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Spring 2019



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# SPRING CALENDAR

2019

## APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Orientation Apr 1, 9-6p
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Every Saturday Online Workshop & help 10-2p
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Every Saturday Online Workshop & help 10-2p
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Irvine workshop & drop-in help Apr 27 10-2p
28	29	30	San Diego, 5-6p Every Monday APA Workshop & drop-in help				

## MAY 2019

			1	2	3	4	Every Saturday Online Workshop & help 10-2p
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Every Saturday Online Workshop & help 10-2p
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Irvine workshop & drop-in help May 18, 10-2p
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Every Saturday Online Workshop & help 10-2p
26	27	28	29	30	31		May 27: Memorial Day No classes

## JUNE 2019

San Diego -Every Monday APA Workshop & drop-in help 5-6p						1	Irvine workshop & drop-in help Jun 1, 10-2p
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Every Saturday Online Workshop & help 10-2p
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	June 15 Last day of classes
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	

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# CAREER SERVICES

## San Diego

Monday to Friday | 11am - 6pm

## Irvine

April 27, May 18 and June 1 | 10am - 2pm

## Las Vegas

upon request via zoom

## Online

Monday to Friday | 11am - 6pm \*by appointment

Check on your campus when  
is the next field trip!



For any further question contact your  
career service advisor by email:  
**[careerservices@ssu.edu](mailto:careerservices@ssu.edu)**

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Bradley Pamintuan Tolentino is an international student from Angeles City, Philippines. He finished his elementary and high school in Chevalier School and his bachelor's degree in Angeles University Foundation both located in Angeles City, Philippines. He graduated and earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration at Southern States University in March of 2016 and earned a Diploma Course in Marketing at Orange Coast College in 2017.

Before Bradley decided to take further studies here in the USA, he already had professional experiences from different industries and institutions in the Philippines.

He was part of the government's Plan 5M Project of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH) where he played a very important role in the Information Services department to locate and encode at least five million indigenous people of the whole country and would provide them free health insurance cards for the first year. After serving the government, Bradley decided to test his abilities to the next level, he became the Marketing Manager/Branch Operations Head of JTP Medical & X-ray Services (Diagnostic Laboratory). Bradley's primary responsibility is to market potential local establishments and industries to exclusively send their employees for pre-employment medical exams, quarterly, semi-annual and annual physical exams including random drug testing.

After two years of successfully operating the diagnostic laboratory, Bradley decided to move to the biggest mall franchising in Southeast Asia which is the SM Supermalls. With



the marketing and operations background, Bradley quickly became knowledgeable with the mall/department store selling operations. At SM Department Store is where he met his then now wife Mrs. Amanda Tolentino. Both supervisors in different departments, Bradley and Amanda bore two beautiful boys named Tristan Jean and Kyles Ethan.

After one year at SM Department Store, Bradley tried his potential in the academe at his alma mater where he finished his bachelor's degree Angeles University Foundation (AUF) and the rest was history. In 2007, he started to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) with international students mostly Koreans. The same year, Bradley was hired as the staff assistant of the AUF - Office of International Affairs and got promoted as the Assistant to the Director the year after.

In 2010, Bradley became the Officer-in-Charge and Acting Director of the AUF Alumni Affairs and Placement Services and a member of the AUF College of Business and Accountancy faculty at the same time. Bradley's experiences were mostly administrative and management positions until the last position he served were the Head of the Housekeeping Services and Campus Management also at AUF.

Currently, Bradley along with his wife Amanda, sons Tristan Jean and Kyles Ethan were under the employment sponsorship in one of the best companies in Los Angeles area. Bradley is always looking ahead of the future. His passion and love for his education and most importantly the value of education are his best weapons in successful and productive life. Bradley loves helping people who are in need and he sees helping people as making other people's lives better without expecting anything in return. Lastly, Bradley is currently taking Master of Science in Information Technology at Southern States University and became very in touch and loyal to SSU since he started to pursue his studies here.

[Check on the website](#)



# CHANCELLOR'S LIST

## SPRING 2019

SSU regularly recognizes students who have achieved a GPA of 3.8 or higher during the previous quarter by including their names on the Chancellor's List. Students listed here achieved this honor in the Winter 2019 quarter. The high caliber of scholarship achieved by these students enhances the quality of education for all of our students at our learning community. I congratulate them for their contribution to scholarly life at Southern States University. - John D. Tucker, Chancellor

### **Irvine - MBA**

Damir Abakachev  
Sadok Abdelli  
Luis Adorno Bandeira Assumpcao  
Abdalfatih Wael Ahmad Amin  
Laith Alfaouri  
Marwan Alkhaleel  
Mohammad Abdelmajid Ayesh Amro  
Mekan Atayev  
Adriana Babinski  
Brahim Baccour  
Hani Banoub  
Mohammed Abdelrahem Ben Mansour  
Fatma Nur Can Yilmaz  
Bruna Da Silva Arruda Farinha  
Mehmet Goktepe  
Yury Ishin  
Aynur Kenjaeva  
Alper Kilic  
Aysun Kilic  
Gulsun Kilic  
Vladyslava Kozachyshche  
Thanh Thuy Lan Le  
Luciana Longhi Morelato  
Sutinee Metatranukul  
Mohammed Munshi  
Priscila Nunes Da Silva  
Luciana Pinheiro Barile  
Khadija Rabeh EP Zouari  
Patricia Zanon Ramos  
Giselle Ramos Pimenta  
Flavia Paula Sartorio Gava  
Kazuma Sonoda  
Natsumi Takahashi  
Ozkan Topalel  
Busra Topaloglu  
Yuta Tsujioka  
Omer Yildiz  
Fernando Zaparoli

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### **San Diego - BBA**

Igor Jacobini

### **San Diego - Certificates**

Renato Antonelli  
Yasemen Balci  
Carmen Gomide

### **San Diego - MBA**

Berkay Baycelebi  
Anuar Bektassov  
Bertha Maria Cuevas Padilla  
Begum Nur Demir  
Halit Fidan  
Fuat Kamis  
Fatih Kus  
Patrik Puska  
Rarinthon Rayothee  
Bussayanee Tonngam  
Renata Venturini Pereira

### **San Diego - MSIT**

Arabella De Guzman Del Mundo  
James Jacob

### **Irvine - BBA**

Kawtar Ben Hadouch  
Hong Ge  
Juliana Hanna  
Kuniko Komyo  
Johnny Le

### **Irvine - Certificates**

Randel D'souza

### **Irvine: MSIT**

Sathish Bere  
Beamy Kuchii  
Ahmad Zamil



# FACULTY RECOGNITION

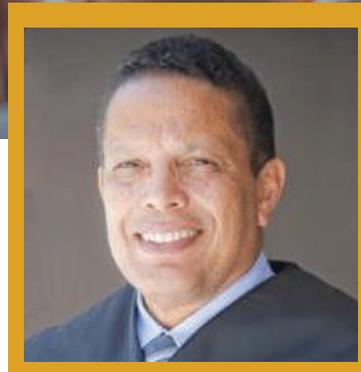
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YEAR MARK  
(OR MORE)



**Claudia Araiza, PhD**

Teaching Areas: economics,  
statistics, and business



**Harold Rucker, JD**

Teaching Areas: law, commu-  
nications, business, and  
history



**Dianne Harmata, JD**

Teaching Areas: law, finance,  
and business



# FACULTY RECOGNITION

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YEAR MARK  
(OR MORE)



**Peggy Bilbruck, EdD**  
Teaching Areas: marketing  
and business



**Kari Laitinen, MBA, Exec.JD**  
Teaching Areas: finance and  
business



**Cindy Tran, JD**  
Teaching Areas: law, finance,  
and accounting



**Eileen Gonzales, MS**  
Teaching Areas: math,  
statistics, and science



**John Scholte, MDiv**  
Teaching Areas: humanities,  
English, communications,  
and history



# FACULTY RECOGNITION

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YEAR MARK  
(OR MORE)



**William Taylor, MBA**

Teaching Areas: business and  
accounting



**Duane Carter, JD**

Teaching Areas: law, English,  
communications, and history



**Michelle Bonny, EdD**

Teaching Areas: communica-  
tions and business

*Congratulations to all and  
Thank You for your support!*

# NEW EMPLOYEES



**Jonathan Cotrin** is a student from Brazil in the Certificate Program. He studied International Business at Univali Itajaí Santa Catarina. He is a student ambassador at the San Diego campus, studying marketing and communication. He speaks English, Spanish and Portuguese.



**Aisha Cunha** is a graduate of the Master of Business Administration Program at Southern States University. Her professional background is in Marketing, Event Planning and Project Management. She has over 10 years of leadership experience with renowned international companies including IBM, DHL and Citibank, where she served as senior coordinator in the events field for Marketing and Human Resources. Events and professional development have always been her core passions. Currently, she dedicates her full-time position to guiding SSU students in their career journey focusing on career advising, resume/cover letter production, LinkedIn profiles and interview techniques.



**Octavio** graduated from Tecnológico de Baja California as engineer in Computer Science and Telecommunications in Tijuana, Mexico. His professional work experience includes 7 years in IT at a manufacturing company where he used to repair computers, printers, laptops, tablets, smartphones, and also he has developed internal websites with programming languages like HTML, PHP, Java, CSS, ASP.Net C#, Python, MySQL and SQL, which he has learned from online courses. During this period of time, he was involved in virtualization, server's administration, surveillance cameras, system upgrades (Windows Linux, Mac). He took some courses during his work at the manufacturing company, like Writing Queries Using Microsoft SQL Server 2008, Maintaining a Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Database, Responsive Web Design with HTML5 and CSS3, MySQL, Ethical Hacking. He is learning how to develop applications for iOS and Android. In his spare time, he likes to create 3D objects and scenes.



## Accreditation news:

The Chancellor John Tucker and Site Directors Bill Doyle and Beate Berg are attending the ACICS Reaccreditation Workshop. #ACICS#SouthernStatesUniversity #ssu



- Chancellor John Tucker & Chief Academic Officer Claudia Araiza represented SSU at the annual WSCUC Academic Resource Conference in Garden Grove April 10-12th. Approximately 200 WSCUC accredited colleges & universities participated in sessions focusing on academic excellence at top institutions throughout California, Hawaii & the Pacific Islands.

For more details: **CLICK HERE** or check on the link: <https://www.arc.wscuc.org>

- WSCUC Assessment Leadership Academy: Chancellor John Tucker is representing SSU in the WSCUC Assessment Leadership Academy (ALA) focusing on issues of effective assessment of student learning. The ALA is a competitive, intensive year-long program consisting of approximately 30 WSCUC accredited colleges & universities. This is the first time SSU is participating alongside leading universities in California and Hawaii. For more details **CLICK HERE** or check on the link: <https://www.wscuc.org/ala/overview>

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Sunday, June 23, 2019.

Location: Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 W Mission Bay Dr,  
San Diego, CA 92109

Date: Sunday, June 23, 2019.

## Agenda:

Mandatory Rehearsal (Students Only): 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Reception (Students & Guests): 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Ceremony (Students & Guests): 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**You will be getting an email from  
Career Services shortly.**



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## SPRING 2019 - LIBRARIAN AVAILABILITY

San Diego: every Monday 5p-6p

Irvine: April 27, May 18, June 1 10a-2p

Online: every Saturday 10a-2p & by appointment

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# CPT & OPT

## UNDERSTAND



## CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING

### **Where can I submit my CPT application?**

A request for authorization for curricular practical training must be made to the DSO using an SSU CPT application form. (<http://www.ssu.edu/wp-content/uploads/SSU-CPT-Application-Form.pdf>)

### **When can I apply for CPT?**

You are eligible to apply for CPT after studying for one full academic year in an SEVP-approved institution. One academic year is defined as three quarters for the BBA program and three quarters for the MBA program.

### **How much is the SSU CPT application fee?**

The SSU CPT application fee is \$100.00.

### **Am I eligible for CPT if I am not in good academic standing?**

No. Students must be in good academic standing to be eligible to apply for CPT. Those who are on academic probation are not considered to be in good academic standing.

### **Do I have to have a job offer to apply for CPT?**

Yes. You have to provide your DSO with an employment offer letter that states the job title, intended start date, whether the position is full time (21 or more hours per week) or part time (20 or less hours per week), name, email, phone number of supervisor, employer tax number (EIN) and specific job duties. The letter must be submitted on official company letterhead with an official signature.

### **How much CPT am I eligible for?**

Students who use more than 12 months of full time CPT (this option is not available for SSU students) are no longer eligible to apply for OPT. Part time CPT does not impact eligibility for OPT.

### **Can I work for any job with my CPT authorization?**

No. CPT authorization is only granted for employment directly related to the curriculum within your program of study.

### **Can I work on CPT during a Leave of Absence?**

Yes, with DSO approval.

### **Do I have to pay taxes?**

Yes, as with any work in the United States, individuals must pay taxes on their income.

## **OPT requires adjudication from USCIS.**

Contact your DSO before the beginning of the last quarter!  
OPT requirements:

- 1) One full academic year (3quarters) completed
- 2) Minimum GPA of 2.0 (BBA) and 3.0 (MBA)

You should contact the DSO at your campus and inform them that you would like to apply for OPT. You will need to pay the \$100 application fee. Once you have met all requirements, your DSO will issue an OPT-request 1-20. You can apply 90 days before or up to 60 days after your program completion date. The OPT start time cannot be more than 60 days after completion.

Then you will need to put together a package containing the following:

- Form I-765 (<https://www.uscis.gov/i-765>) (Please read the instructions!!!)
- COPY of the OPT request 1-20
- Copy of the passport, visa, I-94 (front and back)
- 2 passport-sized photos
- Check/money order in the amount of \$410 (payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security)

This packet must be sent within 30 days of issuance of OPT request 1-20 to the following address:

For U.S. Postal Service  
(USPS):  
USCIS  
P.O. Box 21281  
Phoenix, AZ 85036

For FedEx, UPS, and DHL  
deliveries:  
USCIS  
Attn: NFB AOS  
1820 E. Skyharbor Circle  
S Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

# OPT

## OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING

The average processing time is 90 days.

Once you have been approved, you will receive an EAD card. Then you will need to bring the EAD card and the job offer letter to your DSO.

The offer letter must include:

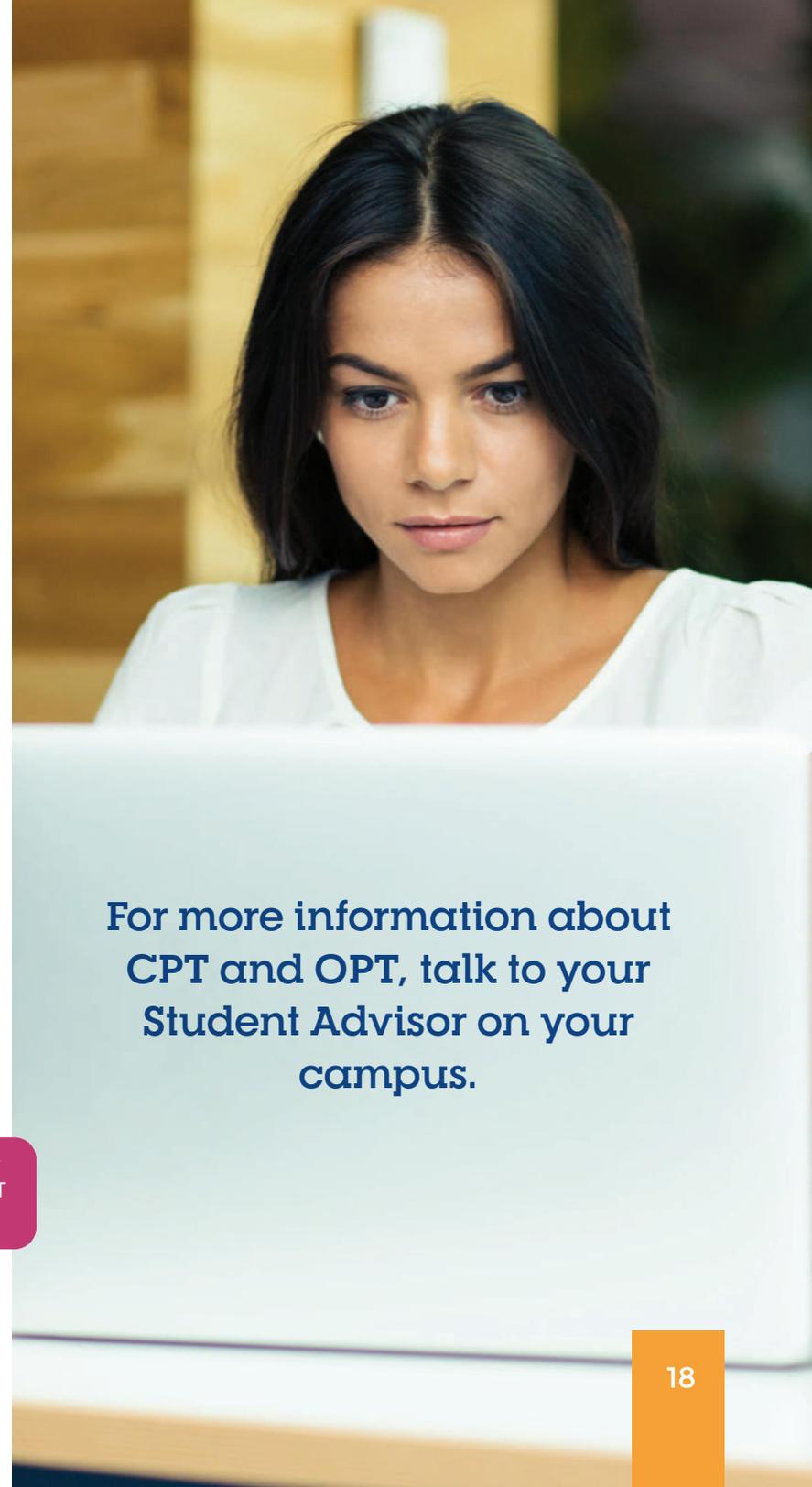
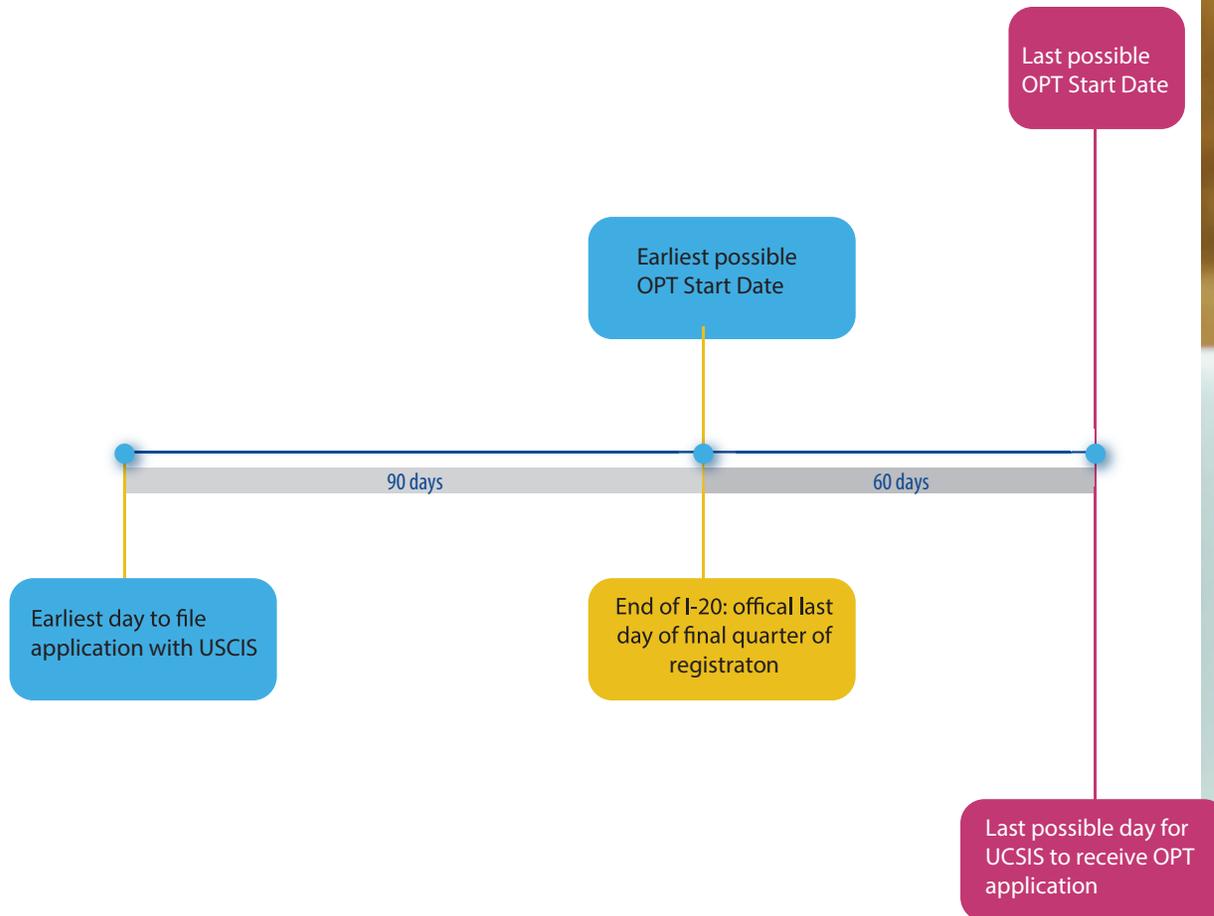
- Company letterhead with location address (also the physical location student will be employed)
- Date
- Student's full name
- Start date of employment
- Full-time or Part-time employment
- Your position and title
- List of job description and duties (these items must be integrally related to your curriculum)
- General rule: must relate to at least two courses you have taken
- Signature and contact information of the hiring person

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Student is only allowed 90 days of unemployment during approved OPT period!!!

# OPT

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## TIMELINE



For more information about  
**CPT and OPT**, talk to your  
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