Hello EXITO Scholars,

Here's something you may not know: this month is National Mentor Month!

Now here's something that we hope you do know: BUILD EXITO is an exemplary institution for integrating 3 key forms of mentorship as part of our curriculum. Between our faculty, career, and peer mentors, EXITO has prioritized the indispensable and supportive network in which we hope to see our Scholars strive toward their academic and career goals future researchers.

The National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) has invited our BUILD EXITO community to celebrate by highlighting our #MentorshipMoments on the various social media platforms you use.

You have a few more days of January to share your mentoring experience!

Here's your chance to highlight a special connection you have made through your involvement in this program. Here are some tools from NRMN that you can use to spotlight your mentorship moments. Consider using any of the following hashtags in your posts: #MyBUILDmentor #ImAMentee #MyMentor #NRMNMentoringMatters

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Shout out to Elizabeth Perez and Alexandra Gallegos (EXITO Peer Mentor)! Both of these EXITO rockstars were accepted into a summer internship opportunity with HHMI EXROP- Howard Hughes Medical Institute Exceptional Research Opportunities Program! EXROP provides summer research experiences in HHMI scientists’ laboratories to undergraduate students from groups underrepresented in the sciences. Some of the current research projects happening include: Understanding the Neurobiology of Emotion Sex and Fear, Immune System Bioengineering, and Sleep and Aging...
just to name a few. Congrats you two!

**Scholars being AWESOME**

Some of our amazing Scholars who volunteer with NW Noggin have something to say!

Check out Sulema Rodriguez and Heather Hamilton's blog posts, each sharing their personal connection to their research pathway and the amazing work they do with Career Mentor, PSU faculty member Dr. Bill Griesar of NW Noggin (aka speaking to members of Congress in D.C. and presenting at the annual Society for Neuroscience (SfN) conference)!

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**EXITO Program Stuff**

This is the last push until the 2018 EXITO Scholar Application deadline!

Deadline to submit is February 14, 2018 by 12pm (NOON, PST).

Be sure to direct any interested applicants to our website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates and additional resources.

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**EXITO Program Stuff**

RLC Matching Fair in April!

For those of you who will be matched in your RLC this summer, remember the date for the RLC Matching Fair is Friday, April 6th!

The fair will take place in the afternoon. The exact time and other details are forthcoming. Expect an email soon with all the details and key dates for you to prepare for this great event!

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**EXITO Program Stuff**

Transfer Guide

Attention all Scholars who plan to transfer to PSU! Please review the **BUILD EXITO 2018 Transfer Guide** for information on how to apply to PSU as a transfer student, financial aid information, housing information, and scholarships information for Pacific Island Scholars. This guide contains important information concerning the Transfer Form you must complete as part of this process (see below).

Transfer Form

Please complete the Transfer Form as soon as your transfer and summer/fall housing plans have been finalized, but no later than **February 20, 2018**. The purpose of this form is to:

- Notify EXITO at PSU of your transfer plans
- Update your contact information
- Notify EXITO at PSU of completion of transfer milestones (PSU Transfer application, FAFSA, etc.)
- Allow Scholars to request paid campus housing for Induction (*please see the housing section of this guide for more information*)
Good news! The application deadline for the OHSU Summer Equity Research Program has been extended to January 29, 2018 (submit by 11:59pm). The OHSU Summer Equity Internship Program offers an exciting opportunity for diverse students to spend eight weeks working with administrators, faculty, scientists, and graduate students in a research and community based setting.

"Impacts of Historical Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences on American Indian Health" Presented by Dr. Donald K. Warne, MD, MPH

Mark your calendars for the Conversations for Health Equity through Awareness, Action, and Healing event at the OHSU Collaborative Life Sciences Building (2730 SW Moody Ave, Portland, OR 97201) Room 3A002.

When: Thursday, February 1st, 4pm-5pm.

"The Triangle Problem" Presented by Jon Spindor

This is a story of what can happen when someone becomes obsessed with solving a problem. Plan on attending this intriguing talk by Mt. Hood Community College mathematics instructor Jon Spindor to hear about a haunting research question and the connections he made between some classic Euclidean Geometry, trigonometry, and a dash of infinity. Wednesday, January 31st, 5p-6p @ Gregory Forum at Clackamas Community College. Contact Mark Yannotta at marky@clackamas.edu for more information.

Our names are in print!

Last month, many of our EXITO Leadership team successfully submitted a manuscript detailing the BUILD EXITO program model for a special edition BMC supplement- The Diversity Program Consortium: Innovating Educational Practice and Evaluation Along the Biomedical Research Pathways. Click here to read the original research article about our BUILD EXITO program!

Visit our newly updated Scholar Resources Page!