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Each month, Student and Family Engagement (SFE) sends a newsletter with a first-year student spotlight, as well as community announcements and upcoming events that are designated or open to first-year undergraduate students.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SAMI MAHAPATRA



Hometown: College Station, TX

Option: Physics

Favorite Movie: Scarface or Tangled

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? The Marble Caves of Chile

Fav memories of first-year at Caltech:

When a bunch of us in Page went around the halls skateboarding, roller skating, pogo sticking, and hula hooping. It was really random how the night just turned into a little circus routine, but it was one of the most wholesome and fun moments here so far.

Or when we had a girls' night in my room, and we watched People We Meet on Vacation the day it came out. The movie was kind of bad, and we spent the whole time yelling and laughing at the TV.

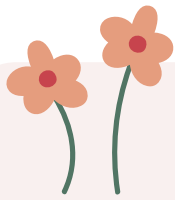
Visit [Ion Caltech Today](#)
for daily updates
on campus events
and news.

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Friendly reminder throughout the newsletter, click on the attached PDF version to access links

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SFE NEWS

**Join the
FCC team!**

We are looking for **friendly, motivated** undergraduate students to join our orientation team!

As a **First-Year Caltech Connector (FCC)**, you'll be the face of Caltech for incoming first-years and transfers, guiding them through orientation week.

Previous experience as an FCC is not required. Open to all undergraduates in good academic standing.



Current first-year students are encouraged to apply!

The application will open early next week, and more info will be sent to your email on **Monday, April 6.**

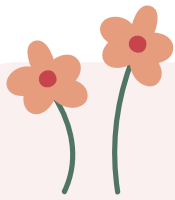
**Thinking about studying abroad?
Come learn more on Thursday, April 9 at this info session, designed specifically for first-year students!**

Burritos from Chipotle will be provided.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSION

Scan to reserve your spot

April 9th at 12pm
Hameetman Conference Room



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CAMPUS RESOURCES

Center for Inclusion & Diversity - <https://ccid.caltech.edu/events/rsvp>

Spill the Tea: Let's Make Matcha! | Tues, April 7 at 12pm | CSS Front Lawn

Learn how to make your own matcha with the CCID! Supplies are limited, so be sure to RSVP!



Unpacking Hate: The 4 I's of Oppression | Thurs, April 9 at 12pm | Virtual

In this dialogue we will discuss the 4 I's of oppression - Ideological, Internal, Interpersonal, and Institutional. We will look at different examples on how these intersect with one another and how to combat them.

Pot a Succulent for Earth Day | Wed, April 22 at 12pm | CSS Front Lawn

Join the CCID for a workshop on potting succulents and seeds. Honor our earth by helping grow and sustain new life! Plants and pots included. Please RSVP because space is limited.



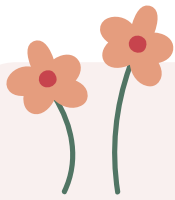
Hidden Disabilities Affinity Space | Tues, April 28 at 12pm | CSS 2nd Floor Common Area

Hidden disabilities or invisible disabilities are physical, mental, or neurological conditions that is not visible from the outside, yet can limit or challenge a person's movements, senses, or activities. Having a disability that is not visible shape how many members of our community navigate daily life, often in ways that are unseen or misunderstood. Whether you're seeking community, resources, or simply a place to exhale, this affinity space welcomes you. Allies, join us for an engaging session on Hidden Disabilities, where we explore the diverse experiences of individuals whose disabilities may not be outwardly apparent. All are welcome to attend.

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Student Wellness Services - <https://wellness.caltech.edu/resources/workshops-and-groups>

Getting Things Done | Wed, April 8 at 12-1pm | Hameetman Conference Room

Bring the chaos in your head, all 9 volumes of your to-do list, and your laptop! In this workshop, we will discuss Getting Things Done (GTD), a popular system developed by David Allen for structuring your work at both the big-picture level and at the level of your daily responsibilities. You will assemble the beginnings of your trusted system that clears your mind, increases your focus, and helps you make decisions about what to do.



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Caltech Y - caltechy@caltech.edu

Make-A-Difference Day | Saturday, April 11th | Sign up [here](#)

Students are invited to participate in a variety of ways - working with, or for, kids or animals; doing physical clean up or construction tasks, working on environmental or outdoor projects; visiting with those who are unable to get out much - with organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, Eco Urban Gardens, the LA Arboretum, Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House, LA Food Bank, and more. Projects, led by other students, are 4 to 6 hours - including travel, depending on the project. Meals, transportation, and free merch are provided.

World Fest 2026 | April 20 through 24



Join us for World Fest, a celebration of the international diversity in our campus community, coordinated by Caltech's International Student Programs, International Students At Caltech (ISAC), ASCIT, and The Caltech Y, along with members of the international community at Caltech. It features daily lunch events (lunch talks, international games and activities on San Pasqual Walk) and the "not to be missed" International Food Fair and Culture Show. Plan to participate, or even better, consider sharing your culture with others. World Fest concludes with the **International Food Fair and Culture Show on Friday, April 24** at 5-7pm on the Beckman Lawn.

Professional Clothing Drive | Now until April 25 | Collaboration with Career Achievement, Leadership and Exploration (CALE)

You can donate clothing items, such as ties, trousers/dress pants, blouses, button-up shirts, dresses, skirts, suits, blazers, cardigans, sport coats, and anything you would wear into a professional office setting.



During the Spring term, we will host a free shopping event where students can select professional outfits. Any remaining items may be saved for future events or donated to a local charity. Donations are accepted at the CALE Office (CSS, 3rd Floor) or the Caltech Y (505 S. Wilson Ave.)

Caltech Library

Seed and Soil Table Earth Week | Sun, April 19 to Sat, April 25

Bring your own pot or container and plant some seeds or take home Library plant cuttings to grow in your spaces.



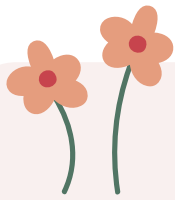
Sew Your Own Tote Bag | TechHub Drop-In | Thurs, April 16 | 11am-2pm

Repurpose old fabric and learn sewing machine basics by making your own tote bag during this month's Drop-In Thursday at the TechHub.



Finding Maps Online | Thurs, April 16 | 2-3pm | Zoom

Learn how to navigate online map websites to find exactly what you are looking for, ready for your class projects or research.



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FELLOWSHIP INFO SESSIONS

Sign up here



All are welcome

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WELCOME TO FELLOWSHIPS April 23

GATES CAMBRIDGE/RHODES April 27

MARSHALL/CHURCHILL April 28

FULBRIGHT May 7

HERTZ/PD SOROS May 11

GEM/QUAD May 20

SWITZER/ENVIORNMENTAL May 26

NSF GRFP/NDSEG/DOE CSGF June 6



FASAOFFICE@CALTECH.EDU Snack and drinks provided
@FASACALTECH Most events will be in Brennen

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Join the Equity and Title IX Office and our Confidential Advocate as we uplift survivor voices, challenge harmful norms, and build a safer community.

April 6th

When: All day
Where: Your inbox

Kick off Sexual Assault Awareness Month with an introductory email highlighting the importance and history of SAAM.

April 13th

When: All day
Where: Your inbox

Learn how to support survivors through a campus-wide email sharing practical tips, resources, and ways to show up with care and respect.

April 21st

When: 5pm
Where: Hameetman Conference Room

Join us for an interactive **Love Island**-inspired event exploring healthy boundaries, communication, and consent. Refreshments provided. **RSVP at pknop@caltech.edu**

April 29th

When: 12pm
Where: Red Door Cafe

Stop by our Denim Day table to learn more about SAAM, access resources, and participate in a short activity for a chance to win prizes.



Need support? Resources are available:
Equity and Title IX Office: 626-395-3132, equity@caltech.edu
Confidential Advocate: Shirley Paz, 626-395-4770, confidentialadvocate@caltech.edu

Caltech Connect



How do I help my friend who is in crisis?

What if they're suicidal?

Students Only



Monday, April 13th
7:00-9:00pm
Avery Library

Staff & Postdocs



Tuesday, April 14th
11:00-1:00 pm
Avery Library

Students Only



Thursday, May 7th
7:00-9:00 pm
269 Downs-Lauritsen

RSVP NOW! Use the QR code above.

Caltech Connect is a 2-hour interactive training to help you be better prepared to support a friend in emotional distress. We specifically focus on how to initiate difficult conversations about suicide & what to do next. Scan QR code for more.



Presented by SWS Counseling Services