INVENT THE LIFE YOU WANT TO LEAD

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
2020–21
TALENT = INTELLIGENCE + CURIOSITY + DRIVE = YOU
HEY THERE
JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF NEARLY 11,000
STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND MENTORS

We’re headquartered in the most innovative place on earth: Silicon Valley. Different people flourish here. Santa Clara University people—with their gifts and goals—are driven to build a better, kinder, more humane, and sustainable planet. We come from all walks of life. We travel seas, coasts, highways, and city blocks to call SCU home. And when we’re together, home is exactly what this place feels like.
Are you one of us? We can’t wait to find out.
THE WORLD TRAVELER
Arelí Hernández. First-Generation Student, Fulbright Scholar, Dancer.

Arelí Hernández is fearless. Her studies have taken her around the world: a three-week summer Fulbright program with social activists in London; study abroad in Ecuador where she helped a nonprofit integrate refugee and immigrant populations; an internship in Kadapa, India, with the University’s Global Fellows program. But she wasn’t always so confident. The daughter of Mexican immigrants, Arelí used to feel out of place in the classroom because her experience was so different from her classmates. The ethnic studies program at SCU helped change that. Her professors served as mentors, teaching her to reclaim her space and position in society. She began to view the struggle of her ancestors through a different lens. Even though they didn’t have formal education, they were accomplished. Arelí has been pushed to do more and be more at SCU—from triple majoring to leading the Mexican folk dancing club on campus. After graduation, Areli went back on the road thanks to a Fulbright Scholarship in Tunja, Colombia, where she empowered others like her.

Why I Chose SCU. I was a part of Summer Search, a nonprofit organization that helps first-generation high school students get the necessary resources to apply for college. They suggested Santa Clara, which I hadn’t considered. For me, class size was a big thing. Santa Clara had an 11:1 student-faculty ratio. That’s wild because you’re able to really connect with the students in your classes, but also have support from faculty and staff. And when it came time for financial aid, Santa Clara helped me out. Without my financial aid package, my family couldn’t have afforded college for me and my three younger siblings.

What Makes SCU Unique. The LEAD Scholars program for first-generation students has been the best community on campus for myself and for many others. It helped me network, conduct mock interviews, and look for internships. LEAD alumni come back and mentor us. Our program has the highest retention rate out of all of the groups on campus. Through a LEAD fellowship, I was able to pay for my life-changing study abroad experience in Ecuador. It was taught by Ecuadorian faculty but with American students from different universities. We discussed race, class, land rights, indigenous rights, all together with literature in a different context than what I had studied before. Outside of class, I interned with a nonprofit that does work with Venezuelan and Colombian women and children, lobbying the local government for different ordinances in regards to issues like domestic violence, abuse, and immigrant rights.

Opportunities That Stand Out. At the urging of my professors in ethnic studies, I applied to and was accepted to a three-week Fulbright summer program at the SOAS University of London as a sophomore. I had never been to the UK before. A lot of my classmates were grad students—people who have done work in the field. So a lot of them came from different NGOs, grassroots organizations, and social movements globally. It was really magical to see people who were making a real impact and taking such different approaches.

Advice for Incoming Students. SCU will nurture you. It will both hold you and test you. Your beliefs will be challenged. You will not look at the world in the same way. It’s a place where you can create friendships and communities for yourself and for people with similar interests or passions. It can be hard, but with those communities, they’ll be able to hold you when you just feel like falling. Look for places in which you can grow, fight for what is just, and open yourselves to change in the world, in your community, and within yourself.
It’s Good to be a Bronco. We have a return rate envied by universities around the country. And it’s due to the courses we offer, experiences available outside of our curriculum, and the sense of community you’ll feel from your first day at Santa Clara. We challenge students, creating learning experiences that last a lifetime.

AN EXPERIENCE SO GREAT 94% OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS RETURN FOR MORE
Born in Kabul, Afghanistan, Khaled eventually found himself in the United States, where he’d receive a bachelor’s degree in biology from Santa Clara University. Today he’s one of the most recognized and bestselling authors in the world. His books, The Kite Runner, A Thousand Splendid Suns, and And the Mountains Echoed, have been published in more than 70 countries—selling more than 40 million copies. As the founder of The Khaled Hosseini Foundation, he dedicates himself to providing humanitarian assistance for the people of Afghanistan. The paths of life have guided Khaled down many roads, and one of those roads passed through our campus.

Why I Chose SCU. I did my research but knew SCU was a well-regarded university before all of that. The campus is beautiful, and the smaller classes prevented me from getting lost in a sea of humanity. The Jesuit education was drawing, too. French Jesuits educated me for several years while living in Kabul, so I knew from experience that Jesuits are excellent instructors. My time at SCU validated my expectations.

How SCU Challenged Me. High school was a breeze; SCU wasn’t. College required a lot more effort. Bright students filled every classroom, all posing thought-provoking questions. We really pushed one another to perform academically. I had an excellent hybrid experience, building a strong foundation of education in basic sciences while also engaging in stimulating conversations about philosophy and ethics with great instructors.

My Message to Incoming Students. Expect to be challenged in a friendly and intimate learning environment. You’ll have access to brilliant minds and passionate instructors. SCU gives you a big university caliber education in a small school setting.

Khaled Hosseini ’88: San José, California
Room to Roam. After graduating, join the Santa Clara University Alumni Association and foster lifelong relationships with other alumni and the University. From courtrooms to C-suites and California to China, our alumni are out in the world making an impact. And with a herd of 105,000+ Bronco alumni, you’re sure to cross paths when you least expect it.

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THE IDEA GENERATOR

Silvia Figueira. Professor, Innovator, Solution Finder.

Silvia improves lives through innovation and creativity—and she loves it. As director of the Frugal Innovation Hub at Santa Clara University, she works with undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and corporate and field partners to develop technology solutions for nonprofits, social enterprises, and community organizers. Creating apps that help homeless people in Silicon Valley? Check. Using mobile devices to share educational materials with classrooms in Nepal? Absolutely. Where there’s a need, Silvia and her teams invent a solution.

What Brought Me Here. I was drawn by the size of SCU. It’s small enough that I’m able to know and work with undergraduates, and it’s big enough to generate opportunities for research collaborations and resources for projects. It didn’t take long for me to develop a true admiration for the kind of education we provide our students.

What Keeps Me Here. I come to work happy every day. I’m proud that we attract students who jump into opportunities to contribute to society. And my work is interesting. Whether it’s focusing on emerging areas like energy-efficient computing or computing to advance social benefit, I enjoy what I do.

How SCU Helps Me Make a Difference. The Frugal Innovation Hub works toward the mission of engaging faculty and students in humanitarian projects through partnerships and programs. We help the helpers of the world by supporting changemakers with technology solutions. It’s a pathway for students to make a positive impact on the world—specifically developing countries and emerging markets.

What New Students Should Know. There are so many opportunities to work on projects with professors in a friendly, non-competitive setting. If you’re interested, you just show up. Working on projects is a good, practical experience for students. And those experiences look great on their résumés when they apply for graduate school, internships, and jobs.

Silvia Figueira, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
DREAM IT, BE IT
86% OF GRADUATES LOOKING FOR FULL TIME WORK FOUND IT WITHIN SIX MONTHS

At Santa Clara University, we’ll challenge you to think critically, take risks, and take charge. We’ll encourage you to investigate a rich variety of opportunities to reach, grow, and learn. We’ll help you develop any glimmer of an idea into clear vision and action. Our people and programs enable you to build a powerful foundation, one that kick-starts your career and sends you out to lead the life you’ve imagined.
Choose SCU and turn your dreams into reality.

Lauren Cloward ’16, an environmental studies and political science double major, researched how different factors affect agricultural decisions, food and water security, and vulnerability in Burkina Faso for her Fulbright Scholarship.
Fuel for Thought. With hands-on advisors and meaningful immersion opportunities, students make connections between their academic work and their professional goals. Every year, SCU graduates are chosen for prestigious scholarships like Fulbright, Rhodes, Knight-Hennessy, and others where they take their undergraduate research and transform it into impactful projects in the field.

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Marisa Rudolph ’18, a Fulbright winner, cross country runner, and environmental science and political science double major from Fort Collins, Colo., conducted research in Ghana into how private agricultural extension fosters the public good, especially for women.

Beau Scott ’19 was one of only 60 Coro Fellows chosen nationwide. He worked in San Francisco for nine months, exploring a broad range of public sectors including government, business, electoral politics, organized labor, non-profit/philanthropy, and media.

Athena Nguyen ’18 was valedictorian at Santa Clara in 2018, majoring in public health science and political science. She traveled to Vietnam for her Fulbright, working as an English teaching assistant.

James Wang ’19 was an electrical engineering and environmental science major and Udall and Fulbright scholarship winner. In addition to leading the solar regatta at SCU, he studied hybrid-supercapacitors—a new form of energy storage with potential benefits for renewable energy—in France for his Fulbright.
Our Women’s Soccer team has sent 36 players to the professional ranks and brought home eight Olympic medals.

All Hail to SCU. Our NCAA Division I student-athletes experience the overwhelming support of coaching and training staffs, faculty, and fellow students. Those who don’t bear our coveted NCAA gear test their skills in club and intramural competition. And anyone can join our 2,500 Ruff Riders, getting free admission to all regular-season home athletic events.

JOIN A COMMUNITY OF 64 NCAA DIVISION I, CLUB, AND INTRAMURAL SPORTS

The men’s basketball schedule includes games against national power Gonzaga and local rivals St. Mary’s, San Francisco, and Pacific.

Bronco baseball has 11 WCC pennants and 12 NCAA tournament appearances.

Play University of Michigan, University of Virginia, and others with our Women’s Club Lacrosse team.
The Crop Crusader


As a Santa Clara University undergraduate, Allison led a project for the U.S. Department of Energy’s Solar Decathlon, finishing third in competition among 20 international teams. And now, she’s changing the face of indoor agriculture. Just five months after launching Artemis (formerly called Agrylist), a company that makes software designed to track and optimize production in greenhouses and indoor farms, she and her co-founder walked off with top honors at San Francisco’s 2015 TechCrunch Disrupt Startup Battlefield competition. She was named to the Forbes 30 Under 30 list of top young entrepreneurs in 2019.

What SCU Did for Me. This place rocks—I’ve said it a million times. I owe so much to SCU. It fostered such a rich academic environment; I was relentlessly pushed to use my education for good. Much of that comes from the nature of how the University operates.

How My Education Mattered. The Solar Decathlon didn’t feel like just another class project—because it wasn’t. It was an international competition among colleges and universities—hosted by the Department of Energy—to design, build, and operate the most attractive and energy-efficient solar-powered house. And with the backing of the Department of Energy, there were a lot of eyes on the competition. So much so that the representative for California’s Seventh Congressional District came out to visit and see what we were doing. Best of all, we were building something we could actually live in and use. That mattered.

The Way SCU Made Me Think Differently. Jesuit education is important. It teaches us to consider the potential outcomes of our decisions—prior to making them—in personal and business life. So instead of founding startups or developing apps because they’re cool, we’re taught to bring to life ideas that help create a more just world. We learn to build ethical companies instead of just another app.

What My Idea Can Do for the World. To meet climbing global demand, we need to increase food production 70 percent by 2050. To help get there, growers’ production will need to be more efficient and sustainable—which can be achieved through indoor hydroponic farming methods. These methods are about 10 times more land effective and 20 times more water effective than traditional outdoor agriculture.
Each year, the Frank Sinatra Chair in the Performing Arts hosts an Artist-in-Residence who comes to campus to perform and work with students. Past Sinatra scholars include W. Kamau Bell (pictured), Rhiannon Giddens, Taye Diggs, Anna Deavere Smith, and Silk Road Ensemble.

Welcome Week hosts several events to help new students acclimate to the SCU community.

The Multicultural Center’s annual Global Village celebration promotes cultural diversity on campus.

Opportunities Await. Extend your academic experiences to student-run clubs, events, and groups. Whatever you’re searching for, you’ll find a community of students on the same quest. And if that community doesn’t exist, go ahead and create something through the Center for Student Involvement—chances are, there’s a group of students ready to join you.

GET INVOLVED IN ANY OF OUR 177 CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Explore the great outdoors of Northern California with Into the Wild.
The members of Jamie’s Senior Design Team need only one word to describe the Mechanical Engineering and Philosophy double-major: powerhouse. Jamie, a native of Vancouver, Washington, and daughter to two engineers, hit the ground running (literally) when she came to Santa Clara University on a Presidential Scholarship. In addition to training six days a week for the track and cross country teams, Jamie got involved with the BioDesign and Innovation Lab. Partnering with the India-based Jaipur Foot Foundation, Jamie and other students from engineering, biology, and public health designed a prosthetic hand to be produced and distributed for free in India. Next up: Jamie is heading to Michigan to pursue her Ph.D. in biomechanics to help those who’ve lost mobility use prosthetics or devices to get moving again.

Why I Chose SCU. I wanted to go to a moderately small university, somewhere close to home in the Pacific Northwest, with a similar laidback, outdoorsy culture and lifestyle. And somewhere with a great engineering program. Santa Clara checked all three boxes. Plus, while many engineering schools expect you to live and breathe it, Santa Clara allows for diversity in what you pursue and I was able to explore other academic interests like philosophy while I got my engineering degree and competed in a Div. I sport. And of course, the campus is really, really beautiful. That never hurts.

What Makes SCU’s School of Engineering Unique. Santa Clara’s relatively high ratio of female faculty in its mechanical engineering department indicated to me that there are a lot of opportunities for women in STEM here. I knew that having other women in the department increased the likelihood of me having equal opportunities to access labs, projects, and experiments. Professors here really care about their students. If you reach out and indicate interest in a topic or a project, like I did with robotics or prosthetics design, you get on their radar and they connect you to lab experiences and research work.

My Game-Changer. Since high school, it’s been a goal of mine to work in prosthetics so I was really excited to be part of the first team to work on the HELP (Human-centered Electric Prosthetic) Hand. I was interested in doing something that was brand new, where I could build my own team and make the big decisions. What’s really cool about the project is we got real world experience, building a product people will actually use. We took a good step forward—the hand we built can pick up objects and it responds and moves to a shrug of the shoulder. We need further user testing but I’m proudly handing it off to the next team.

How SCU Became Home. More than anything, you have to get involved in the many different groups and clubs and communities on campus that develop into little families. Coming to college, where you don’t have your biological family around, building families through these communities is so valuable. For me, that was running. It’s intense and requires a lot of dedication but it was worth it—to get away from schoolwork for just a bit and do something that’s just for you. Being in the Bay Area is fantastic for running, too. All we have to do is drive in any direction and we’ll find a beautiful trail.
We confess. We’re biased. Perhaps it’s because inspiration unfolds around us every day here at Santa Clara University. We see faculty and students work together, challenge each other, and grow through teamwork. We witness breakthroughs, new friendships, and only-in-Silicon-Valley moments of inspiration and triumph. Lessons learned abroad create fresh perspective at home—and renewed hope for the future. We watch graduates thrive in every career path imaginable. There’s an endless list of reasons why SCU is the right school for each new student we enroll.

Best of all, there’s probably a reason SCU’s right for you.
The Dale Chihuly sculpture ‘Persian and Horn’ Chandelier hangs in the lobby of the Edward M. Dowd Art and Art History Building.

Intellectual Curiosity. We believe learning doesn’t start or even end in the classroom. It continues in corridors, labs, neighboring communities, and residence halls. Here you’ll be pushed to put theory to practice—something we call experiential learning. We’ll prepare you for that dream internship, job, or graduate program.

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY HAS A 10:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO.
BUNK IN ONE OF 9 RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Environments That Inspire. When you set up home base in a Residential Learning Community (RLC), you’ll join a group of like-minded students to live, learn, and grow alongside one another. Each of our nine RLCs is associated with a specific residence hall. And unlike most universities, our RLCs are open to students of any major or minor.
LEAVE NO PATH UNTRAVELED

TOP 5 RANK IN CA SALARIES AFTER GRADUATION

There’s something special about living and learning in one of the most innovative places on Earth. We have a mindset that no idea or solution is too big or too small to pursue. Whether you’re brainstorming with local tech titans or traveling the globe to make your mark, there’s a sense that almost anything’s possible when your headquarters is nestled in Silicon Valley.

Where will your Santa Clara University journey take you?
Soak Up Some Rays. With nearly 300 days of sunshine each year and an average annual high temperature of 72°F, we have a hard time being convinced SCU is anything other than the best place in Northern California. And it doesn’t cost a penny to open your front door to enjoy the beautiful weather—bike, hike, ski, swim at the beach, or just go on a walk.
Not every day of your college experience will be spent on campus. Get ready to take advantage of professional and social networking opportunities—with an ever-growing list of influential Bronco alumni—during on- and off-campus events. Travel up and down Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area for internships, mentoring, jobs, and volunteer opportunities. And wherever you’re headed, it’s just a bike, bus, cab, rail, or shuttle ride away—with plenty of destinations to explore along the way.

Top Five SCU Employers
- Cisco
- Apple
- Google
- Oracle
- Intel

Great Bay Area Escapes
- Golden Gate Bridge (52 miles)
- Avaya Stadium (2 miles)
- Levi’s Stadium (6 miles)
- SAP Center (3 miles)
- Santana Row (3 miles)

Discover all that Northern California has to offer. Explore the culture, nightlife, and farmers markets of San Jose. Visit the historic districts and storied venues of downtown San Francisco. Catch a San Francisco 49ers, Golden State Warriors, San Francisco Giants, or San Jose Sharks game. Make a day trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium and then head up the coast to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk for its famed roller coasters and piers. Or stay inland and explore Yosemite National Park’s 1,200 square miles of valleys and meadows. Any trip can quickly become a road trip from Santa Clara University.

Day Trip Destinations
- Big Basin State Park
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Muir Woods
- Oracle Park
- Santa Cruz Beaches

Weekend Getaways
- Lake Tahoe
- Los Angeles
- Napa Valley
- Santa Barbara
- Yosemite National Park
The World Is Yours. Prepare to impact the world by exploring your place in it. Study abroad programs, immersions, and fellowships offer students from all majors the opportunity to expand their perspective by traveling to Africa, the Asia-Pacific region, Europe, or Latin America. Our programs are flexible—ranging from three weeks to a semester. More than 30 percent of SCU students study, volunteer, or intern abroad.

ENGAGE IN MORE THAN 55 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
TAKE THE NEXT STEP

OUR ALUMNI RANK IN THE TOP 1% OF SALARIES AFTER GRADUATING

At Santa Clara University, we’re proud to offer a rigorous, contemporary education that fosters critical, creative, and reflective thinking—to build a more humane, just, and sustainable world. To do that, we need the next generation of remarkable student leaders. We think you may be among them. Are you one of us? We can’t wait to find out.

We’ve told our story. Now it’s time to tell us yours.
## Undergraduate Student Body, Fall 2019
- Total undergraduate enrollment: 5,694
- Total states represented: 49
- Total countries represented: 38
- Gender balance: 50% Male, 50% Female
- First-year students who continue to second year: 94%
- Four-year graduation rate: 87%

## Ethnic Diversity
- Asian: 18%
- Black or African American: 3%
- Caucasian: 49%
- Hispanic/Latino: 19%
- Multiethnic: 8%
- Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian: <1%
- Not reported: 2%

## Transfer Students, Fall 2019
- Students applied: 779
- Acceptance rate: 52%
- Students enrolled: 181

## First-Year Students, Fall 2019
- Total students applied: 16,300
- Acceptance rate: 48.8%
- Students enrolled: 1,391
- Middle 50% SAT scores (enrolled): 630–700 Critical Reading, 650–740 Math*
- Middle 50% ACT scores (enrolled): 28–32 Composite*
- Middle 50% academic GPA (4.0 unweighted scale): 3.56–3.87

## Cost/Financial Assistance
- 2019–2020 tuition: $54,987
- 2019–2020 room and board: $15,972
- Undergraduate students awarded financial aid: 74%
- Average financial aid awarded: $39,105

## Dates and Deadlines
### First-Year Students
- November 1: Deadline for Early Decision I and Early Action applications
- January 7: Deadline for Early Decision II and Regular Decision applications

### Transfer Students
- January 7–April 15: Rolling admission for fall term
- October 1: Deadline for winter term
STUDY WHAT YOU LOVE
Numerous Paths. Majors, Minors, Special Programs.

College of Arts and Sciences
Ancient Studies
Anthropology
Arabic, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies
Art History
Asian Studies
Biochemistry
Biology
Biotechnology
Catholic Studies
Chemistry
Child Studies
Classical Languages and Literatures
Classical Studies
Communication
Computer Science
Creative Writing
Dance
Digital Filmmaking
Economics
Engineering Physics
English
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Ethnic Studies
French and Francophone Studies
History
Individual Studies
International Studies

Italian Studies
Japanese Studies
Journalism
Latin American Studies
Mathematics
Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Music
Musical Theatre
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Professional Writing
Psychology
Public Health Science
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish Studies
Studio Art
Sustainability
Theatre
Theatre Arts
Theatre Design and Technology
Urban Education
Women’s and Gender Studies

School of Engineering
Aerospace Engineering
Bioengineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Science and Engineering
Construction Management

Electrical Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
General Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Technical Innovation, Design Thinking, and the Entrepreneurial Mindset
Web Design and Engineering

Leavy School of Business
Accounting
Accounting and Information Systems
Business Analytics
Economics
Entrepreneurship
Finance
International Business
Management
Management Information Systems
Marketing
Real Estate
Retail Studies

For Future Lawyers, Doctors, Dentists, and Teachers
Santa Clara offers specialized advising for postgraduate programs in law, medicine and health sciences, and teaching.

* Program offered as minor only
+ Minor open to students of all majors

Learn more at scu.edu/virtualSCU
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