Meet the New SEEDS Staff Members:

Jessica Vallejo

Jessica Vallejo is an undergraduate student at San Diego Mesa College, Cuyamaca College, and SDSU (cross enrollment program). She has been accepted to attend San Diego State University this fall of 2016 for her Bachelor’s of science in public health. Some of her areas of interest include nutrition education, psychology, health care policy, regulatory affairs, environmental protection, and international business and trade. Her career goals are to work in health care administration and foreign agricultural trade. She is also interested in studying and working abroad to provide adequate health education to people in underdeveloped countries through international programs such as the Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training (MHIRT) program at SDSU and the World Health Organization. Jessica was accepted into the SEEDS Scholars program in 2015. She has also been hired to work as a SEEDS ambassador. Jessica contributes to the SEEDS scholars program by participating in extracurricular events such as field trips and volunteer work. She has also been responsible for marketing the program, using social media and also making pamphlets and posters to post around campus.

Khalid Taha

Khalid Taha is an Environmental-Chemical Engineering major at San Diego Mesa College. He is hoping to transfer to the University of California or Stanford University for that major. Khalid is also interested in getting his graduate degree in environmental studies. Khalid is an environmental advocate and a leader in this path. He has always been interested in saving Mother Earth from unethical harmful practices that could cost human beings their only home. Khalid joined the Democratic Movement that demands total clean energy usage by 2050. He also joined the SEEDS program as a scholar in 2015 and is a SEEDS ambassador. He contributes by promoting the program and providing assistance to other ambassadors. One clean earth for all, is Khalid's logo and goal to achieve during his lifetime. Khalid said, "as long as I'm alive, I will do everything in my power to consume less, reduce, reuse and recycle as much as I can."
SEEDS Day Event @ SDSU 2/19/16
By: Michael Elgincolin
This is the second time I’ve attended this event, and the exciting information that SDSU professors and students shared never fails to amaze me. One of the things I loved was when we were able to use the Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) where a certain specimen is analyzed. You can see its image on the screen as 3-D. What was even more amazing was that you can view it as a high magnification and high resolution image. I thought the experience was very interesting especially, since my major falls in this type of work which is Computer Science. Overall, I really enjoyed coming here again, and I would highly recommend this field trip to students who are interested in this kind of experience. Contact our office to find out more about this opportunity.

Financial Aid Fair 2/23/16
By: Michael Elgincolin
The SEEDS Ambassadors represented the program once again at the annual Mesa College Financial Aid Fair. Being able to spread the word and interact with several students was fun and engaging. A few of them seemed interested in the program and had fascinating insights about the program relating to their majors. We express our gratitude once again to our campus for allowing us the opportunity to participate in this wonderful event. Thanks to the all the students, also, who stopped by our booth to check it out. For students who are interested in learning more about the program please visit us at www.sdmesa.edu/seeds.

SEEDS Day Event @ UCSD 2/26/16
By: Alex Bahena
I’m glad I had the opportunity to go to SEEDS Day at UCSD. It was definitely a great experience because I was able to learn more about the campus, as well as many of the different programs they have to offer. The most enjoyable part of this experience was the fact that we were able to meet a lot of the faculty, which helps us build a greater network of people. I am now considering a career in research because of what I experienced during this field trip. I hope I can keep having more experiences like this one!
The “SEEDS” Scholars Program (STEM Engagement for the Enrichment of Diverse Students) is designed to increase the number of Hispanic students pursuing future graduate degrees by providing a firm foundation of advanced knowledge and skills in STEM-related fields (science, technology, engineering, math), beginning in the first two years of college.