

WINTER/SPRING 2022

# NEWSLETTER

SOUTHERN STATES UNIVERSITY

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SPRING 2022**



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*Save the Date*

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



# DEAN'S LIST – SPRING 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 WINTER 2022 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.**

## MSIT

Prawin Acharya  
Muharrem Aral  
Ismail Ashirov  
Hatira Senem Bayer  
Mehmet Cem Demir  
Egemen Erdil  
Ugur Erdegul  
Isa Farzullazade  
Dimna Gonzalez  
Ahmad Hammour  
Mohammed Irfan  
Sergey Martinovich  
Javid Naghiyev  
Roseli Nunes  
Ezgi Ozturk  
Chirag Kamleshkumar Patel  
Metin Peker  
Begum Turan  
Eda Uysal  
Zeliha Yalova

## Graduate Certificate in IT

Orhan Buldac  
Goktug Findik  
Irem Findik

## SAN DIEGO



## MBA

Amer Al Alim  
Snehalsbhai Barot  
Bianca Costa  
Fernanda Stefania Dela Colecta Garcia  
Salome Dupard  
Hussein Abdel Fakhouri  
Gianni Vanessa Galiano Vintimilla  
Catarina Gutierrez  
Maria Luisa Gutierrez  
Mehmet Furkan Kara  
Daria Kurnygina  
Isabella Lacerda Vinaud Amaral  
Marcela Thalita Landin Sita  
Samantha Lopes  
Nathan Molina Amorim  
Carlos Eduardo Penido Ferreira  
Laura Pereira  
Mirola Samy  
Philip Prado da Silva  
Nubia Silva  
Abel Simorangkir  
Thacio Vidal de Freitas

## Graduate Certificate in BA

Julia Mercurio Bonfanti  
Chi Hang Li

## Undergraduate Certificate in Marketing

Ugur Bayraktar  
Natalia Ravanhani  
Renata Leite Perim

## BBA

Priscila Garcia Mauricio  
Hong Ge  
Armando Jonathan Silva Guizado  
Phuong Minh Tran

## MBA

Safa Abu Shameh  
Reema Alkhorayef  
Davi Bezerra Reis  
Atef Dandan  
Paulo Cesar Gelinsky  
Marie -Ann Kuhn  
Giuliana Malagoni Ribeiro  
Eloisa Manarang  
Joel Martins Vieira Junior  
Hevila Moreira  
Risa Nagai  
Nicolas Razon  
Joyse Mari Rebello  
Maralbek Sagynganov  
Fabiana Cristina Saturnino  
Ekaterina Smirnova  
Ikuri Suzuki  
Busranur Turkel  
Yagiz Ulasoglu  
Vanessa Vieira  
Janaina de Arruda Camara Ramos



## MSIT

Keje Akdas  
Francesco Antonelli  
Temitope Oyinkansola Asade  
Mustafa Bayraktar  
Kaan Baytar  
Paulo Bortolucci Dos Santos  
Furkan Cam  
Aljo Ettumanukkar Jose  
Abdullah Foqaha  
Tamara Ghazal  
Tunahan Gokce  
Juliana Kasandiko  
Vladyslav Kovalenko  
Shingo Kumamoto  
Nazarii Manko  
Fabiano Marreiro de Jesus  
Muzammil Mohammad  
Mai Nguyen  
Saki Okada  
Amir Ali Shah  
Dmytro Sharapov  
Saori Shibamura  
Irem Sorguc  
Yerkezhan Tokbergen  
Oguzhan Toprak  
Utku Toptas  
Yacup Ucuncu  
Richard Luiz Werka

## Graduate Certificate in IT

Anis Chafai

## Undergraduate Certificate in Marketing

Kei Mohri  
Uroosa Nishat

# LAS VEGAS

## MBA



## MSIT

Paulo Nojosa Fiho

Kamilla Amirova  
Yira Paola Chacon Guerra  
Carolina Fernanda Clavel  
Jheyne Cordeiro  
Marly De Araujo  
Meirav Katz  
Edimar Pertile  
Andre Rosario  
Kathleen Stephanou  
Hau Tao

*Congratulations*

Dean's  
List



June 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>19</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Sunday, Jun 19th 2022



Save the Date

# GOOD NEWS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



## **Availability of Student Loans for International Students in the U.S.**

**In recent years, private banks and financial institutions have started to offer private student loans to international students in the U.S. It seems that there has been an openness of the financial markets in offering the opportunity to this type of student to borrow money to pay for their studies in the U.S. Although most loans require a co-signer in the U.S., an international student studying in the U.S. can now have more options to choose from.**

**Some of the loan providers are:**

**Discover: <https://lnkd.in/gKg6UEap>**

**Prodigy Finance: <https://lnkd.in/dsecbqK>**

**Citizens Financial Group, Inc: <https://lnkd.in/gHycXQbU>**

**Ascent: <https://lnkd.in/gah9dDWb>**

**MPOWER Financing: <https://lnkd.in/e6234VD>**

**\*Disclaimer: Southern States University does not provide loan information of these companies as it is not affiliated with these private financial institutions. Prospective or current students of SSU interested in obtaining a private loan would need to contact independently and directly those type of financial institutions.**

# DIVERSITY AT SSU

## DIVERSITY

Representation of various identities and differences

## EQUITY

Fair and equitable treatment, access and opportunity

## INCLUSION

Effort to create environments to respect and value all people.

## SSU Opens a Dialogue on Diversity

Dear SSU Community:

The University's commitment to diversity, seeking and supporting a multicultural staff, faculty, and student body, is one of the institution's greatest assets. Such a diverse community has allowed the university to infuse its academic programs and extracurricular activities with a wealth of diverse expressions and ideas.

In accordance with its Diversity Policy, the University has outlined a stronger strategic initiative for 2021-2025, engaging the whole SSU community in its commitment for diversity, equity, and inclusion. To support this initiative, the newly appointed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI) has created a path for open and honest communication about DEI topics for our SSU community. We invite all SSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni to communicate their ideas and concerns with SSU's DEI Committee by sending an email to: [diversity@ssu.edu](mailto:diversity@ssu.edu)

# NOTABLE EVENTS



**PROUD TO JOIN**

**PRESIDENTS' ALLIANCE ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
& IMMIGRATION**

**IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT  
SSU'S CHANCELLOR HAS JOINED THIS  
ORGANIZATION**

## DEAR SSU COMMUNITY

**THIS IS AN ALLIANCE OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LEADERS DEDICATED TO INCREASING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF HOW IMMIGRATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES IMPACT OUR STUDENTS, CAMPUSES AND COMMUNITIES. MEMBERS SUPPORT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES THAT CREATE A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR IMMIGRANT, UNDOCUMENTED, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS AT U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. COLLECTIVELY, MEMBERS ARE COMMITTED TO CALLING ON OUR NATION'S LEADERS TO PROTECT OUR UNDOCUMENTED, IMMIGRANT, AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. THE ALLIANCE WORKS TO SUPPORT THESE STUDENTS AND TO COMMUNICATE THE NEED FOR FEDERAL AND STATE POLICIES THAT CREATE A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS OF ALL IMMIGRANT BACKGROUNDS.**

**YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION HERE:  
[HTTPS://LNKD.IN/ENATD5AP](https://lnkd.in/enatd5ap)**

**"SSU HAS ALWAYS BEEN COMMITTED TO WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. WE CARE ABOUT THEIR DREAMS, ACADEMIC PURSUITS, SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS"  
DR. ARAIZA, SSU CHANCELLOR**

# STUDENT SUPPORT




## LIBRARY WEBINAR



RESEARCH JEWELS - LIBRARY INSTRUCTION SERIES

### Writing Tips & APA 7.0 – General Formatting

Friday, Feb 11, 2022  
2-3 pm  
Connect through your Moodle account



### GREAT WEBINAR IN FEBRUARY

## ALWAYS CHECK MOODLE FOR THE MOST CURRENT DATES AND TOPICS



#### Research Jewels Webinar Series

Spring 2022

Friday, April 22, 2022	Friday, April 29, 2022	Friday, May 13, 2022	Friday, May 20, 2022
1-2p Before You Copy and Paste... Avoiding Plagiarism (and losing points because of it!)	1-2p What is Peer Reviewed / Scholarly Research? Where do I find it?	1-2p Citing Your Sources – What is APA and how do I do it?	1-2p Citing Your Sources – What is APA and how do I do it?

\*\* All sessions will be hosted on Zoom unless otherwise noted.



[HTTPS://WWW.SSU.EDU/RESOURCES/LIBRARY/](https://www.ssu.edu/resources/library/)



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

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Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement 1-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status (OAS-9) 1033-0008

SEVIS ID: N0022309795

SURNAME/FAMILY NAME		CIVILIAN NAME	Class of Admission
PAULINO, BEATRIZ		BEATRIZ PAULINO	F-1
ALIAS/ALTERNATE NAME		PASSPORT NAME	ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
COUNTY of BIRTH		COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	
CITY OF BIRTH		DATE OF BIRTH	
PERSON IDENTIFICATION AUTHORITY		ADMISSION NUMBER	

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME Southern Oregon University 500 Irvine Branch Campus Irvine, Oregon Campus Director	SCHOOL ADDRESS 2010 WOODLAND, Suite 300, IRVINE, OR 97038
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE 00027-0104-0008 18 AUGUST 2021

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL MAJOR 1 PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY START OF CLASSES FINANCIALS	MAJOR 2 REASON FOR ADMISSION and Management, General (52.0301) PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES START OF CLASSES FINANCIALS	MAJOR 3 Reason (02.0000) EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE
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FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS (in MONTHS)	STUDENT'S FINANCIAL AID (MONTHS)
Tuition and Fees	Personal Funds
Living Expenses	Parents/Family Funds
Health Insurance (if any)	Private Financial Institution
Scholarship/Grants (if any)	On-Campus Employment
TOTAL	TOTAL

REMARKS

SCHOOL ATTESTATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided in this form is true and correct. I understand this form is the United States only permit and evidence in the United States for the admission of the student to the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has identified that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and that the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by U.S. Code, Title 8, Section 101(a)(2)(B). I am a designated school official of the above named school as indicated in this form.

SIGNATURE OF School Official: [Signature] DATE ISSUED: 18 March 2021 PLACE ISSUED: [Signature]

STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of my extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I have authorized the school to release my information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 101.32. I am not a permanent or temporary resident of the United States. Please see questions and student manual if applied to under IS.

SIGNATURE OF Student: [Signature] DATE: [Signature]

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: [Signature] ADDRESS (please use permanent address): [Signature]



IRVINE

LAS VEGAS

SAN DIEGO



# WELCOME TO SSU



**THANK YOU FOR JOINING SSU'S WELCOME SESSION  
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ACCOMPANYING  
YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY OVER THE NEXT MONTHS  
AND YEARS**

# MEET YOUR FACULTY



**DOUGEM MEDHEN (DOUG) RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S OF GAME PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY IN 2013. DOUG HAS TAUGHT C++ CLASSES AT UCSD AND GROSSMONT, AS WELL AS JAVA PROGRAMMING CLASSES AT UCSD. HE IS IMMERSSED IN CULTURE IN THE TECH INDUSTRY AS WELL AS HOW SYSTEM ANALYSIS WORKS. DOUG BRINGS A HIGH AMOUNT OF ENERGY TO THE CLASSROOM THAT KEEPS NOT JUST THE STUDENTS EDUCATED, BUT ALSO ENGAGED IN THE SUBJECT MATTER.**

## DOUGEM MEDHEN

**DR. LAUREN VANTALIA IS A NATIVE OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AND LIVED IN THE WASHINGTON DC METRO AREA FOR A SHORT WHILE. DR. VANTALIA IS AN EDUCATOR, ENTREPRENEUR, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING SPECIALIST, PUBLIC SPEAKER, AND CONSULTANT. DR. VANTALIA HAS STUDIED AND SPECIALIZED IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, SHE HAS EXEMPLARY EXPERTISE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN DIFFERENT FIELDS. DR. VANTALIA PASSION FOR TEACHING MOTIVATES HER TO ALWAYS STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE. OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE ALSO NURTURED HER TEACHING AND BUSINESS ACUMEN IN DIFFERENT FIELDS. DR. VANTALIA IS PASSIONATE ABOUT CREATING HAPPINESS BY FULFILLING MY STUDENT'S NEEDS BY IMPARTING RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE. I ENJOY CREATING THE BEST EXPERIENCES FOR MY STUDENTS, THEREBY MAKING THE BEST AT WHAT SHE DOES. DR. VANTALIA PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT THUS FAR IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HER CONSTANT ATTENTION TO DETAIL, HARD WORK, PERSONAL COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, EFFICACY, AND SELF-MOTIVATION. SHE ENJOYS TEACHING AND EMPOWERING HER STUDENTS, AS WELL AS HELPING STUDENTS BY GIVING BACK BY VOLUNTEERING. SHE STRIVES TO BE DEPENDABLE, EASY TO WORK WITH, FUN, SELF-MOTIVATED, QUICK ON MY FEET, AND WITTY. I ALSO HOLD WORKSHOPS AND HAVE TAUGHT OVER 150 COURSES ON THE GROUND AND ONLINE. IN HER LEISURE TIME, SHE ENJOYS READING, RESEARCHING, HIKING, COOKING, AND TRAVELING.**



## DR. LAUREN VANTALIA





## MEET YOUR TUTOR



**PAULO SANTOS**

**"PAULO IS AN ELECTRONIC ENGINEER, BORN AND RAISED IN BRAZIL, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN EXTREMELY CONNECTED TO TECHNOLOGY, SON OF AN ENGINEER WHO HAS WORKED AT THE FAMILY'S COMPANY SINCE HE WAS 11 YEARS OLD. PAULO HAS A PASSION FOR HELPING THOSE WHO ACTUALLY INTEND TO LEARN. CURRENTLY CONNECTED TO THE IT MARKET, HE WORKS AS A NETWORK ENGINEER AND ALSO IN THE AREA OF TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS CONSULTING."**



**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!**










## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**"MY NAME IS RAFAEL ZACHEU, I WAS BORN IN BRAZIL WHERE I GOT MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. I SPEAK PORTUGUESE AND MY GOAL WAS PRIMARILY TO IMPROVE ENGLISH AS MY SECOND LANGUAGE, WHICH I COULDN'T HAVE ACHIVED WITHOUT SSU. MOREOVER, THAT LEARNING PROCESS PROVIDED SKILLS THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO JOIN THE MBA PROGRAM AT SSU, WHERE I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE MANAGEABILITY OF A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS. CURRENTLY, I AM FINISHING MY MSIT PROGRAM AND GETTING READY FOR THE UPCOMING CHALLENGES."**

# NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE WINTER 2022 QUARTER

JANUARY 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY	
JANUARY 17	BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.	
FEBRUARY 01	BEGINNING OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH	
FEBRUARY 13	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	
FEBRUARY 21	PRESIDENTS' DAY	
FEBRUARY 14	VALENTINE'S DAY	
MARCH 01	BEGINNING OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH	
MARCH 03	MARDI GRAS	
MARCH 04	EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY	
MARCH 08	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY	
MARCH 17	SAINT PATRICK'S DAY	
MARCH 20	SPRING EQUINOX (START OF SPRING)	
MARCH 29	NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY	
MARCH 31	CÉSAR CHÁVEZ DAY	
APRIL 01	FIRST DAY OF RAMADAN	

## SSU TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



**Intuit  
Employee  
Panel**



SSU is glad to announce the Intuit Employee Panel.

On February 1st, you will have the opportunity to talk with Michael Tepper and Crystal Song. Michael is a Financial Analyst working in the tech industry with a background in Finance, Project Management, Marketing, and Logistics Planning. Crystal is a Product Manager with a background in Finance and Accounting.

Bring your questions and join us!

Intuit is a global technology platform that helps customers and communities overcome their most important financial challenges. Serving millions of customers worldwide with TurboTax, QuickBooks, Mint, Credit Karma, and Mailchimp, the company has more than 14,000 employees and 20 offices in 9 countries.

When: February 1st, 2022 (Tuesday) at 1:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)


Please check your email for Zoom Link or send an email to [careerservices@ssu.edu](mailto:careerservices@ssu.edu).

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

**intuit.**


## GETTING TO KNOW INTUIT

# VIRTUAL EVENTS WINTER 2022




**SOUTHERN STATES  
UNIVERSITY**  
*Virtual Coffee Talk*

**Improve Writing Competency**  
**Dr. Diana Ramseyer**



Diana is new to our Las Vegas based full-time faculty. She holds a B.A. from UC Riverside in English literature, a M.A. from California State University Long Beach, and a Doctorate in Education from Argosy University. Diana has taught English at all levels from developmental to critical thinking and literature since 1998. Other interests include: reading, writing, creative writing and literary analysis, and hiking.

**Thursday, February 24th at 3:00pm**  
**via ZOOM: please check SSU's Moodle page for the link**



SSU's Virtual Coffee Talks is a 2021 initiative from the Academic Affairs Office with the purpose of bringing together faculty and students from different backgrounds and interests within the University. At each meeting, a faculty member presents their recent work in progress, such as research or other critical-thinking concept, in an informal, constructive atmosphere. These meetings yield valuable feedback for the presenters, while also informing the participants about critical research or other ideas and concepts being explored and discussed in the today's society.

*Please note that the University will not record these meetings and participants will be able to choose their video on or off.*

**STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS  
LIKE WEBINARS, COFFEE TALKS,  
LUNCH TALKS!!  
THERE IS MORE TO COME IN  
SPRING!!**

**THANK YOU FOR BEING  
PART OF OUR FAMILY**

