways.



Register Here: [LINK TO REGISTER](#) (Extra Raffle tickets to those that pre-register!)

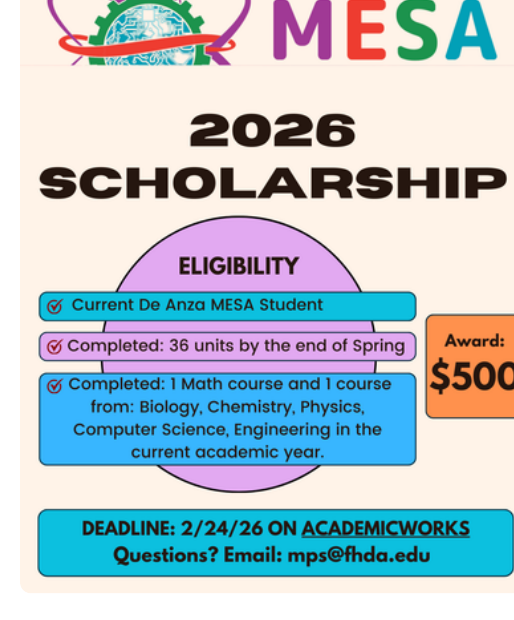
KEYNOTE: Rebeca @ CISCO; Hecha en Mexico (Mexican breed), Silicon Valley raised, Rebeca navigated an undocumented status to become a Hardware Engineer at Cisco Systems. She developed her technical background with a degree in Electrical Engineering from San Jose State University while running a sole proprietorship and an LLC.

### MESA Scholarship 2026!

The MESA Scholarship is dedicated to MESA students who have successfully completed math coursework and made positive impacts in their communities. This scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate both academic achievement and a commitment to giving back.

Apply on De Anza College Academic Work!

Application Deadline: 24 April 2026

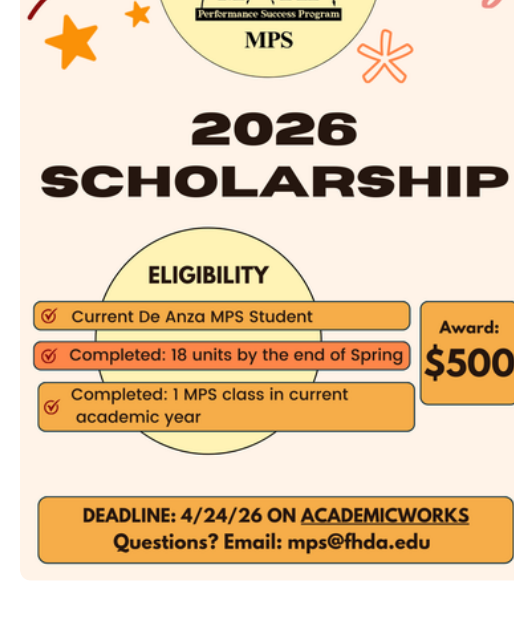


### MPS Scholarship 2026!

We are excited to announce the MPS Scholarship, dedicated to supporting MPS students who have successfully completed Math through the MPS Program and who have made positive impacts in their communities. This scholarship recognizes students who not only demonstrate strong academic commitment in mathematics, but also show leadership, service, and dedication to helping others.

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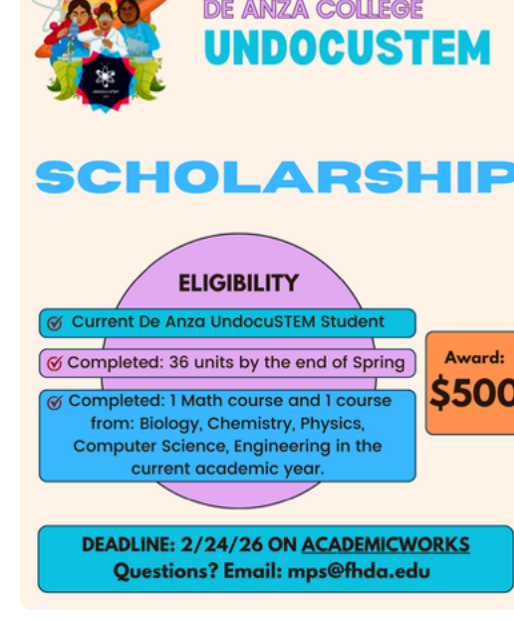


### UndocuSTEM Scholarship 2026!

The UndocuSTEM Program will award two \$500 scholarships who meet the scholarship criteria and have made a positive impact on the undocumented community. Open to all students regardless of ethnic or immigration background.

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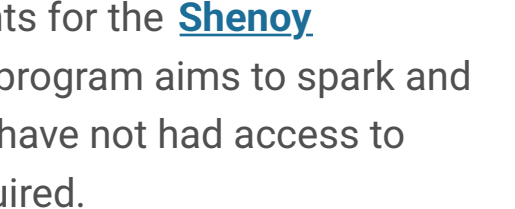


## External Opportunity

### Shenoy Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Neuroscience (SURFIN)

The Simons Foundation's Autism & Neuroscience division is accepting applications from bachelor's and associate's degree students for the [Shenoy Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Neuroscience \(SURFIN\)](#). The program aims to spark and sustain interest in neuroscience among undergraduate students who have not had access to research training opportunities. Prior laboratory experience is not required. The program provides funds for paid, in-person undergraduate research assistantships during the academic year, starting in September 2026. Applications are due April 21, 2026, at 12pm noon ET.

Application and for more information: [https://www.simonsfoundation.org/grant/shenoy-undergraduate-research-fellowship-in-neuroscience-surfin/?utm\\_source=Simons+Foundation&utm\\_campaign=98902eb387-SURFIN\\_2026\\_1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_96108f0df1-746261513](https://www.simonsfoundation.org/grant/shenoy-undergraduate-research-fellowship-in-neuroscience-surfin/?utm_source=Simons+Foundation&utm_campaign=98902eb387-SURFIN_2026_1&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_96108f0df1-746261513)



### California Department of Public Health PAID Internship

Pathways supports students from historically underrepresented and diverse backgrounds by providing a structured entry into a public health career. Through this program, participants gain professional experience in student assistant roles located onsite at local health departments across the state.

Application: <https://secure10.saashr.com/ta/6158859.careers?ShowJob=688538434>

Deadline: Monday, April 20 at 11:59 PM (PT)

For more information:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/ODPR/Pathways/Pages/CDPH-Pathways-Homepage.aspx>



### NASA Pathways

We strategically hire our Pathways Interns based on long-term potential and alignment with NASA's future workforce needs. Specializing in multi-semester experiences, the Pathways Internship Program prepares you for a career at NASA and offers a direct pipeline to full-time employment at NASA upon graduation.



Application and for more information: <https://www.nasa.gov/careers/pathways/>

### CCSF 33rd Biosymposium

Are you looking for an intern to mentor or searching for talent to recruit to your organization? This is the place to meet enthusiastic, mature and motivated students!

Looking to start a career in biotech/bioscience? This is the place to learn more about the [CCSF Biotechnology program](#) which provides a pathway to a career in biotech through hands on [wet lab courses](#), [career exploration networking](#), and [internships](#) in the SF Bay Area for students at all levels.

Date: 22 May 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: UCSF Mission Bay Campus - Genentech Hall



### ScholarMatch STEM Transfer Program

The [ScholarMatch STEM Transfer Program](#) supports low income and first-generation students by providing guidance with transfer planning and application preparation. Through the program, students are paired with a trained ScholarMatch Transfer Coach who offers personalized, one-on-one support with college and financial aid applications.



Students can submit the application by the priority deadline of May 15 or by the final deadline on September 15, 2026. The application can be found here: <https://forms.scholarmatch.org/tv/sCUuTScVRgus>

### ScholarMatch Virtual informational Sessions every Tuesday

ScholarMatch will hold virtual informational sessions every Tuesday from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM, beginning on March 11 through May 12th. You can find more details on our [website page](#). We are also happy to coordinate a separate informational session at a date and time that best fits your schedule and your students' needs. Please let us know if you'd be interested.



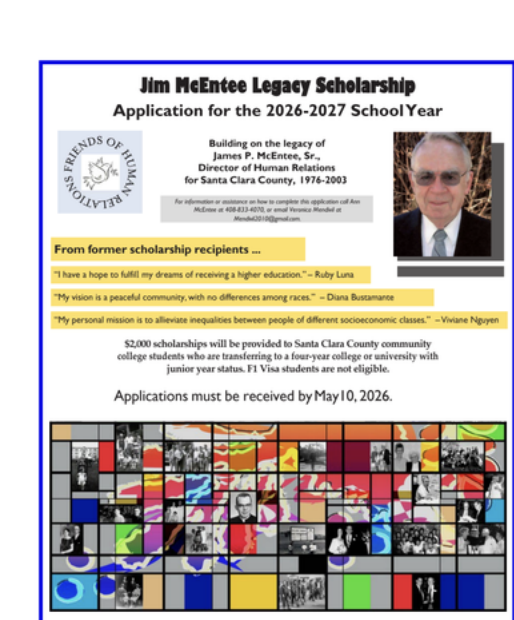
### Jim McEntee Scholarship 2026-2027 Academic Year

This scholarship fund is open solely to community college students in Santa Clara County who

are transferring this academic year to a four-year university with junior year status.

Applications must be received by 11:59 pm on May 10, 2026.

For additional information, go to [FriendsOfHumanRelations.org](#)



### AAUW San Jose-Scholarship for Local Women

Advancing gender equity includes helping women manage the high cost of higher education. In 2025 alone, AAUW-SJ awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarship money to 19 local students.

How to apply and for more information: <https://sanjose.ca.aauw.net/local-scholarship-application-information/>

Application deadline: 15 April, 2026



## MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for potential Internship opportunities? Check out these websites

- [REU FINDER for STEM Undergraduates](#)
- [STEM Community College Resource](#)

### Get Updates From Our Transfer Center

Transfer Center [Website](#)

Join the mailing list through [this form](#).

## FEATURED @ DE ANZA



### Math, Science & Technology Resource Center (MSTRC)

Need some EXTRA support? Stop by the MSTRC for additional tutoring and resources!

#### Tutoring Subjects

- Math
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Engineering

#### Services Offered

- [Drop-In Tutoring](#)
- [Weekly Individual Tutoring](#)
- [Group Tutoring](#)
- [In-Class Tutoring](#)
- [Workshops](#) (back by popular demand!)
- [Math Review and Preparation](#)
- [Math Modules](#)
- [Study Skills](#)



### UNDOCUSTEM

UNDOCUSTEM aims to support undocumented students in the fields of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) through **accessibility, opportunity, and resources** by creating a program that promotes **equity, racial justice, leadership, and career development**. The UndocuSTEM program was founded by students, and funded through the **LatinXCEL grant** from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Arlyne - an UndocuSTEM Research Intern - who has worked together with volunteers to create an [excel sheet to track all the available internships](#) from this Fall. Take a few minutes to check it out!

#### Connect with UndocuSTEM!

[Instagram](#)  
[Discord](#)  
Email:  
[da.undocustem@gmail.com](mailto:da.undocustem@gmail.com)



### SACNAS (Society for Chicano and Native Americans in the Sciences)

De Anza College is in the process of getting a SACNAS Chapter. If you are interested in joining, [please fill out this interest form](#)



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