**FALL 2021** 

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**Higher Education and the American Dream** 

# **Higher Education leads to...**

or degree beyond high school is very/somewhat important.



... a Good Job and ...

730/o of U.S. adults strongly agree/agree that having a certificate, certification, or degree beyond high school is essential for getting a good job.



... a Better Life.

of U.S. adults strongly agree/agree that a good job is essential to having a high quality of life.



# DEAN'S LIST - WINTER 2022

SSU REGULARLY RECOGNIZES STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED A GPA OF 3.8 OR HIGHER DURING THE PREVIOUS QUARTER BY INCLUDING THEIR NAMES ON THE DEAN'S LIST. STUDENTS LISTED HERE ACHIEVED THIS HONOR IN THE FALL 2021 QUARTER. THE HIGH CALIBER OF SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVED BY THESE STUDENTS ENHANCES THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AT OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY. I CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOLARLY LIFE AT SOUTHERN STATES UNIVERSITY.

# Graduate Certificate in BA

Luis Cavalcante Pantolfi Chi Hang Li

# Graduate Certificate in IT

Evren Evkuran

# Undergraduate Certificate in Marketing

Kristina Dushkina Daniela Fernandes Salles Renata Leite Perim

#### **MSIT**

Prawin Acharva Ismail Ashirov Hatira Senem Bayer Berke Cakir Arif Cam Mehmet Cem Demir Yasin Demir Egemen Erdil Isa Farzullazade Ahmad Hammour Javid Naghiyev Roseli Nunes Chirag Kamleshkumar Patel Vismay Patel Begum Turan Zeliha Yalova

Daghan Yildirim

### **BBA**

A Hoang Huynh
Annie Castillo Modesto
Phuong Tran
Regina Valades

# **MBA**

Aldiyar Anuarbekov Isis Araujo dos Santos Sinan Arca Andre Batista Mayra Brito Ana Caroline De Azevedo Barbosa Jessica De Souza Moreira Fernanda Stefania Dela Colecta Garcia Camila Do Egito Salome Dupard Gianni Vanessa Galiano Vintimilla Catarina Gutierrez Maria Luisa Gutierrez Mohammad Ali Hammour Asfat Kajuna Rujda Karacay Daria Kurnygina Isabella Lacerda Vinaud Amaral Marcela Laprano Zuccolotto Almuntaserbillah M. Nofal Nathan Molina Amorim Bruno Oliveira Pinheiro Carlos Eduardo Penido Ferreira Philip Prado da Silva Sabina Rysbekova Nubia Silva

Thacio Vidal de Freitas

## **BBA**

Kawtar Ben Hadouch Alangkhan Chantharadee Priscila Garcia Mauricio Hong Ge Johnny Le Fernando Augusto Pereira Pinto Armando Jonathan Silva Guizado

**IRVINE** 

**MSIT** 

Keie Akdas Francesco Antonelli Mykhailo Baranov Mustafa Bayraktar Kaan Baytar Paulo Bortolucci Dos Santos Alio Ettumanukkaran Iose Mehmet Fidan Abdullah Fogaha Tamara Ghazal Tunahan Gokce Amrit Kafle Nazarii Manko Muzammil Mohammad Mai Nguyen Saki Okada Mantip Pe-Aroon Robson Pereira Daniel Rodrigues Aguiar Dawood Ahmed Shaik Saori Shibamura Sei Shu Meena Singh Irem Sorguc Asade Temitope Oyinkansola Minami Tobo Yerkezhan Tokbergen Utku Toptas Yacup Ucuncu Mert Uner

#### **MBA**

Phuong Tran

Reema Alkhorayef Tore Altin Irfan Bayram Davi Bezerra Reis Winjoy Casino Hande Cetinkaya Amanda Costa Abdelhamed Ahmed Dawod Augusto De Mattos Garcia Kefren Do Nascimento Mesquita Paulo Cesar Gelinsky Mustafa Gundogdu Ali Isik Nisan Karadeniz Andreas Kastanis Marie -Ann Kuhn Giuliana Malagoni Ribeiro Eloisa Manarane Joel Martins Vieira Junior Mohammad Mudassir Ahmed Samal Orazayeva Nicolas Razon Joyse Mari Rebello Fabiana Cristina Saturnino Ekaterina Smirnova Renata Teixeira Barbosa Yagiz Ulasoglu Ayberk Usda Vanessa Vieira Isa Yilmaz

Kanami Yokoyama Ianaina de Arruda Camara Ramos

# Undergraduate Certificate in Marketing

Rafael Zacheu

Naomi Suzuki

# LAS VEGAS

## **MBA**

Kamilla Amirova
Yira Paola Chacon Guerra
Carolina Fernanda Clavel
Jheyne Cordeiro
Marly De Araujo
Juan Donoso Alarcon
Annette McDonald
Ingryd Pettinati
Pamela Rocche
Camila Rodrigues
Andre Rosario
Thaisa Simoes Monteiro
Kathleen Stephanou
Victor Teixeira
Naemi Wakisaka

## **MSIT**

Paulo Nojosa Fiho



# **SAYING GOODBYE**





John Tucker joined SSU in April 2009 with a long experience in management in large complex teaching & research institutions, both medical schools and higher education administration. He has worked in patient care and medical center administration at Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia; Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City; New York Hospital/Cornell Medical Center in New York City; and the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center in Los Angeles. More recently John worked in senior management positions for 18 years at three University of California campuses: UC San Francisco; UC Santa Barbara, where he served as Assistant Chancellor: and UCLA, where he served as Chief Administrative Officer. John holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Virginia Tech and a Master of Business Administration degree in Marketing and Finance from Pace University, New York City. He is a graduate of the WASC Assessment Leadership Academy. John is now starting his next life chapter of retirement with various future plans that he is looking forward to

realizing. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

# **SAYING GOODBYE**





Kimi Ho joined SSU Irvine in September 2017, and is now off to new adventures. Born and raised in Germany, Kimi came to the U.S. to pursue his undergraduate degree. He graduated with a Bachelor's in Business Administration from California Polytechnic University Pomona with emphasis in Finance and Real Estate. He has worked in several industries such as in aviation and banking to finally find himself in the educational sector. Kimi was managing a Language Institute before starting at Southern States University as Academic Advising and Support Officer. we say thank you for 4 years of supporting students and staff at the Irvine campus and wish him all the best for the future.

# **NOTABLE EVENTS**

# **NEW CHANCELLOR APPOINTMENT**







This is to officially communicate to everyone in the SSU community that there has been a new change in the Chancellor position of Southern States University.

Based on the University's Board of Trustees unanimous decision, Dr. Claudia Araiza has been appointed as the new Chancellor of Southern States University starting November 8, 2021.

With 20 years of combined administrative, teaching, and leadership experience in higher education, her passion for education, her first-hand knowledge of the functions of the University, and her commitment and dedication to attending to the needs of students, faculty, and staff will drive the institution to its next chapter.

Dr. Araiza has been with the University since 2009 in various capacities as Adjunct Faculty, Core Faculty, Chair of the Undergraduate Program Oversight Committee, Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation, and as Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer. Prior to taking office as the Chancellor, she was instrumental in expanding academic program offerings, revamping the faculty governance structure, renewing accreditation approvals, and developing new departments and committees in support of the strategic initiatives of the University.

#### STUDENT SUPPORT



# LIBRARY WEBINARS



Before You Copy and Paste...
Avoiding Plagiarism

Thursday, Oct 7, 2021
4-5 pm
Connect through your Moodle account

Peer Reviewed / Scholarly Research?

Where do I find that?

Thursday, October 21, 2021
4-5 pm
Connect through your Moodle account

# CHECK MOODLE FOR THE MOST CURRENT DATES AND TOPICS



# PLEASE BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR WORK AUTHORIZATION BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EVERY QUARTER!!! !!!CONTACT YOUR DSO!!!

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????? WORKING ON CPT ?????



## WELCOME TO SSU







POSHAN PRASAD THAKUR IS AN INFORMATION **TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST AT SSU. HIS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND CONSISTS OF A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION** TECHNOLOGY FROM SIKKIM MANIPAL UNIVERSITY. **GANGTOK, INDIA AND A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN** INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT FROM **COLLEGE FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES.** KATHMANDU. NEPAL WHICH IS AFFILIATED TO ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION (APU), KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA. HIS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN WITH **NEPAL SBI BANK. ALSO. PREVIOUSLY HE WAS A TEACHING ASSISTANT AT APU IN THE** UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS AND HELPED THE IT DEPARTMENT TO MANAGE THE ONLINE VIRTUAL CLASSES.

# **WELCOME TO SSU**

# **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS**



FABIANA IS BASED AT THE IRVINE CAMPUS AND IS CURRENTLY STUDYING IN THE MBA PROGRAM AT SSU. SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH, PORTUGUESE, AND SPANISH. FABIANA WORKED IN SALES AND MARKETING IN BRAZIL, AND AS A PRODUCT SPECIALIST DURING HER OPT IN THE US. HER BELIEF IS THAT STUDYING MEANS TO KEEP CHALLENGING YOURSELF AND GROWING AS A PROFESSIONAL. SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR US?

ASFAT YAHYA KAJUNA IS A STUDENT IN THE MBA PROGRAM AT SOUTHERN STATES UNIVERSITY, SAN DIEGO CAMPUS. SHE COMPLETED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PRODUCTION AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT AT MZUMBE UNIVERSITY, TANZANIA. HER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE INVOLVES WORKING AS A PROJECT MANAGER AT A KAJUNA INVESTMENTS COMPANY (ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY) IN TANZANIA. SHE SPEAKS SWAHILI AND ENGLISH.



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## **MEET OUR AMBASSADORS**





"MY NAME IS MOHAMMAD ABU HAMMOUR.
PERHAPS MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT SSU IS THE SMALL
SCHOOL ATMOSPHERE AND ITS ABILITY TO PRESENT VALUABLE
OPPORTUNITIES TO ANYBODY INTERESTED IN THEM. IT MAKES
IT EASY TO GET TO KNOW PROFESSORS AND OTHER
STUDENTS. WITHOUT SSU, I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEARLY AS MANY OPPORTUNITIES AS I
HAVE THUS FAR. ONE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES I GOT IS TO BE
A STUDENT AMBASSADOR. I AM BASED AT THE SAN DIEGO
CAMPUS."

"MY NAME IS MARLY VIVIEN P. LOPES DE ARAUJO. HOWEVER, I
PREFER THE SHORT VERSION OF VIVIEN ARAUJO. I CAME TO
THE U.S. IN 2011, TO STUDY ENGLISH AND TO GET A MASTER'S
DEGREE IN LAW. I STUDIED FOR THE CALIFORNIA BAR EXAM,
AND I PASSED. CURRENTLY, I AM WAITING FOR THE C.A. BAR
ASSOCIATION TO APPROVE MY LICENSE WHILE TAKING THE
SOUTHERN STATES UNIVERSITY MBA COURSE. I'M FROM
BRAZIL AND I SPEAK PORTUGUESE, ENGLISH AND SPANISH. I
AM BASED AT THE LAS VEGAS CAMPUS."





"MY NAME IS NAZARII MANKO, I'M AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FROM THE UKRAINE. BEFORE I WENT TO SSU I HAD GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN POLAND. I LOVE TO TRAVEL, DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW AND MEET NEW PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. I WILL BE GLAD TO HELP EVERY STUDENT AND ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS. I AM BASED AT THE IRVINE CAMPUS."



# NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE FALL 2021 QUARTER

OCTOBER 11 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER 1 FIRST DAY OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

NOVEMBER 7 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 25 THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 26 BLACK FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 29 CHANUKAH/HANUKKAH

DECEMBER 7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

DECEMBER 15 BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

# SSU TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



**EXCEL WEBINAR** 

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION WEBINAR Webinar: Employment Authorization in the U.S. for International Students

Are you an International Student? Would you like to know more about Employment Authorization in the U.S.?

Inis Webinar

Topics: - Eligibility - Types of work authoriza

Types of work authorization for F1 students Applying for Employment Authorization? How to get an SSN? Finding a job

Date: November 22, 2021 (Monday)
Time: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) through Zoo

The SSU DSO, Ms. Paola Procida, will be available to answer your questions. Please submit you questions by Friday (11/19/2021) at 6:00 pm through the email <u>careerservices@ssu.edu</u>.

## **VIRTUAL EVENTS FALL 2021**

#### **DIVERSITY TALK:**

Women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)



by Dr. Claudia Araiza, SSU Chancellor



#### VIRTUAL COFFEE TALK:

What Matters in Online and Hybrid Learning



by Dr. Javier Flores

# THANK YOU BEING PART OF OUR FAMILY

