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# DEAN'S LIST

SPRING 2020

SU 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 2020 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

## SAN DIEGO – GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN BA

- Murillo Areda
- Jessica De Souza Moreira
- Fernanda Stefania Dela Colecta Garcia
- Bruno Oliveira Pinheiro
- Isabela Rodrigues De Carvalho

## SAN DIEGO - MBA

- Cezar Magalhaes De Almeida
- Lilian Andressa Alves Antunes
- Fabio Augusto Andrade
- Patricia Andrade Sanchez
- Ugur Bayraktar
- Bertha Maria Cuevas Padilla
- Svetlana Dorofeeva
- Gaudenz Andre Graf Calderon
- Korrakot Intharaprasert
- Daniella Hitomi Ito
- Hussein Kichwabuta
- Fatih Kus
- Joao Paulo Leite
- Thabata Lima Ferreira
- Claudia Maria Nizich
- Somaya Shawkat
- Bruna Spera Martins
- Panuma Suwan

## SAN DIEGO – MSIT

- Gazel Armagan
- Berke Cakir
- Bhanupratapsinh Dilipsinh Chavda
- Yasin Demir
- Sudhir Prabhakar Dorle
- Fernanda Finkler
- Rustem Jantayev
- Arabella De Guzman Samain
- Renata Venturini Pereira
- Ibrahim Vidinli

## IRVINE - BBA

- Kawtar Ben Hadouch
- Alangkhan Chantharadee
- Priscila Garcia Mauricio
- Hong Ge

## IRVINE – MBA

- Mekan Atayev
- Adriana Babinski
- Muhammet Fatih Bayraktar
- Fatma Nur Can Yilmaz
- Rogério Adriano Dalceno Lemos
- Mark Tristan Enriquez
- Vladyslava Kozachyshche
- Thanh Thuy Lan Le

- Yangsong Lin
- Archibald Masbang
- Sofia Mbega
- Sutinee Metatranukul
- Paulo Leonardo Montero Arcila
- Khadija Rabeh EP Zouari
- Natsumi Takahashi

## IRVINE: MSIT

- Saad Ashraf
- Sathish Bere
- Uyanga Ganbat
- Mariia Viktorovna Gerbersgagen
- Jackson Gregory Raj
- Amrit Kafle
- Beamy Kuchii
- Robson Paiva da Silva
- Rafael Ramos Teixeira
- Gabriel Redondo Ferrari
- Daniel Rodrigues Aguiar
- Sei Shu
- Meena Singh
- Tariq Mohd Khier I Talafha
- Carmen Sofia Valera Caicedo
- Ahmad Zamil



# FACULTY

# SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Cook's love for computers started in 1986 by attending night programming courses while living in El Paso, Texas. Learning how to program in RPGI, RPGII, Fortran, and tinkering with the IBM 360 systems led to a lifelong passion in Electronics and Information Systems. Dr. Cook joined the United States Air Force and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from East Carolina University. After leaving the service and relocating to San Diego, California, Dr. Cook earned a Master of Science degree in Software Engineering from National University. Immerse in the industry, after 10 years of employment as Chief Information Officer for a large manufacturing company in San Diego, Dr. Cook successfully completed a Ph.D. in Information Technology from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Cook has been involved in academic endeavors for the past 16 years teaching many Information Technology and Electronics courses in the San Diego area. Nowadays, Dr. Cook spends his time between family, a full time IT job, consulting, teaching, and he still tinkers with robotics and numerical machines eager to pass some of that passion to new generations. Professor Cook is a Part-Time Adjunct Faculty at the San Diego Campus.



## NAFSA Applauds Decision to Rescind ICE Guidance Threatening International Students with Deportation

July 14, 2020

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, July 14, 2020 – Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agreed to rescind the guidance issued by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) on July 6, 2020, which would have banned nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 students attending schools operating entirely online from remaining in the U.S. while taking a full online course load. DHS rescinded the Fall 2020 guidance in response to a lawsuit from Harvard University & the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and widespread backlash, and reverted back to the guidance issued in March. For Fall 2020, international students in the United States will be allowed to take more than one virtual class and still maintain active student status. The following is a statement by Dr. Esther D. Brimmer, Executive Director and CEO of NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

“Today’s decision is a victory for campuses and communities across the nation. The July 6 guidance dangerously linked international students’ legal status to their institution’s decision-making on how best to navigate keeping their campus community safe during a highly unpredictable pandemic. It put university administrators in the position of weighing the deportation of valued members of their campus community against the public health risks of holding in-person classes. We are heartened to see the guidance put to rest.

“While this is a positive outcome, we cannot ignore the damage inflicted by the perception of the July 6 guidance – the administration was willing, until this guidance was rescinded, to force international students to choose between maintaining legal immigration status and what is best for their health and safety. Immigration policies need to be fair in order to help win back the confidence of international students, confidence that has been lagging as shown by three straight academic years of declining new international student enrollment (nearly 11% since fall 2016). The COVID-19 pandemic in the United States remains unpredictable and institutions must be trusted and be given the authority to make decisions that are right for their campuses based on their local circumstances and the safety and well-being of all involved. We will continue to work with our coalition partners and take every avenue available to us to advocate for international students.”

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**About NAFSA:** With more than 10,000 members, NAFSA: Association of International Educators is the world’s largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education. Visit us at [www.nafsa.org/press](http://www.nafsa.org/press). To learn more about our advocacy efforts on behalf of international education, visit [www.ConnectingOurWorld.org](http://www.ConnectingOurWorld.org). Resources to guide our members on these issues can be found at [www.nafsa.org/reginfo](http://www.nafsa.org/reginfo).



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## Tips



## DOWNLOAD THE MOODLE APP

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# SSU CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION MOVED ONLINE EFFECTIVE SPRING QUARTER

Consistent with other accredited universities in California, Nevada and throughout the US, Southern States University converted all classroom instruction to online modality only effective with the start of Spring Quarter on April 6, 2020 (returning students on April 13, 2020).

This action was being taken in response to the coronavirus pandemic in an effort to help contain the spread of the virus. For those students studying on F-1 visas, rest assured that the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) has issued guidance enabling a full course of study to be delivered entirely online in response to this international health crisis. Your F-1 status will remain active with all classes delivered online.

Should any currently enrolled students need or wish to make arrangements to complete the current quarter remotely, please contact your instructors to make the necessary arrangements.

All SSU offices and services remain open to serve our students. Our staff can be contacted as usual during business hours, including remotely, to address whatever needs you may have.

Lastly, please observe the precautions we are all being advised to take by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Those include frequent hand washing (at least 20 seconds); limit physical contact with others such as handshakes or hugs; and avoiding large crowds (including during spring break). For up-to-date information on the coronavirus, please see the C.D.C. website at this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Thank you all for doing your part in addressing this international health crisis.

# ONLINE

# STUDY

# TIPS



## SET A MAJOR GOAL

When you set goals that are personally important, you're more likely to manage your time in a way to accomplish them. For online study to be a successful experience, you need to be passionate about your chosen course of study. This passion will drive you to be disciplined and to persevere when deadlines are looming.

Constantly remind yourself why you are going to school. Online school is completely self-driven and reminding yourself why you started in the first place can boost your drive and help you achieve your goal of a diploma!

That desire to attain dreams and become a student must always be with you, through every course, and for every goal you wish to accomplish. You must approach assignments with conviction, whether it be taking notes on a 2-minute educational video or doing research for a thesis.

## TREAT STUDY LIKE A JOB

Always remember, study is your work. Consciously choose to show up, absorb wonderful content available to you, schedule in assessments, lectures, tasks, and really set and keep those boundaries. Have a success mindset. Implement firm boundaries. Keep a schedule like your depends on it.

Make school your top priority every day and you can't fail!

Some online classes ask you to post a picture of yourself that your classmates can see on your online class. I have seen some doozies, including shots that almost look pornographic. Please remember that your online class is not a model shoot where you get to show off your assets. Oh, and that also includes posting a picture of your dog's face instead of yours.

## MAKE A STUDY PLAN

Make a study plan! At the beginning of each term I take the time to plan readings and work on assignments. Although I regularly adjust the plan if necessary, it keeps me on track.

Set out a clear and achievable study plan and stick to it to it 95% of the time, allowing yourself some room and respite for the unexpected.

Be organized and set a certain amount of hours per day or week into your schedule for studying. Write out a weekly schedule with dates and times. Make sure to set aside enough time to focus only on school with no distractions. That's important.

## MANAGE TIME CAREFULLY

Set a schedule and stick with it to keep you structured. People generally do better in a structured environment. So why not make it even easier for yourself? If you know what time block you devote to school, you are more apt to be consistent, avoid late assignments and put study first.

Success in online study boils down to one skill that can be applied to everything you do in life: Time Management. Make a schedule that you can quickly check to see what you need to accomplish and when those tasks need to be complete. Set aside time for yourself and for your studies. During your dedicated study time, try to disconnect from distractions like social media, your phone, or television so that you are able to focus on what you really need to get done. And when you finish the assignments ahead of schedule like the rock star you are? Look ahead and get a jump on future work. Trust me, you'll thank yourself later.

## FIND A QUIET SPACE

Pick a time throughout the day when either everyone is away from home, pick a corner of the house where you can relax and study.

Create a space of peace. You need to designate an area that is free of distraction. When diversions are present, it may reflect in poor quality of work; hindering your education. Discussing your "quiet zone" with your family or friends may be beneficial as well so they understand that your time is crucial to your academic success.

Tell your family or roommates that you need quiet time and to not be disturbed. This works because if you are not disturbed you are not likely to lose train of thought or get distracted.

## ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS

Dedicate a specified time for school work each day and isolate yourself from distractions. When I was enrolled in my online Spanish class during the summer in high school, I made it a point to work at least 2 hours a day on the course directly after lunch. If it is routine, then it will be easy to maintain. I also placed myself at the table with only the computer so that nothing else could gain my attention.

Cut off all electronics or put them on silent. A distraction-free environment slows your thinking down and helps you feel more at ease because you are no longer concentrating about everyone else. It overcomes the problem of not being able to concentrate when you try to study.

## HAVE DEDICATED STUDY BLOCKS

First and foremost, there needs to be time set aside each day, without interruptions, to fully focus on your work.

Make time for your schooling. No matter how busy you are, you're going to have to cut time out of your life to focus on school. Sacrifices will have to be made – deal with it. If I have a kickboxing tournament the same night as an exam, guess what? Exam it is!

Dedicate a specific amount of time each day or each week to studying and commit to it. A lot can come up in life, and there will always be many distractions. If you are a morning person, then wake up an hour earlier and spend some time studying. If you are a night owl, then dedicate some of that Facebook and Instagram time on an evening to studying.

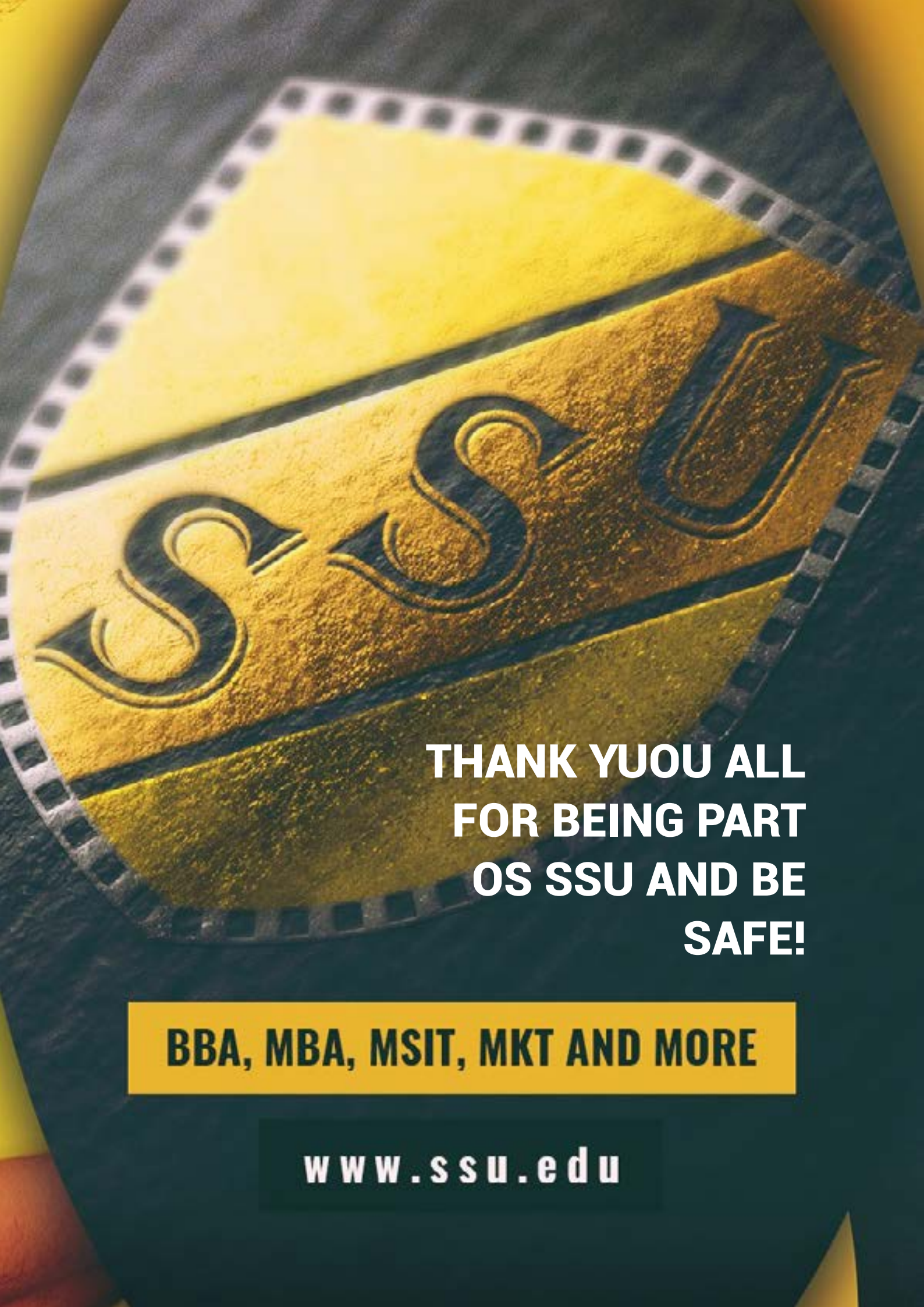
## LIMIT SOCIAL MEDIA

Sure, it's fun to get lost in the black hole of Facebook, but when it comes to getting a college degree, that blue and white "thumbs up" gets shoved to the way-side for studying!

Since the computer screen is an online student's classroom, it may be difficult to resist the temptation to see how many Likes my latest post received, but by logging off and not having my social media pages up, you'll be able to focus more on what you're reading or on the assignment you're working on.

Source: <https://goodcolleges.online/study-tips-for-success/?fbclid=IwAR3YnQM9BK5Z64U8dh6s04Lj-filWUqHUzjIVhTUIzrAFT2SZMO2msJtO4IO>





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