



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Viewbook | 2023-24

VALUES
INTELLIGENCE
CURIOSITY
DRIVE



= YOU

A vibrant university campus scene. In the background, a large, multi-story beige building with arched windows and a central tower. The foreground is a lush green lawn with several tall palm trees and a large, dense evergreen tree. Numerous students are walking on a paved path, some on bicycles, and others sitting on the grass. The sky is clear and blue.

THIS COULD BE YOUR VIEW



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HI THERE

We think we have something special here at Santa Clara University. There's nothing quite like the combination of our location in the most innovative place on earth and the Jesuit values that guide our vision for a more kind, just, humane, and sustainable planet. But what's really special are the people—the students, mentors, and faculty on campus, and the alumni who have achieved countless measures of success.

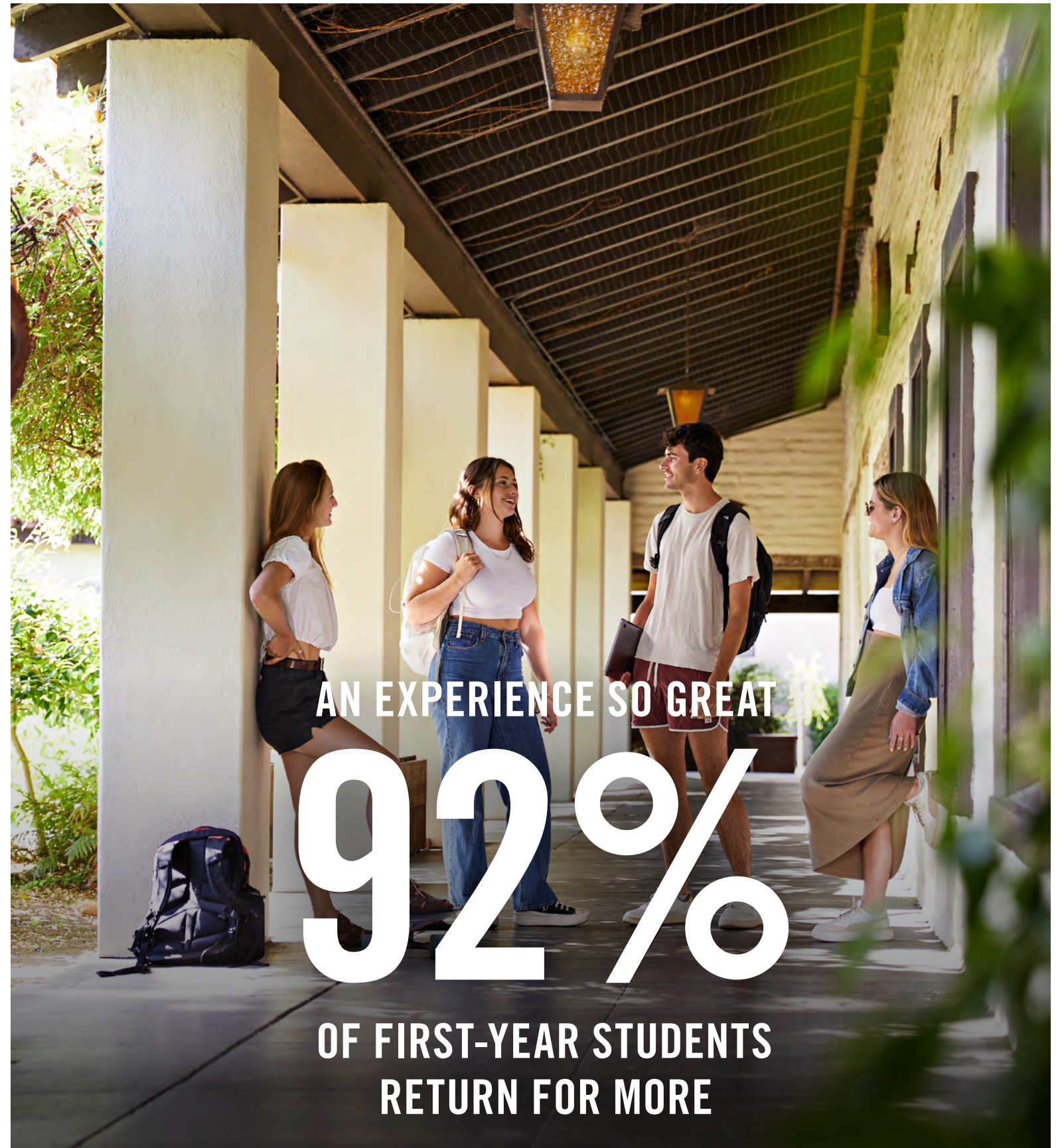
All of these factors make our community unlike any other. At SCU, we work together to create a sense of belonging, build confidence, and support each generation of Broncos as they shape and improve the world. And we are working toward becoming an Hispanic-serving institution (HSI) by increasing our undergraduate Hispanic population and ensuring they can continue to thrive here.

Our request to you is simple: Get to know us, and decide if you can imagine yourself here.

IT'S GOOD TO BE A BRONCO

Santa Clara University has one of the highest retention rates among national universities, and it's easy to understand why. Our courses, experiences available outside of our curriculum, robust student support services, and the sense of community you'll feel from your first day on campus create an environment that's easy to love.

If you become a Bronco, you'll want to stick around.





YOUR CAMPUS GROUP AWAITS

Whether you arrive at SCU with interests in mind or you're still exploring, we probably have a student-run club, event, or group for you. With more than 200 clubs available, you're likely to find a community of students who share your enthusiasm. And if that community doesn't exist, the Center for Student Involvement will guide you in creating something new and help you find a group of students ready to join.



THE CHANGEMAKER

Amana Liddell. Biology student. Ethicist. Doctor-in-training.

Amana Liddell always knew she wanted to be a doctor. But it wasn't until she got to Santa Clara that she considered the kind of doctor she wanted to be. Not in terms of specialty, but impact: how she would serve and advocate for her patients. An Ethics in Healthcare class started Amana down a path that led her to examine broader ethical issues in medicine and the role she could play in fixing them. As a Hackworth Fellow with the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Amana researched the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on marginalized communities. Now, she's applying to medical schools to make her childhood dream a reality.

Why I Chose SCU.

I always pictured myself going to college in California. The weather was amazing and the campus was beautiful. But honestly, the biggest factor was I could see community and connection was a priority here. My tour guide told me one of her classes had just eight students and at the end of the quarter, their teacher had them over for dinner. I liked that. And there were so many opportunities to build community in student organizations. I joined the Pre-Health fraternity Delta Epsilon Mu. I volunteered with the student service organization. I served on the Santa Clara volunteer EMS squad. I found a community of people that way.

How SCU Challenged Me.

Ethics was integrated into all parts of my education. Not just with my Hackworth Fellowship but in class as well. I took molecular biology and genetics classes my junior year and every other week we would debate an ethical issue. One week we'd discuss CRISPR technology and the next we'd talk about GMOs. Those debates taught me science doesn't happen in a bubble. It operates in society and sometimes science develops faster than regulations. We can't just be driven by what's new; we have to think about the impact.

What Makes This Place Special.

Everything I learned in class was applicable to life in some way. Growing up, I never had a doctor who looked like me. It sounds like something so basic, but it's foundational for the relationship between minority communities and physicians. Through the Hackworth Fellowship and my classes, I did meaningful research about the intersection of race and healthcare. I learned how I can integrate my passion for racial justice into my career. It gave me a stronger sense of the kind of doctor I want to be and it will forever be part of the way I practice medicine.

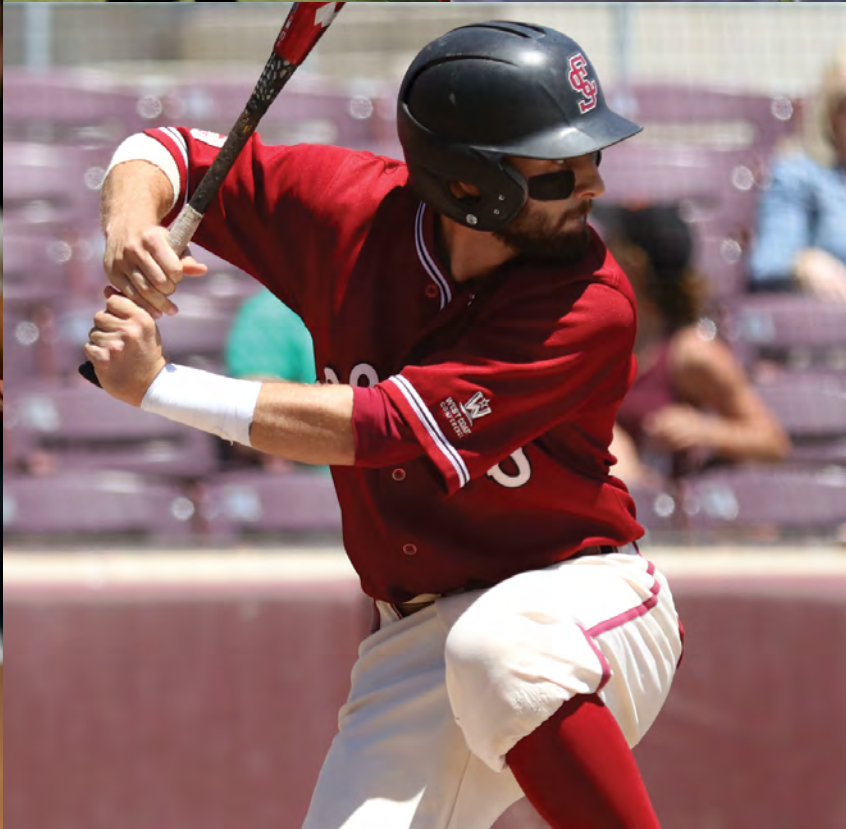
Advice for Incoming Students.

That everyone can make a difference. I'd love to win the Nobel Prize someday, but even if I don't, I can still make a difference. If I can impact someone who impacts someone and they impact someone else, that ripple effect can result in something huge. That's how I picture change happening.

HOUSING WITH PURPOSE

Where you live plays a big role in your college experience. That's why we place students in one of nine Residential Learning Communities (RLCs) where you'll be connected with students who share similar interests. Much more than a place to rest your head, RLCs are designed to inspire, building upon the education you're getting in the classroom. And unlike many universities, RLCs are open to students of any major or minor.





STAMPEDE WITH US

We're home to champions at the highest levels, competitors who participate for the love of the game, and everything in between. Our NCAA Division I student-athletes have the backing of elite coaching and training staffs, faculty, and fellow students. We also offer an incredible variety of club and intramural options—from chess to cornhole, from equestrian to swimming, from ice hockey to field hockey, there are great ways to get in the game. And anyone can join our 2,500 Ruff Riders, getting free admission to all regular-season home athletic events.

THE CREATIVE

Lucy Nino. Communication major. Singer. Storyteller.

Whether singing in the Concerto Aria or working with an Oscar-winning producer for an internship, **Lucy Nino** has always had a passion for the arts. It was important for Lucy, a San Jose native, to attend a university that nurtured that passion, while offering hands-on experience to help her start a career. After earning a degree in communication and a musical theatre minor, Lucy is considering a career in the film industry or entertainment law.

Why I Chose SCU.

It's possible to do so much here. You'd think to study film you'd need to go to college in Los Angeles but I was able to work in the entertainment industry from Santa Clara with the help of faculty and alumni. That's not just true of film but so many different fields. If you're intentional about what classes you take and engage your professors, you can get experience in anything. There's a strong feeling of community here.

My Game-Changer.

My internship with Story Force Entertainment helped me get my foot in the door in film. The internship was fully remote so I had Zoom meetings with my team members in the Bay Area, San Diego, and Washington, D.C. My job was to research possible story ideas. They'd give me a topic and I'd try to find everything I could on it to help my bosses determine if it would make a good pitch for a movie. I learned so much about the world researching these stories, and I learned even more from the amazing women I worked with—Oscar winner Blye Pagon Faust '97, Cori Shepherd Stern, and Mariah Chappell '16, who is another Santa Clara graduate. They were such a great source of inspiration for me.

Advice for future Broncos.

Know your professors. In high school, I always avoided my teachers and flew under the radar but I made the decision to get to know my teachers in college and I'm so glad I did. I got the opportunity to work on a documentary about the American Catholic Church by starting a conversation after class with Professor Michael Whalen. And thanks to the REAL program with the College of Arts and Sciences, I was paid for that experience.

Building lasting connections.

Broncos look out for each other. I was an intern at Santa Clara Magazine for four years and I remember I worked on a story about the entertainment industry. I had to reach out to a lot of SCU alumni working in film and they were so receptive and wonderful to talk to. The fact that they responded at all is amazing. Santa Clara has more than 100,000 alumni around the world and these connections, they run deep.



FIND YOURSELF AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

Santa Clara offers hundreds of opportunities to pursue your interests, encounter new perspectives, deepen your spirituality, and grow in every human dimension. Whether you are a Division I athlete or a Frisbee enthusiast, an urban farmer or a singer, or an idealist who wants to change the world, you'll find your place at SCU.



SMALL CLASSES, BIG POSSIBILITIES

We believe in the power of connected learning communities that extend well beyond the classroom. Our students find inspiration and build knowledge everywhere—in corridors, labs, neighboring communities, residential learning communities, and beyond. Throughout your academic journey, you'll benefit from our supportive student community, accessible faculty, and experienced university staff and advisors. Our commitment to experiential learning will help you translate theory to practice, giving you the best possible preparation for that dream internship, job, or graduate program.

With small classes designed to let every student shine, you'll never feel like just a number.



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U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

POWERED BY OUR PEOPLE

Our reputation within the academic world is easily traceable to the inspiration we see unfolding around us every day. We see faculty and students working together, challenging each other with unique perspectives, and achieving through teamwork. We witness breakthroughs, new friendships, and only-in-Silicon-Valley moments of ingenuity and triumph. We watch students learn lessons abroad that create fresh perspectives at home. And we see graduates succeed in every career path imaginable. At SCU, we have a front-row seat as each member of our community explores, grows, and thrives.



THE IDEA GENERATOR

Prashanth Asuri. Associate Professor. Motivator. Innovator.

As the director of Santa Clara's Healthcare Innovation and Design Program, **Prashanth Asuri** is all about empowering students to develop technologies and services that will revolutionize healthcare and medicine. Through experiential learning with multiple medical and biotechnology companies, Prashanth imagines worlds that don't exist right now, but soon could with the help of SCU students and faculty.

What Brought Me Here.

I wanted to work at a university where teaching and preparing undergraduate students for career pathways in biotechnology and healthcare was a primary goal. And given its location in Silicon Valley, Santa Clara was just perfect. Instilling an entrepreneurial spirit is more than starting a business. It's about how you understand the needs of stakeholders. It's about understanding that value doesn't have to be measured in dollars. It could be societal value; it could be improving the lives of others. Santa Clara understands that.

What Keeps Me Here.

Santa Clara's values. I don't think any of the Jesuit values are rooted solely in religion, but in providing service to humanity. These values support the work I do with students. For example, we were recently awarded funding for a four-year project by the Ferry Foundation to aid people with Alzheimer's. Our program is also scaling our impact with the local community. We're developing a pipeline partnership program with a high school and a pilot program with community colleges. I can't think of other universities whose mission and values would support faculty efforts in this manner.

How SCU Helps Me Make A Difference.

I think of our program as a place for skills development for students, but it's also where we build out their talent. I want them to be excited about learning and passionate about making a difference. And I don't feel like I'm doing this all by myself. Think of our on-campus centers—Miller Center, the Ciocca Center, and the Markkula Center—that focus on innovation, entrepreneurship, and ethics. All of them are looking at the larger problems of the world. We can prepare students for their first few steps, and they learn how they can apply their skills to the emerging world.

What New Students Should Know.

You have to think outside your discipline. Your experience at Santa Clara cannot be reduced to a piece of paper that says you have a bachelor's in some field. It needs to be bigger than that. We have a Healthcare Innovation Fellows Program that we run with LEAD scholars, and when I make my pitch about the program to those students, 50 to 60 percent has little to do with healthcare. I talk about the grand challenges of the world, like climate change or access to drinking water. I tell them if they don't want to sign up to work with me, I won't feel bad, but please, attach yourself to one of these larger problems.



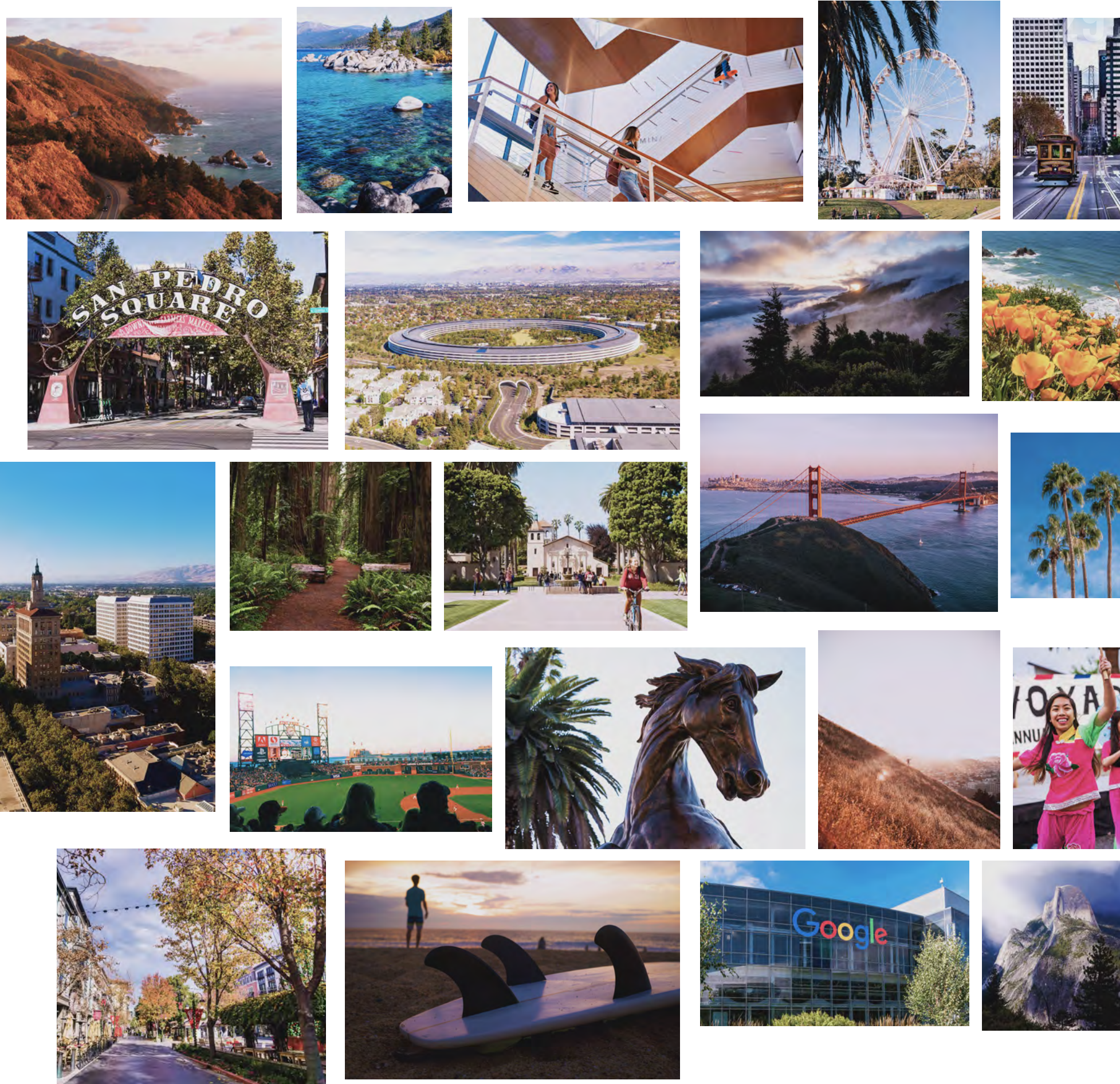


STUDY ABROAD IN MORE THAN 55 COUNTRIES

Almost a third of our students choose to study abroad, taking advantage of our learning opportunities in Africa, the Asia-Pacific region, Europe, or Latin America. We offer programs to students from all majors, with lengths ranging from three weeks to a full semester. Whether you're studying, service learning, or interning, there's a global education opportunity for you.

SILICON VALLEY LIFE

Location matters, and our campus happens to be in one of the best possible places for launching your career. Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area are loaded with opportunities for internships, mentoring, jobs, and volunteering—a significant advantage over students and recent graduates at other universities across the country. Access to influential Bronco alumni and incredible professional and social networking opportunities on- and off-campus are just a short walk, ride, or drive away.



THE SOLUTION FINDER

Jamie Chang. Assistant Professor. Researcher. Humanitarian.

As a public health researcher and professor, **Jamie Chang** focuses her attention on people most abandoned and shut out—those living without homes in encampments. Jamie and her student researchers conduct interviews with unhoused people to learn about the lives and health outcomes of Silicon Valley's most vulnerable. This work, tracking and documenting people's lives in encampments, isn't being done in other places, she says. Without it, officials are operating in the dark when they try to enact policies to keep people healthy and safe.

What Brought Me Here.

At Santa Clara, I have the intellectual freedom to pursue meaningful, purposeful work with my students and colleagues. Right now, we are building a coalition focused on encampment issues. We're a motley crew—the law school, public health, and religious studies are all involved—but we each bring essential strengths. This approach is unique to Santa Clara, where interdisciplinary work is in our DNA. This is a complex crisis, and there is such a profound need to engage all aspects.

What Keeps Me Here.

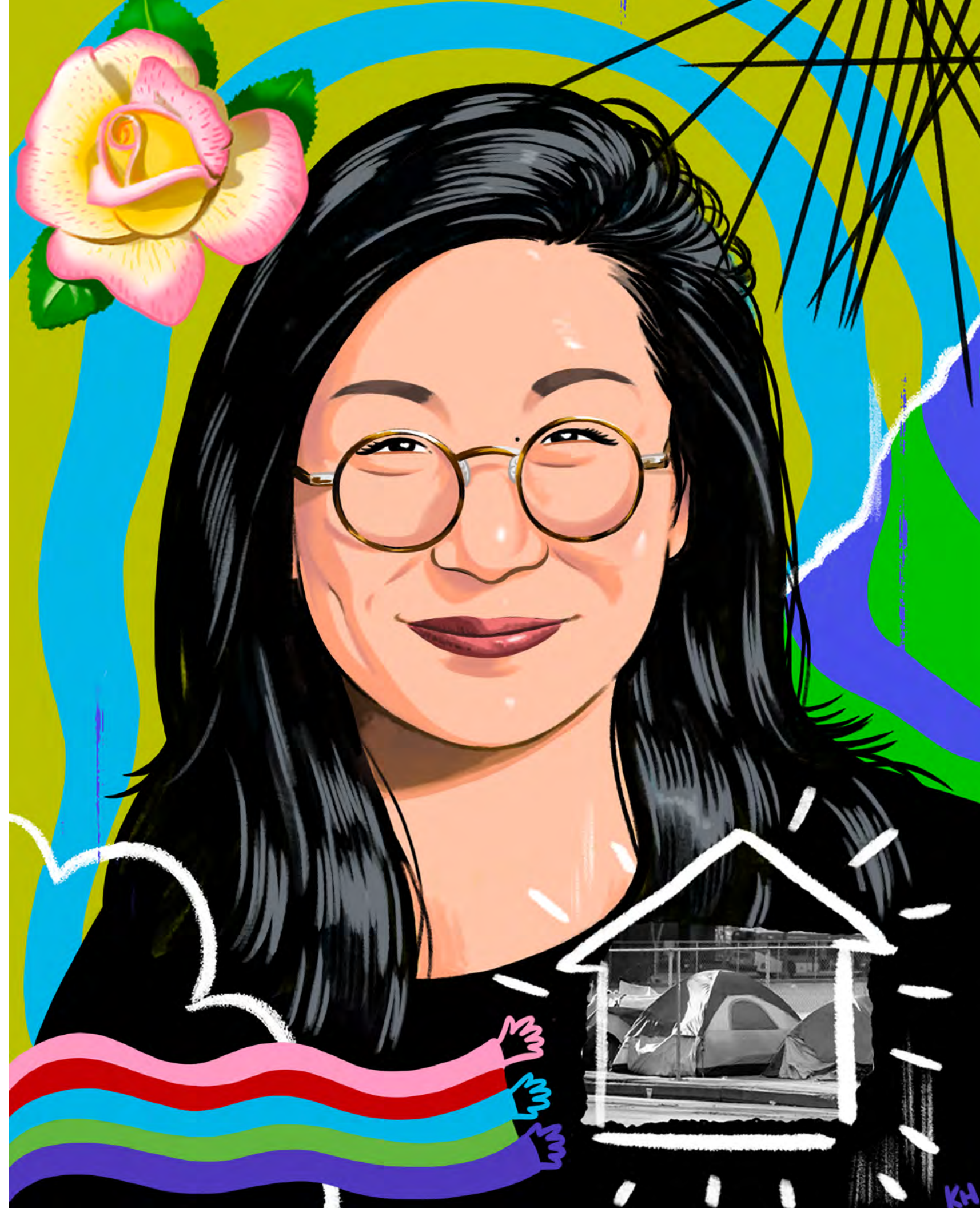
I can see the impact we're having. We train students to learn how to accompany people who are suffering and whose lives may be very different from their own. In this unique environment, students have the freedom to grow intellectually, but also to develop how they practice public health. That's valuable training. I've been here for five years, and there's now a small army of students who were trained at Santa Clara to work with homeless populations with compassion and understanding. And they are out there earning advanced degrees and continuing this work across the country in their community and in clinics.

What Makes This Place Special.

In public health, we can't take concepts like justice and equity for granted. We know these are values that must be actively pursued and fought for. Here at SCU, the public health department is built around training students to discover and examine the architectures of our society—the policies, structures, institutions—and actively plan how justice can be designed into these systems. The public health department is focused on building hands-on training experiences into students' education. You don't have to build up to an internship here. In fact, lower division courses start with community training. We can't stop at textbook learning—training involves the everyday, complex lives of real people

What New Students Should Know.

Life is not a marathon or sprint, it's a relay race. We are part of a team. We all need support. Santa Clara provides that for students from all backgrounds. Faculty here go beyond advising, into mentorship. In the classroom, students make space for one another and support one another's goals. There are countless clubs, activity groups, extracurricular endeavors, scholarly and otherwise, where you will find your team.



AIM FOR THE HIGHEST AWARDS

Since the program's inception in 1946, SCU has produced 57 Fulbright winners. Our graduates have a history of earning top recognitions like the Rhodes, Knight-Hennessy, and many others, giving them extraordinary pathways to advance their undergraduate research in their chosen fields. You can apply with confidence, knowing that our incredible immersion opportunities and a hands-on advisory team will have you prepared to shine.





IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY AT SCU

Well, almost always. In Santa Clara County, we enjoy an average high temperature of 72 degrees and 300 days of sun every year. That means any time you take a study break, you can step outside and soak up some rays. With so many activities nearby, you will always be finding new ways to enjoy our spectacular weather. So put on that sunscreen and start exploring.

LET'S GET TO WORK

Job markets and career opportunities are constantly changing. The best way to position yourself for success in any field or employment environment is to start with a strong foundation. At Santa Clara University, we take a holistic approach to education and career preparation, giving you the skills and knowledge to thrive.

It won't always be easy. We will challenge you to think critically, take risks, and take charge. Through a variety of experiential learning opportunities, we will push you to apply what you learn in the classroom to the real world. One thing's certain—the effort will be worth it. For more than 170 years, our people and programs have consistently positioned students and graduates for the careers they want most. And our career services team will support you during and after your time as a student.

So go ahead—dream big. We'll have your back every step of the way.



86%
**OF GRADUATES LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME
WORK FOUND IT WITHIN SIX MONTHS**

THE BIG THINKER

Sam Bertram '16, M.S. '18. Alumnus. Athlete. Entrepreneur.

Sam Bertram's big idea started with a number: 1.1 billion. That was the number of malnourished people in the world at the turn of the millennium. As an intern in the Robotics Systems Lab at Santa Clara, Sam read an article on food insecurity and decided he wanted to do something. Working under Professor Chris Kitts, Sam developed an artificial intelligence-driven, automated vertical farming system for indoor farming. Today, his company, OnePointOne, makes robotic systems capable of cultivating high-quality fruits and vegetables in warehouses around the world, including food deserts. For his work, Sam was named to Forbes 30 under 30 for Social Impact in 2022.

Why I Chose SCU.

I came to the U.S. from Australia to play tennis when I was 18. After two years at Fresno City College, I decided to transfer and get into engineering. SCU had a nanotechnology center, which was rare. Proximity to Silicon Valley was also important and ended up being massive for my career. With the amount of venture capital dollars in this region, ideas can turn into a business quickly. I ended up meeting one of my early investors through tennis lessons I was giving. He worked in leadership at Microsoft and Xerox and was the single greatest catalyst to get my and my brother's business up and running.

How SCU Challenged Me.

Jesuit education is about solving problems for the greater good of others. Santa Clara challenged me as an engineer to get out and talk to other humans and learn about their problems. In my product design classes, from Day 1 it was "talk to the customer, talk to the customer, talk to the customer." So not just innovating, but doing it with a person in mind, which is not something you get out of a typical engineering degree. In one class we had to develop a mechanism to help people in wheelchairs open doors because that can be very difficult. It was a small solution and you don't start a business from it, but I realized I liked engineering practical solutions to help people.

What Makes This Place Special.

My relationships with my professors. I can point to three or four times where if it weren't for my professors, I would not be here. Chris Kitts, who is founder of the Robotics Systems Laboratory, is an absolute force. I was not a high quality student. The people sitting next to me in the robotics lab were all super smart. I was sort of the outlier. What I did have was my work ethic and my attitude. He saw that and he pushed me. I never wanted to let him down. He treats you like an adult and that's good.

Message to Incoming Students

Focus on how you can provide value to the world. You have an opportunity 7.8 billion people would kill for. Don't coast through it. Squeeze as much as you can out of it and yourself to provide value for others. In the end, happiness is fleeting. The best way to provide fulfillment is providing value to others. Do not waste your time.





Steve Nash '96, two-time NBA MVP, eight-time All-Star, and member of basketball Hall of Fame; Brooklyn Nets Head Coach

WE'VE WALKED MORE THAN
165
GRADUATING CLASSES



Shemar Moore '92, producer and actor; eight-time winner, NAACP Image Awards



Khaled Hosseini '88, author, "The Kite Runner," "A Thousand Splendid Suns"



Julie Johnston Ertz '14, 2017 U.S. Soccer Female Player of the Year; Women's World Cup winner

ONCE A BRONCO, ALWAYS A BRONCO

With more than 105,000 Bronco alumni in more than 100 countries around the world, you're sure to make valuable connections wherever you end up. Graduates become members of the Santa Clara University Alumni Association, opening doors to meaningful professional opportunities and lifelong relationships. No matter where your journey leads, you'll find a Bronco nearby to support you.



Gavin Newsom '89, Governor, California; former mayor, San Francisco



Allison Kopf '11, entrepreneur; Forbes 30 Under 30 and 2021 Global Women Fresh "Woman of Impact"



Gisel Ruiz '92, former executive vice president and chief operating officer, Walmart

GO ANYWHERE FROM HERE

There's something special about living and learning in one of the most innovative places on Earth. We have a mindset that no idea or solution is too big or too challenging to pursue. Whether brainstorming with local tech titans or traveling the globe to make your mark, there's a sense that almost anything's possible when your headquarters is nestled in Silicon Valley.

Where will your Santa Clara University journey take you?



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

At Santa Clara University, we're proud to offer a rigorous, contemporary education that fosters critical, creative, and reflective thinking—to build a more humane, just, and sustainable world. To do that, we need the next generation of remarkable student leaders. Those with competence, conscience, and compassion. We think you may be among them. Are you one of us?

We can't wait to find out.



89%

FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATE

OUR ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

The Rundown. Benchmarks, Costs, Deadlines.

Undergraduate Student Body, Fall 2022

Total undergraduate enrollment

6,115

Total states represented

48

Total countries represented

43

Gender balance

51% MALE, 49% FEMALE

First-year students who continue to second year

92%

Four-year graduation rate

89%

Ethnic Diversity

Asian

26%

Black or African American

3%

Caucasian

40%

Hispanic/Latino

19%

Multiethnic

10%

Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian

<1%

Not reported

2%

Transfer Students, Fall 2022

Students applied

1,040

Acceptance rate

45%

Students enrolled

196

First-Year Students, Fall 2022

Total students applied

16,650

Acceptance rate

52.1%

Students enrolled

1,638

Middle 50% SAT scores (enrolled)*

640–720 CRITICAL READING, 650–760 MATH*

Middle 50% ACT scores (enrolled)*

29–33 COMPOSITE*

Cost/Financial Assistance

2023–2024 tuition

\$58,587

2023–2024 room and board

\$17,967

Undergraduate students awarded financial aid

75%

Average financial aid awarded

\$29,245

Dates and Deadlines

First-Year Students

NOVEMBER 1

Deadline for Early Decision I and Early Action

JANUARY 7

Deadline for Early Decision II and Regular Decision

OCTOBER 1

Deadline for winter start

Transfer Students

JANUARY 7–APRIL 15

Rolling admission for fall start

OCTOBER 1

Deadline for winter start

For more academic information, visit scu.edu/profile

* Santa Clara University is test-optional. Visit scu.edu/test-optional to learn more.



STUDY WHAT YOU LOVE

Numerous Paths. Majors, Minors, Special Programs.

College of Arts and Sciences

African American Studies*

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Arabic, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies*

Art History

Asian American Studies*

Asian Studies*

Biochemistry

Biology

Biotechnology*

Catholic Studies*

Chemistry

Child Studies §

Classics

Communication §

Computer Science

Creative Writing*

Dance

Digital Filmmaking*

Economics

Engineering Physics §

English

Environmental Science §

Environmental Studies

Ethnic Studies

French and Francophone Studies

Graphic Design*

History

Individual Studies §

International Studies*

Italian Studies

Japanese Studies*

Journalism*

Latin American Studies*

Latina/o/x Studies*

Mathematics

Music

Musical Theatre*

Neuroscience §

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science

Premodern Studies*

Professional Writing*

Psychology §

Public Health Science

Religious Studies

Sociology

Spanish Studies

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Theatre

Theatre Design and Technology*

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For Future Lawyers, Doctors, Dentists, and Teachers

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* Program offered as minor only

+ Minor only open to Business majors

§ Major only

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Connect with current students on Bronco Exchange at
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