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Director of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

To: **ASI Board of Directors**

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Subject: September Board Report

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A special note to our Hornets

Hello Hornets!

Congratulations on making it through the first few weeks of the semester! As we continue into the semester, I encourage everyone to stay connected, take care of yourselves, and make use of the resources available to you.

As your elected ASI Director of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM), I am honored to represent our college and advocate for the voices of NSM students. My focus this year is on supporting innovation and career readiness, promoting equity and inclusion, expanding financial affordability, and strengthening accessibility and retention.

As a STEM student myself, I understand the unique experiences and challenges that NSM students face. I am committed to listening to your concerns, amplifying your voices, and working with campus partners to create meaningful opportunities for our college community.

Thank you for trusting me to serve as your representative. I look forward to connecting

with you at events, in classrooms, and across campus. Together, let's continue building a strong, inclusive, and supportive Hornet Hive.

Stingers Up! 🐝💛💚
In your service,
Tanishka Jain
Your ASI Director of NSM

College Updates

College Leadership

Dr. Shannon Datwyler has officially accepted the permanent Dean position for the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics after serving as Interim Dean for the past two years.

Physics & Astronomy Office Relocation

During Summer 2026, the Physics & Astronomy Department moved its main office from Sequoia Hall 230 to Sequoia Hall 202. The new location houses the department's administrative support staff and department chair.

NSM Department Locations

- Biological Sciences: Tschannen Science Complex (TSC) 3000
- Chemistry: Sequoia Hall 506
- Geography: Sequoia Hall 334
- Geology: Placer Hall 2003
- Mathematics & Statistics: Brighton Hall 137
- Physics & Astronomy: Sequoia Hall 202
- NSM Dean's Office: Tschannen Science Complex (TSC) 5002

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Student Resources

- NSM Advising Center: TSC 1004 — provides academic guidance for first-year, second-year, and new Biological Sciences transfer students.
- Center for Science & Math Success (CSMS): Sequoia Hall 320 — offers programs including Peer Assisted Learning (PAL), Commit to Study, Pre-Health, Science Educational Equity (SEE), and other student-success programs.
- NSM Computer Lab: Sequoia Hall 318
- Vertebrate Museum: Sequoia Hall 105
- Sac State Planetarium: Sequoia Hall 110
- Greenhouse: Located north of Sequoia Hall
- 2026 NSM Student Research Symposium
- The 2026 NSM Student Research Symposium will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, from 5:00–7:00 PM at the University Union Ballroom.

Upcoming NSM Events

- STEM Lecture Series: October 1, 2026
- Health Professions Week at Sac State: October 12–17, 2026
- College of NSM Student Research Symposium: October 28, 2026
- Geology Rock Auction: November 20, 2026
- Sac State University Fall Poster Forum: December 8, 2026

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Committee Updates

- Grade Appeals Panel: No meeting so far as of September 28.
- Procedural Advisory Board: No meeting so far as of September 28.
- Student Academic Senate: Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 9:15 AM–10:30 AM.
- NSM DEI Committee: Friday, September 18, 2026, 10:00–11:00 AM.

Meetings & Events

NSM Events

NSM Fest 2026

September 8, 2026 | 10:00 AM–2:00 PM | In Front of Sequoia Hall

NSM Fest was successfully held on September 8 and had a great turnout. The event provided students with opportunities to connect with academic departments, student organizations, and the broader NSM community.

Planning meetings with the NSM Dean's Office:

July 23, 2026
August 6, 2026
September 1, 2026

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ASI & University Events

- Attended and participated in ASI Children's Center: More Than Just Scribbles

- Attended and participated in KSSU 35th Anniversary

- Hornet Family Welcome: Thursday, August 27, 2026

Participated alongside President Maciel Montoya, EVP Galinato, VPUA Bhat, VPAA Besaiso, Director Kennedy, Director Chanday, Director Challa, Director Singh, Director Kuzikktil, and Director Etokudo.

- 2026 Fall Convocation Ceremony #2: Thursday, August 27, 2026

Participated alongside President Maciel Montoya, EVP Galinato, VPUA Bhat, VPAA Besaiso, Director Kennedy, Director Chanday, Director Challa, Director Singh, Director Kuzikktil, and Director Etokudo.

- Swarm Photo: Thursday, September 3, 2026

Participated alongside President Maciel Montoya, EVP Galinato, VPF Bahia, VPUA Bhat, VPAA Besaiso, Director Chanday, Director Challa, Director Riddle, Director Singh, Director Kuzikktil, and Director Etokudo.

- Swarm Pep Rally: Thursday, September 3, 2026

Participated alongside President Maciel Montoya, EVP Galinato, VPF Bahia, VPUA Bhat, VPAA Besaiso, Director Chanday, Director Challa, Director Riddle, Director Singh, Director Kuzikktil, and Director Etokudo.

- General Education (GE) Honors Fall Convocation: Friday, September 4, 2026

Participated alongside President Maciel Montoya, EVP Galinato, VPUA Bhat, VPAA Besaiso, Director Chanday, Director Challa, Director Singh, and Director Etokudo.

- Student Alumni Association General Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Participated alongside EVP Galinato, Director Challa, and Director Singh.

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- University Union Annual Phlagleblast: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Participated and tabled alongside President Maciel Montoya, EVP Galinato, VPUA Bhat, VPAA Besaiso, Director Kennedy, Director Chanday, Director Riddle, Director Singh, and Director Kuzikktil.

- Student Alumni Association Fall Chill Out: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Participated alongside President Maciel Montoya, EVP Galinato, VPUA Bhat, and Director Singh.

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