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Santa Ana Residency Grant Program

Monthly Newsletter
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MONTH AT-A-GLANCE

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Valley High School:

Math - Every 4th Thursday of the month

Science - Every 3rd Thursday of the month

Santa Ana High School:

Science - Every other Monday

MEET THE MENTOR TEACHERS:

Matthew Conover, Math Mentor at VHS
Matthew Morris, Math Mentor at VHS
Dulce Fonseca Chavez, Math Mentor at VHS
Ian Lutack, Math Mentor at VHS
Oliver Cazalis, Math Mentor at VHS
Truc Vo, Science Mentor at VHS
Reuben Garcia, Science Mentor at VHS
Joshua Gagnier, Science Mentor at SAHS

IMPORTANT DATES

Holidays:
Nov. 11, 26, 27
Dec. 25

Student Free Days:
Nov. 6, 20
Dec. 18

Non-Instructional Days:
Nov. 23, 24, 25
Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24
Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31

DISTRICT END-OF-GRADING-PERIOD DATES

Sept. 18, 2020
October 30, 2020
December 17, 2020
February 19, 2021
April 16, 2021
June 3, 2021

Meet the Student Teachers

Allyson Vasquez-Bruno

Single Subject Mathematics
Valley High School
Geometry H
Mentor: Matthew Conover
Hobbies: Gardening, DIY projects, Thrifting
STEM Vision: Show students that math is fun
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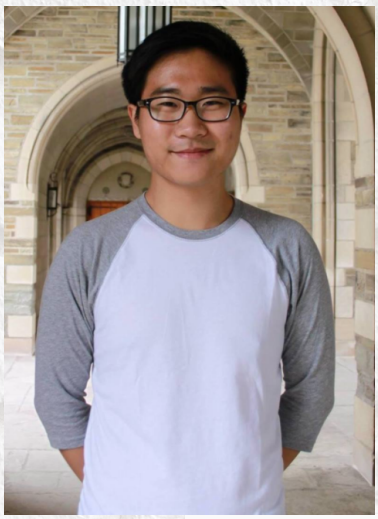

Jonathan Lee

Single Subject Chemistry
Valley High School
Chemistry
Mentor: Truc Vo
Hobbies: Cooking, Hiking, Napping
STEM Vision: Make chemistry cool and fun
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Kirsten Manahan

Single Subject Mathematics
Valley High School
Geometry H
Mentor: Matthew Morris
Hobbies: Yoga, Watching movies, Relaxing
STEM Vision: Reduce the overwhelmingly negative attitudes towards math
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Franchesca Santos

Biology & Chemistry
Valley High School
Biology
Mentor: Reuben Garcia
Hobbies: Music, Watching TV/movies
STEM Vision: Every student is a scientist
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Victor Andres Zaraza Aranda

Single Subject Mathematics
Valley High School
Algebra 1
Mentor: Matthew Morris
Hobbies: Volleyball, Piano, Board Games
STEM Vision: Making math visible in the real world
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Meet the Student Teachers

Mehrbod Mavandadi

Single Subject Mathematics
Valley High School
Algebra 1
Mentor: Ian Lutack
Hobbies: Soccer, Music, Driving
STEM Vision: Every student is a math person & has potential
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Dimitri Kaviani

Single Subject Physics
Santa Ana High School
Physics
Mentor: Joshua Gagnier
Hobbies: Board games, Swimming, Walking my dogs
STEM Vision: Engineering & STEAM
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Jose Pedro Gutierrez

Single Subject Mathematics
Valley High School
Algebra 2 H
Mentor: Dulce Fonseca Chavez
Hobbies: Hiking, Running, Nextflix/Hulu
STEM Vision: Making math meaningful to students
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Brandon Le

Single Subject Physics
Santa Ana High School
Physics
Mentor: Joshua Gagnier
Hobbies: Soccer, Playing Guitar/Singing
STEM Vision: Helping students think about everything as a scientist
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Jesus Tapia Villegas

Single Subject Mathematics
Valley High School
Algebra 2
Mentor: Oliver Cazalis
Hobbies: Music Searching and Movies
STEM Vision: Changing the norm that "math Is not for everyone"
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Mentor Teacher Highlight

"I enjoy working with student teachers because they always bring new ideas and strategies that we can implement together. Together we are able to build more meaningful relationships with more students and facilitate more learning."

-Matthew Conover, Math Mentor at VHS

Tech Tools

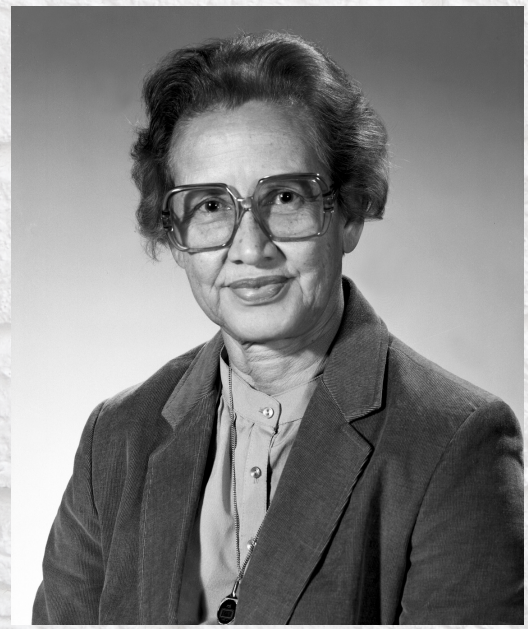
A section to highlight tech that may be useful during distance learning

Link to Jamboard

Name: Google Jamboard
What it is: Interactive whiteboard system with capability for online collaboration

STEM Professional Highlight

A section to highlight an underrepresented STEM professional, chosen by the residents



Name: Katherine Johnson
Occupation: Mathematician
Biography: American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights.
Chosen By: Kirsten Manahan

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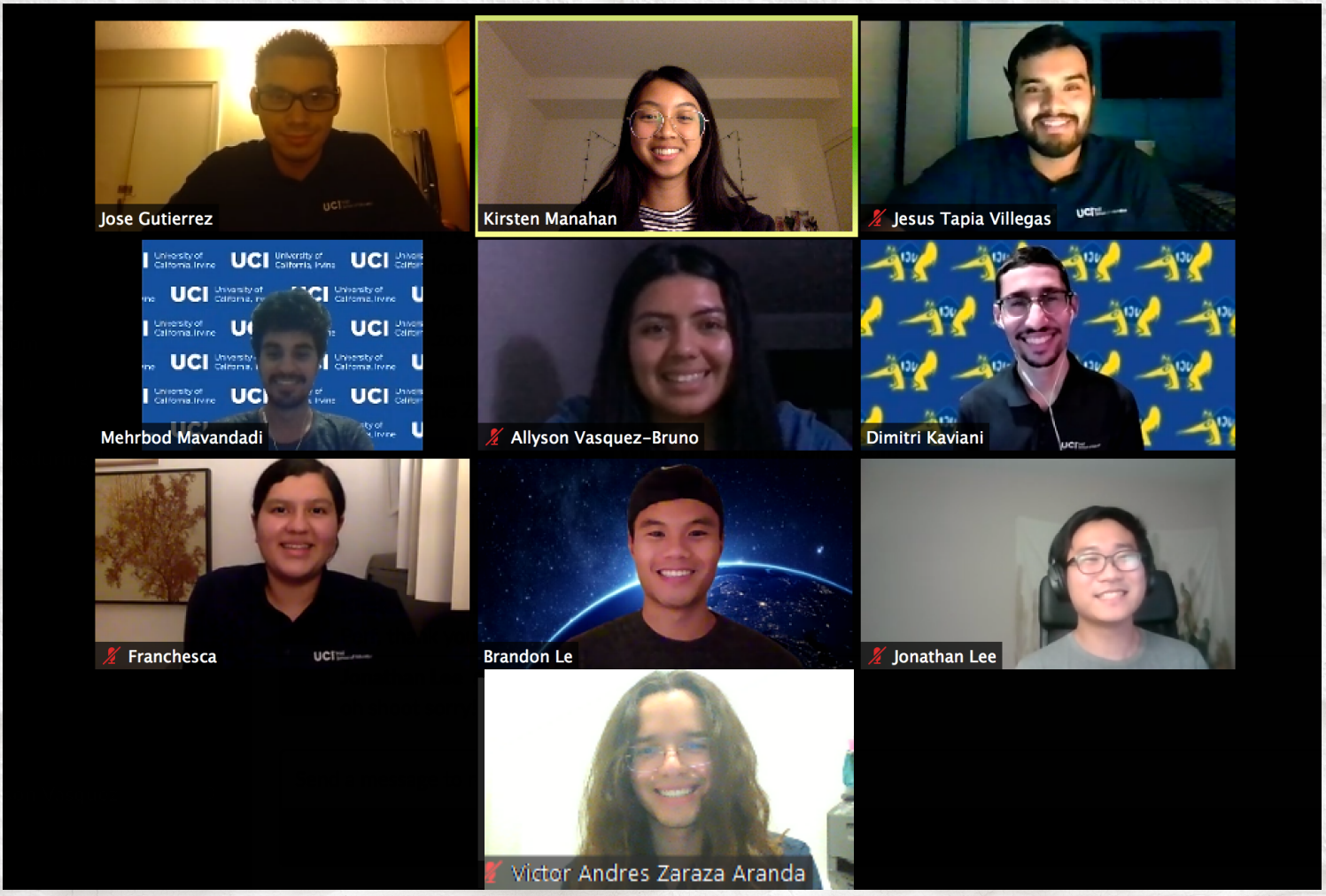

SAUSD Faculty

Jeff Bishop, SAHS Principal
Katherine Berger, VHS Principal
Alicia Skibby, Human Resources Coordinator
Elena Martinez, Lead Personnel Technician

Program Supervisors

Laura Palen, Science Supervisor
Vanessa Cerrahoglu, Math Supervisor
Martha Barrett, Math Supervisor

UCI Faculty

Dr. Elizabeth van Es,
Faculty Director of MAT Program
Dr. Virginia Panish,
Director of MAT Program
Dr. Acacia M. Warren,
Single Subject Program Coordinator
David Lim,
Student Affairs Officer

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