

SCS INSIDE LOOK

School of Continuing Studies Newsletter



Director's Monthly Update

In our inaugural edition of this newsletter, I spoke to the shifts made last year in the School of Continuing Studies due to COVID-19. In this new edition, and in the new year, I happily report that our new normal, online education, continues to be quite successful. Many of our students report that they enjoy the flexibility offered in online education. Our instructors have stepped up to develop new and exciting teaching strategies to ensure that students' educational experiences continue to be meaningful.

Looking into the future, SCS has decided to keep all of our courses online only until Fall 2021. At that time, we will begin to offer a few of our programs in person and/or in hybrid form, as long as state guidelines allow. Don't worry, however, if you love online education, there will be plenty of online courses available as well. More updates will be provided as this date gets closer.

Until then, we continue to reimagine the future of SCS. We are in the process of reviewing and updating all of our programs. As you can imagine this takes time and a great deal of collaboration. The review process will continue throughout this calendar year, so please remember that all feedback is welcome. In addition to the updates made to existing programs, we are using this year to grow in many ways.

In just the past few months, we've added a Social Justice path that now includes an Anti-Racism course and will soon include courses such as Racial Healing, True Black History, and Black and Latinx Intersections: Race and Power in the United States. Additionally, we've established a Lifelong Learner path, encouraging people, no matter their age, to continue the quest for knowledge. Our first course of this sort, Meditation with Fran Grace, has been very successful. People from around the world have joined us online for this unique opportunity. These programs, and so much more, are keeping our team hopeful in the new year. This summer we are looking forward to our first ever Summer School, which will be available for all students at the University of Redlands, alumni, lifelong learners, and local high school students. We also look forward to offering our new certificates - Nonprofit Management, Sports Science, and Cyber Security, all of which are launching in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.

Check our recently updated website often to see what we are up to!



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MEET OUR ENROLLMENT ASSISTANT

Camille Houston has recently taken on a new created role, Enrollment Assistant for the School of Continuing Studies and the School of Business. Working both departments will allow Camille to ensure a smooth pathway for students from SCS into the School of Business.

In SCS, Camille supports students interested in our Professional Certificate programs, Prep Year, and LAUNCH programs. She is our first point of contact with all students and works closely with them to achieve their educational goals.

Camille has been inspired while working with nontraditional students. Their educational journey even inspired her to go back to school. After she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from CSU, Los Angeles, she began her career working for CASA of Los Angeles, a non-profit company that recruits and trains volunteers to advocate for foster youth. After relocating to the Inland Empire from Los Angeles, she continued her career as an Outreach & Admissions Counselor for the Job Corps program, a federally funded program that provides education and career training opportunities for youth ages 16-24.

With each career move, Camille has been motivated by the people around her. In March 2019, she began a new chapter in her life and began working for the University of Redlands. At the U of R, Camille has found her passion for Human Resources Management and obtained a certificate through the School of Continuing Studies (SCS). After being out of school for some time, she truly believes SCS's motto, "Learning is not always linear." Her experience as both a nontraditional student and a graduate from SCS is invaluable. Camille can speak on our certificate programs both as an employee and a student.

Camille resides in the Inland Empire, where she enjoys hiking, road trips, and family game nights with her husband and two children.

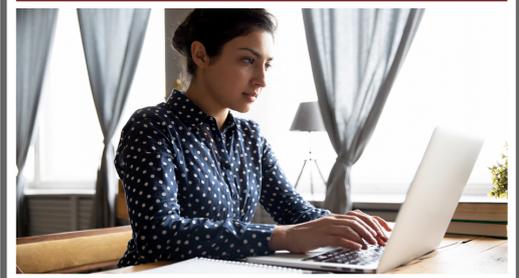
This could be YOU!

Students we want to hear from you and share your success story!

If you are interested in being highlighted please reach out to Deborah Grijalva at deborah_grijalva@redlands.edu with a short blurb and a photo/headshot.

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FIND US ON LINKEDIN!

Last month we launched our LinkedIn profile for the School of Continuing Studies (SCS). We plan to use LinkedIn to grow our enrollments and diversify our adjunct faculty. We will share information on our upcoming programs, updates our following on our growth, and connect to potential partners. Follow us there and help us to build trust and credibility.

Our goal is to use LinkedIn to:

- Share Job Openings
- Offer new content
- Increase Our Search-ability
- Engage with Our Community
- Increase Opportunities for Networking

If you have not already, please take a moment to follow our LinkedIn page, connect with us, and be sure to tag us in any relevant posts.

Happy Networking!



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