



HOPE SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

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**Hope Scholars Program Coordinator
Kesia Williams**

Kesia spent seven years in the foster care system. Kesia was born in Alameda County but has great ties to San Diego. Kesia graduated from Madison High School in 2005, attended her first year of college at Cuyamaca Community College, transferred to San Francisco State University in 2008, and graduated with her Bachelors in 2011. Kesia earned her Masters in Organizational Management in 2018.

Kesia has worked for renowned nonprofits for over 10 years. Her career in higher education began in 2016 serving as the Student Services Specialist at Cuyamaca Community College for the NextUp! Program. She then served as the foster youth liaison in the Office of Financial Aid at San Diego Mesa College. Prior to joining the UCSD OASIS family, Kesia served as the Guardian Scholars Program Coordinator at San Diego State University. Kesia's passion is helping youth and students become their best selves and is looking forward to working with students to aid in their personal, professional, and educational goals.



**Student Coordinator
Sammie Harmer**

Hi everyone, my name is Sammie and I am a senior in Eleanor Roosevelt College majoring in Political Science: Public Policy, Communications and Sociology. This is my third year working for the Hope Scholars program and I have absolutely loved every minute of it. After spending seven years in foster care, I was incredibly nervous to start college. I felt as though I had no community and I didn't know what to expect. I definitely didn't feel like UCSD is where I belonged. This led me to the Hope Scholars program. My goal is to help create a space for students who come from similar backgrounds to feel supported and build a community throughout their journey in higher education.

Upcoming Events!

- We will be hosting a Time Management workshop on **Thursday, October 28th, 4pm-5pm at OASIS**
- TRIO will be hosting a series of wellness events. Hope Scholars are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Week 5: October 27th, 12 pm-1 pm / Week 7: November 12th, 9 am-10 am**
Zoom ID: 928-8793-4998
- AVC Student Retention and Success will be hosting **National Transfer Student Week from October 18th - 22nd.**
transferstudents.ucsd.edu

Meet our Mentors!



Hi everyone, my name is **Liza Coe** and I'm a fourth-year **gen bio major at Marshall!** I like to draw, play music, and more, but basically arts and crafts!

I wanted to be a mentor so that I could get to know other students who have similar experiences and simply listen and support others in any way I can. Looking forward to meeting y'all and hoping this school year is great for everyone!



Hi! I'm Yuri. I'm a third year. **I like to go hiking, skate, play video games and eat good food!** I

wanted to be a mentor when I entered the program because I always became very close with my own mentors and any mentors I have had throughout my life have benefited me for the best. I love talking to people and I want to be able to affect people in a good way such as my previous mentors. I'm very excited to get to know everyone!



Why a hummingbird?

Because it represents how the impossible can be made into reality. To the observer, the tiny wings of the hummingbird seem like they couldn't handle the flight. Yet they do the impossible and can fly long distances. They never lose their sense of direction or drive to press forward.

Created by Former Hope Scholar Anahi Ibrarra.

Hope Scholars Alumni Class 2020

Fun Fact!

The original name for the search engine Google was Backrub. It was renamed Google after the googol, which is the number one followed by 100 zeros.

Reminders!

- The FAFSA application is available. Please visit [FAFSA® Application](#) to complete your application. Please visit [Get Transcript | Internal Revenue Service](#) to request your supporting documentation.
- The schedule of classes and enrollment appointment times for WI22 should be viewable on **Wednesday, November 3.**

OASIS Academic

Resources Communities!

- **LATS** :Language Arts Tutorial Services (LATS) provides academic support in writing, reading, and study skills through individual tutoring and group workshops. <https://oasis.ucsd.edu/academic-services/lats-folder/index.html>
- MSTP: Math and Science Tutorial Program (MSTP) provides academic support to undergraduate students in lower division chemistry, math, and physics courses through group workshops and drop-in tutoring. <https://oasis.ucsd.edu/academic-services/mstp-folder/index.html>