Hello EXITO Community,

A big shout out and thank you to all of our Scholars, mentors, and faculty who spread the word to prospective Scholars about EXITO! We are thrilled to begin reviewing applications this week and trust that we will invite another cohort of passionate students to join our community as a part of our fifth EXITO Scholar cohort.

This month, read about Dr. Crespo's trip to see EXITO partners and read/listen to some brilliant EXITO alumni share about their experiences past and present!

-The EXITO staff

What is the best part about traveling across the Pacific Rim to see EXITO partners on remote islands?
For Dr. Carlos Crespo, it is the people and the food!

Traveling reflections

Last month EXITO PI Carlos Crespo spent over a week traveling to visit EXITO’s Pacific Island consortium members. Carlos met with institutional leadership and EXITO faculty, assisted with recruitment efforts for the incoming cohort of Scholars, toured partners’ campuses, and was able to meet with current EXITO Scholars and their families. Along the way, Carlos’ trip was packed with lots of good conversation and sightseeing.

Carlos began his journey on Oahu, Hawaii, where he visited Honolulu, West Oahu, Kapolei, and...
Manoa to connect with EXITO leadership, faculty, researchers and Scholars. From Hawaii, Carlos traveled to Pago Pago in American Samoa. A highlight of this leg of the trip was the opportunity to meet with current Scholars and their families to solicit their feedback on the program.

Next on the itinerary was Guam, where Carlos met with University of Guam leadership, faculty, and Scholars, and spent time with Scholars discussing their plans for the future. Saipan was the final stop and Carlos had a chance to meet with Northern Marianas College institutional leadership, assess the impact of the typhoon on EXITO training activities, meet with current Scholars, and tour the NMC facilities. From Saipan, Carlos traveled back to his home in Portland, energized by the relationships formed while traveling and the insights and perspectives gained from meetings with current Scholars and EXITO community members.

Check out this great article on EXITO mentoring!

This month, a very special EXITO Research Learning Community was featured in the Diversity Program Consortium's Newsletter.

This article highlights the unique model of mentoring in EXITO along with great insight from EXITO community members about how to be on a research team.

This Research Learning Community has a "large and complex web of mentoring relationships" including 'generations' of mentoring that exist within the research setting[...]. The lab staff and students often joke that their mentoring roles are like roles in a family. Now that subsequent cohorts have joined the lab, Mirah [EXITO Alumni] serves as a mentor to new EXITO Scholars by supporting their on-boarding process and providing encouragement as they adjust to work in a hands-on research setting."

Check out the full story here

EXITO Alumni on OHSU podcast!

Did you all hear the latest OHSU Week Podcast? The brilliant Mona Hosseini (former Scholar and current PhD student at Oregon Health & Science University) was interviewed about growing up in Iran, her move to the US, and her research in EXITO and OSHU.

So proud of all you have accomplished Mona and thanks for so courageously sharing your story!

Listen to the episode here

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