



# SMI CONNECTIONS



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## RESOURCE LIBRARY EXPANSION

Introduce yourself to the expansion of materials at the SMI Resource Center. Two brand-new Dell Vostro 1520 Laptops are now available to SMI students for in-office usage. These laptops are dedicated to enhance pre-teaching preparation such as, but not limited to :

- Preparation for the CBEST and CSET examinations
- Developing your classroom lesson plans
- Expanding your professional portfolio
- EDUC 3 and EDUC 4 online journal entries

To learn more, visit the SMI Resource Center. Our weekly hours are posted at <http://smi.ucr.edu/hours.html>.

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## NEWLY REMODELED WEBSITE



In late spring/early summer, the SMI website received a major make-over. Please visit our new website at <http://smi.ucr.edu>.

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## APPRENTICE PROGRAMS: CUSP & CMST

In Spring 2009, thirteen SMI candidates were selected through a formal application and interview process to participate in two SMI and ALPHA Apprentice Programs: CUSP (*College University School Partnership*) and CMST (*California Mathematics Science Teacher Initiative*) for 2009-10. Apprenticeships began this Summer with each apprentice assigned to a mentor teacher, who will provide a rich set of experiences to enhance pre-professional preparation. On average, each apprentice will complete 30 to 50 hours per quarter, earning an hourly salary of \$25.00. Please congratulate the following SMI Students:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| * Adam Brown             | * Karina Rodriguez |
| * Kayla Bui              | * Fallyn Thompson  |
| * Chiara Hodgkinson      | * Phi Truong       |
| * Linda Le               | * Chuong Vu        |
| * Yahaira Martinez-Lopez | * Toby Walker      |
| * Roger Portillo         | * Nicole Yumori    |
| * Jennifer Prins         |                    |



## CONGRATULATIONS!

To learn more about CUSP and CMST, please visit <http://smi.ucr.edu/jobs.html#cmst>

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## TEACHING CREDENTIAL CANDIDATES BOUND FOR SUCCESS

Former SMI students listed below either began the UCR Teaching Credential Program in Spring 2009 or are expected to begin in Fall 2009 .

### Congratulations on your accomplishments!

Nathan Boss	Paul Eschardies	Miguel Saucedo
Mary Camacho	Rosalba Esparza	Kristen Simester
Sappho Chow	Victor La	Chuong Vu
Bonnie Le	Hieu M. Nguyen	Phi Truong
Rosalind Cruz	Hieu N. Nguyen	Miguel Udave
Mayra De La O	Edward Pascual	

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## NSF GRANT FUNDS **NEW** UCR-NOYCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded UC Riverside the Robert Noyce Scholarships for Excellence in STEM Teaching. These special scholarships are available exclusively to future science and mathematics teachers majoring in a STEM discipline. For the 2009-10 academic year, multiple scholarships at \$10,000 per student will be awarded. Application deadlines are:



- August 1, 2009: Current Credential Candidates
- October 9, 2009: Junior and Senior Level Candidates

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More details will be posted on the SMI website later this month.

### FREE Online CSET Resources

[UCI OpenCourseWare \(http://ocw.uci.edu/courses/\)](http://ocw.uci.edu/courses/)

The UC Irvine OpenCourseWare continues to expand. Current study materials include coverage of the following subject domains:

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| CSET Mathematics                                   | CSET Science                           |
| o Subtest I: Algebra                               | o Subtest I: Astronomy                 |
| o Subtest II: Geometry, Probability and Statistics | o Subtest I: Earth Science             |
| o Subtest III: Trigonometry and Calculus           | o Subtest I: Electricity and Magnetism |
|  | o Subtest I: Forces and Motion         |
|  | o Subtest I: Optics and Waves          |

For more information, please visit <http://ocw.uci.edu/courses/>.

### SAVE UPCOMING DATES

**August 8, 2009**

[CBEST Examination](#)

**September 12, 2009**

[CSET Examination](#)

**October 14, 2009**

[Teaching Mathematics and Science for the 21st Century Community Event](#)

**September 1 - October 3, 2009**

[Spring 2010 Integrated Teaching Program Application Period](#)

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### MENTOR TEACHERS NEEDED

In partnership with credentialed science and mathematics teachers at the local school districts, SMI has created a successful paradigm for recruiting and preparing STEM (science, technology, and mathematics) students for possible future careers in science and mathematics education. To continue with our mission, we are always looking for active involvement of dedicated credentialed teachers. To get involved as an SMI Mentor Teacher, please visit [http://smi.ucr.edu/mentor\\_teachers.html](http://smi.ucr.edu/mentor_teachers.html).