

# BEAVER UPDATES

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Happy New Year! Each month, the Office of Student Experience (OSE) will be sharing 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: INDIE DESIDERIO-SLOANE



### Hometown:

Santa Fe, New Mexico

### Option:

Physics or Mechanical Engineering (not sure which one yet)

### Fav memories of your first-year at Caltech:

FSRI as a whole, the Dabney pumpkin drop (I was on the roof), and Midnight madness.

### If you had a day to yourself, what would you do:

I would spend it with my horse and reading books (maybe in conjunction). (Yes, I brought my horse to college with me.)

SAVE THE DATE

Families of first-year students are invited to participate in the annual Family Weekend on **April 12-14!** We are finalizing plans and will soon share the full schedule of programs and activities, including information on how to register, available at <https://studentaffairs.caltech.edu/family-weekend>.



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## OSE NEWS

### Problem Set Workshops Winter Term 2024

**What:** Structured times for first year students to work on problem sets in a collaborative group environment.

**When:** 4 days a week -  
Tuesdays (8-11pm) for **Chem 1b**  
Wednesdays (8-11pm) for **Ph1b (analytical)**  
Thursdays (8-11pm) for **Ph 1b (practical)**  
Saturdays (3-6pm) for **Ma 1b (practical and analytical)**

**Where:** Hameetman Center (scan QR code for most current schedule and specific room locations).

**How:** Just show up at any location during the designated times to work on your sets with fellow first-year students. There will be a peer facilitator available to support, as well as study snacks.



Workshops are sponsored by the Caltech Center for Teaching, Learning & Outreach, Undergraduate Deans' Office, and Office of Student Experience

Caltech | Dining

Board Dinner ft. Caltech Y

# Jan 31

## Save the Date!



- Learn about Caltech Y programs and events, including spring break trips, community service opportunities, student committees, outdoor adventures, and more
- There will be raffle prizes, food, and fun!

**RAFFLE**

### See you there!

5:00-7:30pm  
Browne Dining Hall



Check out the off-campus programming series:  
<https://ose.caltech.edu/student-engagement/off-campus-programming>

Any questions or ideas about future programs, contact [smetz@caltech.edu](mailto:smetz@caltech.edu)



- Next first-year student lunch at the Athenaeum is **Thursday, January 18 at 12-1pm**
- The January lunch will be co-hosted by the Office of Student Experience and Student Wellness Services (Occupational Therapy)
- Be on the lookout for the email invitation soon!

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## CAMPUS RESOURCES

**Student-Faculty Programs - For additional information and Zoom log-in(s), visit <https://sfp.caltech.edu/sfp-calendar>**

Weekly SFP Virtual Drop-in Sessions | Tuesdays 10-11am and Wednesdays 2-3pm

SURF Information Session for Caltech Students | Tues, Jan 9, 7-8pm in 153 Noyes Lecture Hall

SURF@JPL Information Session | Wed, Jan 10, 7-8pm in 153 Noyes Lecture Hall

Off-Campus SURF Information Session | Thurs, Jan 11, 7-8pm and Wed, Jan 17, 4-5pm via Zoom

Securing SURF Letters of Recommendation | Thurs, Jan 18, 7-8pm via Zoom

SURF Proposal Writing Workshop with the Hixon Writing Center | Thurs, Jan 25, 12-1pm in Gates Annex B122

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**Caltech Y - [caltechy@caltech.edu](mailto:caltechy@caltech.edu)**

**Reading Partners | Starting Jan 11th, Thursdays 3:30-5pm (alternate times available)**

McKinley Elementary School, 325 S Oak Knoll Ave, Pasadena

Reading Partners' mission is to help children become lifelong readers by empowering communities to provide individualized instruction that produces measurable results.

Volunteers are matched with a student and meet weekly to improve reading skills. McKinley School is about a 15-minute walk or a very short car ride away from Caltech. Email [ljackman@caltech.edu](mailto:ljackman@caltech.edu) to get started.

**Young Legends Program - Online Tutors Needed, 1 hour/week or 2 hours/every other week**

The NCNWA's Young Legends program is seeking volunteers to provide online tutoring in math and science to children ages 11-18. The core mission of this program is to provide underrepresented youth in STEM in our local community with a structured support group who can help them navigate challenges on the path to college. If you are interested in participating in this program, please email [ljackman@caltech.edu](mailto:ljackman@caltech.edu).



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**Career Achievement, Leadership, and Exploration (CALE) - [career@caltech.edu](mailto:career@caltech.edu)**

Welcome Back! Our CALE team is excited to share what we have in-store this winter term. Be sure to mark your calendars with these important dates. Please email us, or stop by our office on the 3rd floor of the Center for Student Services, for more information on the programs below:



Caltech & Harvey Mudd Winter 2024 STEM Virtual Career Fair | Tues, Jan 23



Caltech TechConnect Industry Day 2024 | Wed, Jan 24



Caltech Sustainability & Energy Industry Day hosted by the Resnick Sustainability Institute x CALE | Tues, Jan 30

**Student Wellness Services - For more details on workshops, visit <https://wellness.caltech.edu/resources/workshops-and-groups>**

Location: Hameetman Center 2nd Floor Conference Room  
Time: Wednesdays at 12:00pm – Pizza served while supplies last!

Tackle the Term | Jan 10  
Getting Better Sleep | Jan 17  
Dealing with Procrastination | Jan 24  
An introduction to the Getting Things Done system of productivity | Jan 31

**Caltech Public Events: Behind the Book Series | Tues, 1/30 at 7pm**

Former County Supervisor and author Zev Yaroslavsky, in conversation with Caltech Humanities and Social Sciences Professor Michael Alvarez, will be discussing the recently published, Zev's Los Angeles: From Boyle Heights to the Halls of Power.

The event, co-sponsored by Caltech's Center for Science, Society and Public Policy, will be presented in Caltech's Beckman Auditorium. Register here: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36761/performance/11383716?performanceId=11383716>