

Monday, April 12, 2021

# The Alliance Newsletter

Guiding you to navigate CSUSM



**Deadline to submit intent to enroll: May 1, 2021**



## Meet Princeton!

*Major: Kinesiology*

"The Alliance program allows me to meet and interact with other like minded students, and collaborate together for a promising objective. I have been offered and provided with numerous opportunities for growth and development as a result of being in The Alliance."

~Princeton Morgan,  
*Class of 2024*

## Who is The Alliance?

The Alliance to Accelerate Excellence in Education (The Alliance) is the guaranteed admission pathway to California State University San Marcos (CSUSM). If you attend one of our K-12 partner school districts and complete the guaranteed admission requirements, then you will receive guaranteed admission to CSUSM.

## I have submitted my intent to enroll to CSU San Marcos, now what?

Congratulations on submitting your intent to enroll to CSU San Marcos! To ensure you are up to speed on the next steps you need to complete to be ready for the fall semester, please monitor your email. Please visit the Admissions and Student Outreach site to learn more about the important tasks you need to complete:

<https://www.csusm.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/freshman/i-have-been-admitted.html>

If you have any questions about your major, what classes you should take, student organizations, etc. please don't hesitate to contact The Alliance. We are here to assist in any way we can to help make your transition to CSUSM easier! You may contact Marlene Gracia, Alliance College LINK Program Coordinator at: [mgracia@csusm.edu](mailto:mgracia@csusm.edu).

**GET A HEAD START AT CSU SAN MARCOS THIS SUMMER!**

# Summer Alliance LINK Academy

The Summer Alliance LINK Academy (SALA) is a six week virtual collaborative and transformative experience for incoming freshmen **STEM students** to get a head start on their undergraduate journey at California State University San Marcos. Students will be introduced to the rigors of a university-level math curriculum and become knowledgeable of campus programs and resources by taking Math 125: Precalculus and GEL 101: The Student, The University, The Community. Students will gain 7 units of academic credit, begin networking with STEM faculty in their field and thrive in a dynamic and supportive academic environment.

- The Summer Alliance LINK Academy (SALA) is a six week online session that begins on June 21, 2021 and ends on July 29, 2021.
- Students will attend class and achieve greater knowledge of their STEM pathway Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.
- Students are required to attend the whole session in its entirety to receive a passing grade.
- There is **no cost** associated to participating in SALA. There is **limited seating**. Students are selected to participate in SALA on a **first come first serve basis**.

### INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN SALA?

Please submit this interest form by April 30, 2021:

<https://forms.gle/FM6W3V2j9x7RVvLd6>



# The Alliance College LINK Mentor Program

The Alliance College LINK Mentor Program (ACLMP) is a mentoring program for freshmen Alliance students geared towards supporting them to have a successful transition to CSU San Marcos throughout their first year. Students will be paired up with a Peer Mentor who will provide guidance and empower them to build self-efficacy to thrive at CSUSM and beyond! Students will gain greater awareness of campus resources and be part of a close-knit community of peers and staff reassuring them a sense of belonging to CSU San Marcos.

## THE POWER OF MENTORING



**Leilah Calvanico**

*Major: Nursing, Class of 2024*

“The LINK Mentor Program has shown me the personal side to the CSUSM college experience. With everything being virtual, The Alliance has been the place to go when I need encouragement and motivation. They are always supporting students with open arms, and I especially appreciate that. When I have felt lost and discouraged, my mentor has been someone who can always help answer my questions and remind me that I am not alone in this difficult season. It has been great to know that people care about you and how you are doing, and that even tends to be something contagious that I hope to pass on to other students in their first year here, no matter the challenging circumstances.”

## INTERESTED IN JOINING

Please complete this interest form: <https://forms.gle/YpA9ZvrMy6bVeVor5>



## What are the benefits of being an Alliance student?

- You are part of The Alliance family where the staff is committed to your well-being and ensure you are aware of resources to help you thrive while at CSUSM.
- The Alliance Ambassador Scholarship provides several scholarships of \$1,500 each per year for 3.5 years to selected Alliance freshmen students who apply. Ambassadors perform tasks in The Alliance office on various education programs and gain valuable work experience and leadership skills.
- You have the opportunity to become part of The Alliance College LINK Program (ACLP). ACLP is designed to facilitate a successful transition from high school to CSUSM. You will be part of a supportive and nurturing environment; a close-knit community of peers and staff reassuring you a sense of belonging to the CSUSM community and empowering you to build self-efficacy to thrive as you complete your post-secondary degree and beyond. ACLP is composed of the Alliance College LINK Mentor Program (ACLMP) and the Summer Alliance LINK Academy (SALA).
- Alliance Meet Ups (AMUs) are held once a month. At AMUs, you meet other students, make new friendships, and have the opportunity to increase your knowledge about CSUSM resources useful to help you navigate college.



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If you have any questions,  
please don't hesitate to contact us.  
We will gladly connect with you!

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