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Southern States University (SSU) is becoming a leader in executive business education by providing its students with the skills necessary for managing a small business or advancing into senior management positions in a large company. Whether your interest is in the business of technology, health care, government, retail or non-profits, SSU will teach you the skills necessary for achieving success in today's competitive marketplace.

Summer2018

Welcome to **SSU**.



As we complete the Summer Quarter, SSU is grateful and inspired to serve all of you who help deserving students realize their dreams through education. Through such dedication, our University makes a difference in the social mobility of so many students across the world. We know that through education we help students prosper! We have a lot of great new news. Please stay updated by following us on social media.

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ACCREDITATION NEWS

Last year, Southern States University applied for Eligibility from the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). In December 2017, WSCUC reviewed the application and determined that the University is eligible to proceed with an application for Candidacy and Initial Accreditation. A determination of Eligibility is not a formal status with the WASC Senior College and University Commission, nor does it ensure eventual accreditation. It is a preliminary finding that the institution is potentially accreditable

and can proceed within five years of its Eligibility determination to be reviewed for Candidacy or Initial Accreditation status with the Commission. Questions about Eligibility may be directed to the institution or to WSCUC at wascsr@wascsenior.org or (510) 748-9001. Achieving "Eligibility" completes the first of three major phases in the regional accreditation process. Note this is parallel and in addition to SSU's national accreditation held since 2010 from the Accrediting Council for Independent Schools and Colleges (ACICS).

ACICS ACCREDITATION

Secretary of Education Orders Restoration of ACICS as a Federally Recognized Accrediting Agency as of December 2016 and Outlines Next Steps in the Compliance Review Process

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, the Secretary of Education issued an Order notifying ACICS that the U.S. Department of Education has restored ACICS's status as a federally recognized agency as of December 12, 2016. The Order comes in response to the recent ruling from U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton that the U.S. Department of Education violated the Administrative Procedures Act by "failing to consider various categories of relevant evidence" in its decision to withdraw ACICS' recognition as a nationally-recognized accreditor. The case was remanded back to the Secretary of Education.

Michelle Edwards, ACICS President, issued the following statement regarding the Order:

"We were gratified by the court's ruling requiring the Department

to review evidence submitted by ACICS documenting many meaningful reforms implemented by the organization. And we appreciate the timely response by the Department, reinstating our recognition as of December 2016 and outlining the next steps in the compliance review process. The Department's decision ensures that students currently attending ACICS schools are not negatively impacted pending the Department's ongoing review process. In the last two years, ACICS has implemented significant reforms designed to address concerns, strengthen the accreditation process and, ultimately, enhance our ability to hold schools accountable for meaningful student outcomes. These efforts are comprehensive and ongoing, and we look forward to working with the Department to ensure we are not only in full compliance with current requirements but also in a position to become, over time, a leader among accreditors."

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GRADUATING WITH HONOR

Graduate degree students who earn a GPA of 3.8 or above will earn "Honors" at graduation, including the notation on their transcript. Undergraduate degree students who earn a GPA of 3.5 to 3.7 will graduate earning Latin honors of "Cum Laude", including the notation on their transcript. Undergraduate degree students who earn a GPA of 3.8 to 3.9 will graduate earning Latin honors of "Magna Cum Laude", including the notation on their transcript. Undergraduate degree students who earn a GPA of 4.0 will graduate earning Latin honors of "Summa Cum Laude", including the notation on their transcript

Scholastic Honors

SSU values students for their academic achievements. The following are scholastic achievements that are now being recognized as of the start of the Spring 2018 quarter: Chancellor's List At the conclusion of every quarter, students who earn a GPA in

that respective quarter of 3.8 or above will be placed on the Chancellor's List with a notation on their transcript.

To see the latest list



ONE STEP CLOSER TO SUCCESS

Congratulations, SSU graduates! We are very proud of what you've accomplished. Each of you, regardless of your background, you have made sacrifices along the journey to graduation, showing discipline, dedication, and a strong desire to succeed.

SSU wishes you all the very best in meeting your highest aspirations, and we hope you'll join the SSU Alumni Association. Membership in the Association is an excellent way to show support for SSU and to remain connected to your alma mater.

Again, congratulations, June 2018 graduates, on this milestone achievement. And please know that we're here to help you in any way we can as you begin new life phases.

COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY
June 24, 2018



CHANCELLOR JOHN D. TUCKER

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.

- John D. Tucker, Chancellor





SSU Events

The Student Success Center at Southern States University is here for the sole purpose of helping students achieve academic success. Our team of caring staff and peer tutors are dedicated to helping each and every student reach their scholastic goals.

Cover Letter Writing Workshops

SSU holds some workshops every quarter to prepare students for their job search:

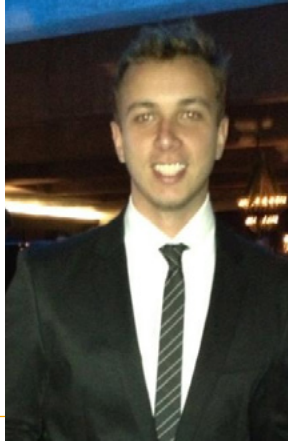
For additional information, please contact career services center at:

careerservices@ssu.edu | (619) 298-1829



They'll be missed.

We are saying Goodbye to our Ambassadors Eric and Rodrigo and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



Meet your Librarian

STUDENTS:

Your Librarian (CHERYL CYR) schedules a series of workshops every quarter to help you with APA STYLE and research. Please click the link below for the latest information, or you can also contact her at **ccyr@ssu.edu**.



Academic Advisors



Mr. Kimi Ho

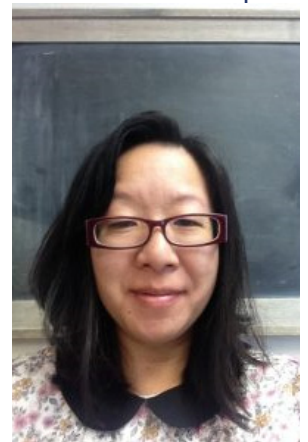
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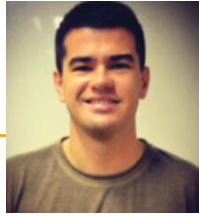
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Meet our embassadors/ tutors

Andre Bezerra



Andre Bezerra is a current MBA student at the Newport Beach campus. He completed a Bachelor's degree in Business and a Certificate in Information Technology from the University of Fortaleza, Brazil. He has worked in the IT field dealing with telecommunications systems and software development as a Project Manager in various industries such as the oil and gas, media, and financial sectors. Andre speaks Portuguese and English.

Sadok Abdelli

Welcome to **SSU**

Sadok Abdelli is a current MBA student at the Irvine campus. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Nabeul, Tunisia. He worked as a web developer in a website development company. At the same time, he also worked as a freelancer by developing websites and ranking them on search engines. Sadok is currently pursuing his Master degree, and works at the Irvine location of SSU as Ambassador and Student Services Assistant. Sadok speaks Arabic, French, English, Spanish and a little German.

Begum Nur Demir



Begum Nur Demir is a current MBA student at the San Diego campus. Begum has worked in the legal field in Turkey in business, bankruptcy/debt enforcement, and criminal case areas. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Law from Yasar University, Turkey. Begum speaks Turkish and English.

Patrick Puska



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Patrik Puska is a current MBA student at the San Diego campus. Patrik has worked in several capacities in language translation, foreign affairs, and travel/cultural event planning. He graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in intercultural communications from Minsk State Linguistic University, Belarus. Patrik speaks Slovak, Russian, English, and Spanish.

New Campus in *Irvine*



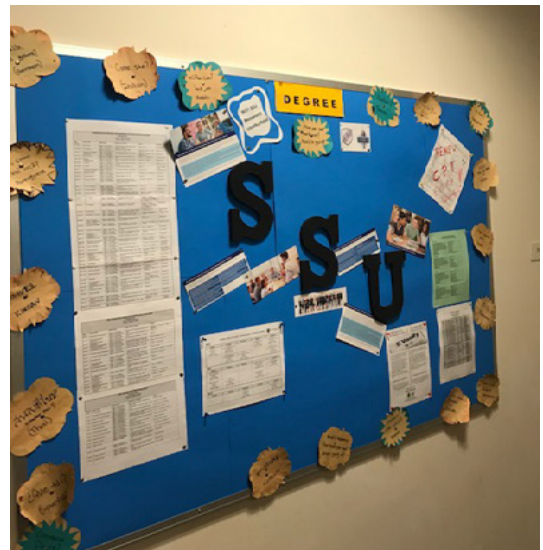
The Newport Beach Campus moved to a new location:

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Taking a look at a real business.

SSU SUMMER **RESEARCH FIELDTRIP**

We organized a field trip to the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) on August 16, 2018 to attend the 2018 Undergraduate Summer Research Conference. The UCSD Summer Research Conference is an oral presentation conference open to all undergraduate students in Southern California conducting summer-time research. It is San Diego County's largest regional

undergraduate research conference.

Dr. Claudia Araiza, SSU Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer, and other SSU faculty attended. SSU students were invited to come and learn about latest research activities from students in the region.



The Company Tour at Taylor Guitars on August 17, 2018 was a success. The tour was both interesting and informative.

For more info. on Taylor Guitars, please visit the following link: <https://www.taylorguitars.com/>.

Lunch talk.

Time Management Skills

(By Catrin Hechl-Novak)

Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 1:00-2:00 pm

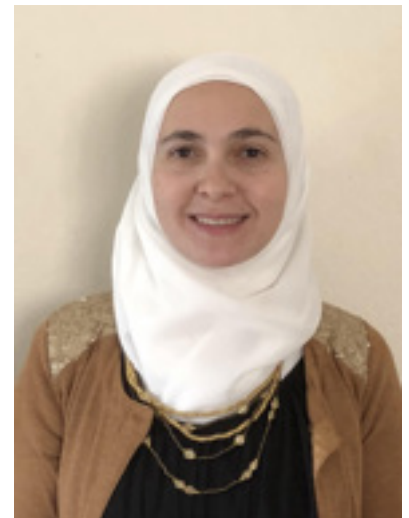
SSU-Irvine Campus

Dr. Catrin Hechl-Novak received her Doctor of Business Administration in Organizational Leadership from Northcentral University, San Diego, California and holds an MBA degree in Human Resources from Iona College, New Rochelle, New York, as well as an MA degree in Teaching International Business and Marketing from Austria. Dr. Hechl-Novak has extensive leadership experience in operations and administration, as well as teaching experience both in the United States and Europe. Her research interests focus on employee/student retention especially pertaining to the Millennial generation. Dr. Hechl-Novak is Adjunct Faculty at the Irvine campus.



Congratulations to Dr. Al Hallak

We congratulate Dr. Louna Al Hallak for her new role at SSU as Interim Program Chair of the Information Technology programs. Louna Al Hallak received her Master's degree in Computer Information System from the University of Sunderland, United Kingdom, and earned her Doctor of Management and Simulation degree from Cardiff Metropolitan University's Graduate School of Business in Cardiff, England. Dr. Louna has over 13 years of experience in multiple areas of academic and executive education that span in North America, Europe, and the Middle East, including course and program design and development, program management, faculty recruiting and development, and alumni relationship management. Dr. Louna seeks to foster student and faculty success through continuous improvement of student learning and faculty learning support processes. Her professional satisfaction comes from supporting students overcoming the challenges of learning disabilities, guiding international students as they adapt to unfamiliar subjects and cultures, and educating local students as they pursue marketable skills.





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Thank you for being part of **SSU**.



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Look out for our Fall Newsletter in December, 2018.