Upcoming Events

**Most events require pre-registration to attend.**
**Most registrations close the day of event.**

See what's happening this week.

July 28, 3:00pm, Zoom Webinar, Whitney Workshop - Letters of Recommendation

July 29, 12:00pm, Zoom Webinar, Wednesday Seminar - Dr. Santiago Lombeyda, Pragmatic Visualization as a Tool for Discovery and Research

July 29, 5:30pm PDT, Zoom Webinar, Trivia Nights with ORE (see below for more information).

July 30, 4:00pm PDT, Zoom Webinar, Edit Without Mercy
In this workshop we will discuss: 1) what grammatical features tend to make a sentence unclear 2) how to develop a critical eye for recognizing when a sentence

Student Spotlight

Vivek Anand
Hometown: State College, PA
Program: SURF

Meaning or origin of name:
Vivek - Derived from Sanskrit. It means being able to discriminate
is weak, and 3) key strategies for targeting and editing weak sentences. Click here to register.

Other events of interest

July 27, 10:30am, Webex, NASA Internships Presents: Astronaut Selection Process With Anne Roemer

July 27, 12:00pm, Online Event, White Fragility Debrief with Dr. Nolan Cabrera - click here to RSVP

July 30, 12:00pm, Webex, JPL Summer Seminar Series: Mars 2020 and the Search for Extraterrestrial Life

Tips for Success

Increase your tolerance for set-backs and failures
Research can be hard. Often times things fail or don’t work the first time... or second, third, or fourth time! Getting comfortable with challenges is part of the process. Check out this article from an undergraduate researcher who reflects on her own experience in troubleshooting challenges: https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/2017/09/28/troubleshooting-the-research-process/

Tell us about your research:
I am developing algorithmic and heuristic frameworks to schedule machine learning jobs on multiple servers with energy considerations. To put it in simple words, machine learning jobs have complicated structures and scheduling many of them is quite challenging. Developing frameworks that schedule them efficiently while also understanding that running such jobs are power hungry can reduce Carbon emissions and deliver better performance.

What are you looking forward to this summer?
I am looking forward to my research and the various events organized by SFP. I am also looking forward to warm weather given that I am right now in Central Pennsylvania.

What is the first thing you will do once everything returns to “normal”?
Go for an outing with friends without a mask!

Submit your photo for your chance to be featured! Please take a minute to complete an information sheet to tell us all about YOU! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SQ56SPT

Trivia Nights with ORE

Join us for a series of virtual trivia nights hosted by the Office of Residential Experience (ORE)! We’ll be playing on the following three Wednesdays this month: 7/15, 7/22 and 7/29, all starting at 5:30pm PDT. Join us on Zoom at https://caltech.zoom.us/j/91435237960 to watch
Caltech Student Wellness Services Reminder:
Visiting students are not able to make appointments with our health and counseling services on campus. However, their website contains many recorded workshops, online screenings, and resources that are available to all students. For more information visit:
https://wellness.caltech.edu/resources

Ambassador Corner
Meet a Caltech Student
Join us on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 12:00-1:00 pm (PTD) to meet a Caltech student. As summer comes to an end and due to the circumstances, it’s been hard to meet everyone. Our Ambassadors, are Caltech leaders doing cutting edge research will be available to answer questions and get to know you. You might meet someone in your discipline or start an introduction into your next research interests. We invite everyone to attend:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84420364584

The turtle pond after a downpour.

Facebook Photo Challenge Winner Zihao Qi!!
**SURF Writing Resources**

The Hixon Writing Center at Caltech is here to support you and your science communication goals! We have resources to help you navigate everything from writing your reports to applying to graduate school. Check them below out below! To learn more or sign up for events visit: [https://writing.sites.caltech.edu/surf](https://writing.sites.caltech.edu/surf)

- **The SURF Writing Workshops**: A wide variety of workshops designed to help the budding scientist understand and communicate effectively across different genres of STEM communication.

- **Individual Writing Support for SURFers**: Need help communicating your ideas? Get individual support from Lilien Voong, our SURF STEM Writing Specialist. Lilien earned her PhD in Molecular Biology from Northwestern University and currently serves as a STEM Writing Specialist at the Hixon Writing Center. She has expertise in helping scientists communicate their research across multiple genres and audiences.