COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The core mission of the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences is to prepare individuals for careers in scientific research, math/science education, behavioral/social sciences, or applied science fields such as medicine, dentistry, engineering, computer technology, and clinical psychology. Disciplines represented in the College include Anthropology, Behavioral Science, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Geography, Mathematics, Sociology, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Systems Engineering. The College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences contributes to the general education program through its offering of mathematics courses designed for students to develop basic quantitative skills, and secondly, through the offering of non-major courses that introduce students to general scientific concepts and methods.

In an increasingly technological society, graduates with degrees in natural or computational sciences are in high demand. Public schools, in particular, are aggressively recruiting highly qualified teachers in math and science to prepare the next generation of scientists and science educators. Virtually every organization needs individuals who can coordinate their electronic communication networks, maintain their hardware and software, and manage large databases. State and Federal agencies allocate billions of dollars each year for biomedically related research of various kinds, including psychological research, ultimately in pursuit of cures for the numerous illnesses and diseases that plague humankind today and to save our environment. Still other Federal agencies award large grants for military and outer space research. Careers in the natural and behavioral sciences can be very lucrative and personally rewarding.

The College prides itself on being the home of a number of outstanding teaching award recipients. As teacher-scholars, they are devoted to teaching in both the lecture format as well as the hands-on laboratory format, where students learn firsthand what it means to "do science." To their credit, faculty in the College have received Federal training grants to provide support for minority undergraduate students in the sciences. The National Institutes of Health sponsored RISE program is exemplary of this effort. Students graduating from RISE continue in top Ph.D. programs at universities across the country and become part of the nation's biomedical workforce. In addition, the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences has launched the first engineering program at CSUDH by offering a M.S. in Systems Engineering, which aims to address the need for these type of engineers in the work force.

In summary, the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences offers a world of opportunities for its students.

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The College of Natural Behavioral Sciences Success Center mission is to educate students through academic advising and resource support. Our center is dedicated to a culture of care that will keep students thriving. The center serves over 5,000 students and 10 majors. We are a group of advisors and support staff that believe through advising holistically with a care approach our students will be successful.

We collaborate with other campus partners to give our students an experience that will ensure belonging, self-advocacy, and value. We are equitable with our students with the whole person in mind, we think of campus and student assets as foundational for success. Academic advising is a key element in student success as it guides, support and completes the student experience. Graduation for every student is the key goal for our center while allowing the students experiences support a pathway that is unique to each student.

Advisors are trained to look beyond the obvious to advise students uniquely and holistically, creating a solid pathway to graduation for each student. We are thrilled our students chose us to be the guiding light to fulfill their educational goals and look forward to serving them.

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