Each month, the Office of Student Experience (OSE) shares 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.

On March 1, over 120 undergrad students attended the LA Clippers game at the Crypto.com Arena. Some students also got to take a courtside photo after the game!

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: CAROLINA LOPEZ**

**Hometown:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**Option:** Computer Science  
**Fav memories of first year at Caltech so far:** Exploring Pasadena and LA with my friends has definitely been my favorite part so far  
**If you had a day to yourself, what would you do:** I would love to go to a nearby beach with my friends
We are looking for motivated and engaged undergraduate students to serve as a peer mentor to a small group of incoming students and provide guidance, advice and support throughout the students’ first-year at Caltech.

Applications are due by 5pm on Friday, April 26

Scan the code for more info and to apply:

Mocktail Carnival | Thurs, April 4, 11:30am-1:30pm | Hameetman Center South Lawn
Learn about alcohol prevention with Games, Mocktails, and Pizza with SWS, OSE, & Deans Office.

Option Selection | Mon, April 15, 12-1pm | Hameetman Multipurpose Room
Explore options by chatting with upper-year students in different options. More information to come from the ARC!

How to Succeed on Grades | Mon, April 29, 12-1pm | Hameetman Multipurpose Room
Learn how to successfully transition from P/F to grades. Stay tuned for additional info.
## HOUSING OFFICE

### Summer Lottery Process:
Please see below for important dates and visit the [website](#) for additional information and FAQs.

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### Fall Lottery Process:
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Email [UGhousing@caltech.edu](mailto:UGhousing@caltech.edu) if there are any questions
McKinsey @ Caltech | Fri, April 12 | 12-1:30pm

McKinsey & Company will be coming to Caltech for a panel discussion and Q&A attended by Senior Partners and Partners at McKinsey & Co. about the work they do in different fields. Learn about recruitment opportunities and network with Caltech alumni over lunch. Lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit their website.

Caltech & Harvey Mudd Spring 2024 STEM Virtual Career Fair
Tues., April 16 | 11am to 3pm | Held virtually on Handshake

Mark your calendars! The Spring STEM Fair will be hosted virtually on Handshake, which is different from previously held fairs on Mudd-Tech Connect. To begin familiarizing yourself with the platform, please visit the Handshake website where you can review participating in a virtual fair and signing up and managing virtual career fair sessions. You will be able to sign up for 1:1 chats and group sessions on Handshake starting April 9th!

Caltech Y - caltechy@caltech.edu
Make-A-Difference Day | Saturday, April 6th | Sign up here

Join students and others around campus and volunteer for one day of service in the local Pasadena/Los Angeles area. Learn something new about our community and some of the agencies doing good work there - all while making a positive impact.

Meals, transportation, Caltech Y t-shirts (for those who haven't claimed one this year) and hats are provided thanks to funding from TIAA and the Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union. The UG House with the most volunteers can also claim $150 toward Ditch Day or other House events thanks to ASCIT.

The Beckman Political Award | Applications Accepted Here Until Filled

The Beckman Political Award provides an opportunity for Caltech students to explore various facets of elective government. The Beckman Award provides up to $6,000 to cover expenses including transportation; lodgings; outings; and program costs for recipients. The Beckman Award is open to undergrads in good academic standing interested in exploring local, state, or national experiences.
Caltech Athletics, Physical Education & Recreation

Save the Date for Spring Orange Out | Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13
Come join for fun, food and festivities. There will be a boba truck, visits from Bernie, dunk tank, water balloon fight, games & giveaways.

Student-Faculty Programs - For Zoom log-in(s), visit https://sfp.caltech.edu/sfp-calendar

SURF 2024 decisions will be announced on **Mon, April 1**! The secondary deadline for SURF@JPL applications is 11:59 PM PST on **Mon, April 19**. Students should continue looking at the [SURF@JPL Announcements of Opportunities](https://sfp.caltech.edu/sfp-calendar) page!

“Time Crunch” | Thurs, April 4th | 12-1pm in the CALE Workshop Room.
- Still thinking about what to do this summer? Explore available summer options with CALE, SFP, and the Caltech Y!

**Undergraduate Research Week 2024**
- Monday, April 15: “How to Make the Most of Your Summer” | 12-1 PM | 153 Noyes Lecture Hall
- Tuesday, April 16: “Effective Mentoring” | 10-11 AM | Zoom
- Tuesday, April 16: “From SURF to Faculty” | 12-1 PM | 153 Noyes Lecture Hall
- Wednesday, April 17: “Student-Mentor Coffee Hour” | 3-4 PM | Broad Café Courtyard
- Thursday, April 18: “CAST Lab Tour” | 10:00-10:45 AM | CAST Lab
- Friday, April 19: “Gratitude Tabling” | 12-1:30 PM | San Pasqual Walk