A vibrant liberal arts college experience in the heart of Los Angeles, one of the most stimulating and creative cities in the world. That’s something you won’t find anywhere else.

OXY Occidental College
“Oxy’s liberal arts approach allowed me to take classes I might not have otherwise considered and to learn in new and different ways. Every class, across every discipline, emphasizes the importance of critical thinking.”

Ahladini Veerina
Politics and Sociology double major
Los Altos Hills, California
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Conscientious and collaborative, Oxy students embrace each other’s differences with a common goal: to make a purposeful impact in the world. Benefiting from small-classroom environments and demanding yet supportive faculty, an Oxy education fully integrates the liberal arts and sciences with the cultural and intellectual resources of L.A., Southern California and beyond.
On Location
“Oxy’s location encourages faculty to think about how our teaching can reach beyond the walls of the classroom.”

Sharla Fett
Professor of History
LYNN HE  
Chemistry major  
Art History minor  
Superior, Colorado  

Lynn He can’t begin to estimate how her liberal arts education transformed her life. “Exploring departments and experiences that I didn’t initially identify with or expect to encounter has created so much richness in my education,” says Lynn, who won a Fulbright Scholarship to study at Sichuan University in China following her time at Oxy.

Lynn and fellow participants in the Andrew W. Mellon Opportunity for Diversity in Conservation at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles.
HER LABORATORY FAMILY
After taking a general chemistry class with Professor Mike Hill, Lynn spent the following summer working in his lab researching non-invasive alternatives to cartilage surgery using electrochemistry. “His mentorship made me want to be a chemistry major,” she says. “The students in the lab were so close. It was almost a familial bond.”

ART HISTORY IN ITALY
A course in the “preservation landscape” of Rome and Florence opened Lynn’s eyes to the field of art conservation science — a perfect marriage of her background in materials science and growing passion for art history.

DELVING DEEPER
A two-week summer program at the prestigious Getty Conservation Labs in Los Angeles included conservation workshops, field trips and meetings with collections managers and curators.

We Love L.A.

Average high temperature in February

Languages spoken

Hiking trails spanning three mountain ranges

Miles from Occidental to Venice Beach, as the gull flies (or 22 miles by car)

FUN FACT
As if! The Oxy campus was used as Beverly Hills’ fictional Bronson Alcott High School in Clueless — the classic 1995 comedy based on Jane Austen’s Emma.
TRE’SHUNDA JAMES
Physics major
Houston, Texas

Tre’Shunda learned about the Jet Propulsion Laboratory internship through Oxy’s COSMOS scholarship program—short for Creating Opportunities in Science and Mathematics for Occidental Students. Up to eight COSMOS scholars are selected each spring and are actively mentored by Oxy faculty and their student peers.
Oxy students enjoy opportunities for undergraduate research that rival those of many graduate programs, with L.A.’s intellectual ecosystem in their backyard. In addition to participating in Oxy’s Summer Research Program through the Undergraduate Research Center, Tre’Shunda spent three semesters learning alongside scientists at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab — just a 15-minute drive from campus.

As a participant in JPL’s Student Independent Research Internship program, “My project looked at ways we can characterize exoplanets — planets outside of our solar system.” she explains. Using a theoretical model developed by her mentor, a renowned nuclear physicist, to look for biosignatures — or signs of life — the two published a paper to the scientific community online.

Now she’s working toward a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Texas at Arlington, with the hopes of pursuing a career in planetary science. Having launched her career at Oxy, the sky’s the limit for Tre’Shunda.
Come Out and Play

KYLER PARRIS
Diplomacy and World Affairs major
Bothell, Washington

Kyler Parris admits that he struggles to “say no to cool opportunities.” But his openness has exposed him to everything from playing sports to student government and an internship in the L.A. office of U.S. Representative Adam Schiff.
“We need informed citizens and voters—and I will be better at any job I do because I’ve been compelled by my classes to think critically.”

**EXPLORING L.A.**
As a small school in a big city, Oxy particularly appealed to Kyler and he loves exploring Los Angeles—especially with friends that are locals. “I like being able to see L.A. as not just movie stars and Beverly Hills, but a place of engagement with neighborhoods that have super interesting histories and, sometimes, complicated relations.”

**PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE**
At Oxy, Kyler has developed a passion for creating equitable, livable cities in which human rights are foundational—including sustainable transit, housing for all, and policy supporting structural change. With the liberal arts, “You get a fuller understanding of those issues—like when you look at climate change in geology class as well as in a class on immigration refugees. We need informed citizens and informed voters.”

**STRIKING A BALANCE**
Kyler and a fellow student recently planned a conference on gentrification and displacement with the McKinnon Center for Global Affairs, where he works. As vice president of policies for ASOC, Oxy’s student government, he assembled a constitution commission to improve the organization’s efficiency and better meet students’ needs. He also works as an Admission tour guide and serves as the student representative to the Board of Trustees’ Budget and Finance Committee.
Spaces and Places

Downtown Los Angeles
Santa Monica Pier
23 miles from Oxy

Hiking and Skiing
San Gabriel Mountains
Spaces at Oxy
1. Keck Theater
2. Solar Array
3. Hameetman Career Center
4. Jack Kemp Stadium
5. Thorne Hall
6. FEAST Garden
7. Hillside Theater
8. Oxy Arts

Places of Interest
9. Colorado Boulevard Eagle Rock
   A mile away from campus, you’ll find an array of restaurants, accommodations, coffee houses and shopping (including an Oxy student staple: Target).
10. Highland Park Metro Station
    2.5 miles from Oxy.
11. Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR)
    13 miles from Oxy.
12. York Boulevard Highland Park
    A vibrant mix of old and new, “L.A.’s Coolest Street” is teeming with eclectic eateries, art galleries and vintage shops — all just a short walk from campus.
13. Disneyland
    34 miles from Oxy.
14. Dodger Stadium
    5 miles from Oxy.
15. Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)
    7 miles from Oxy.
16. Griffith Park
    8 miles from Oxy.
    The city’s largest urban park offers dozens of hiking trails, the L.A. Zoo and the world-famous Griffith Observatory.
17. Hollywood
    9 miles from Oxy.
Academic Community
“Expect to be challenged, be humble, and embrace difficult topics and areas of study. You never know what might inspire your imagination and how a class or event on campus could change your future!”

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa
Associate Professor of Religious Studies
Occidental offers a transformational liberal arts education with a distinct approach that is anchored by our exceptional faculty and the resources of one of the world’s great urban centers. Our rigorous curriculum produces graduates who are well-equipped to address society’s biggest challenges — globally minded thinkers who draw from multiple disciplines to work toward solving complex problems.

**AREAS OF STUDY**
- American Studies
- Art and Art History
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Black Studies
- Chemistry
- Chinese Studies
- Cognitive Science
- Comparative Studies in Literature and Culture
- Computer Science
- Critical Theory and Social Justice
- Diplomacy and World Affairs
- East Asian Studies
- Economics
- English
- French Studies
- Geology
- Group Language
- History
- Independent Pattern of Study
- Japanese Studies
- Kinesiology
- Latino/a and Latin American Studies
- Mathematics
- Media Arts and Culture
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish Studies
- Theater
- Urban and Environmental Policy

**SENIOR COMPS**
The senior comprehensive is a signature component of the Occidental experience — a deep dive into a subject of your choosing. Senior comps may entail fieldwork, exams, presentations, creative media or a very long paper.

**A U.S. News & World Report survey included Oxy among the top 12 institutions “with stellar examples of senior capstones.”**
Finding Your Way

CITLALY MADRID
Latino/a and Latin American Studies major | Education minor
Pomona, California

First-generation college student Citlaly Madrid came to Oxy expecting to follow a premed track. But the liberal arts unlocked a love for Latin American history and the field of education. She spent a semester abroad in Santiago, Chile, and a two-week side trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina, inspired her senior comps research on women-led political movements in Argentina and Guatemala.

Through Oxy’s InternLA program, Citlaly worked for Children Mending Hearts, an organization that teaches empathy through the arts. Working closely with the executive director, she created lesson plans for educators and assisted with children’s art classes at a local YMCA. After graduation, she plans to pursue a master’s program in counseling and work as a high school college counselor in low-income communities. College was hard “especially in the beginning, navigating my classes and learning to be more independent from my family,” Citlaly says. “But I have definitely grown a lot at Oxy.”
Distinctive Programs

Getting Out the Vote

Every two years at Oxy, “Campaign Semester is this awesome opportunity to become involved in the process that you study in the classroom,” explains Madeline Scholtz, a Politics major from Denver. “For 10 weeks, you get a chance to completely immerse yourself in campaign life. After the election, you get to reflect on your experience and analyze the results of the elections all across the country. You get both the real-world experience out in the field and the academic component back on campus.”
MALCOLM SOWAH
Diplomacy and World Affairs major
New York City

When Malcolm Sowah transferred to Occidental as a junior, the first person he texted was his brother Welbeck, a 2018 graduate. Malcolm went on to participate in the Kahane Oxy-at-the-U.N. program, which offers students the opportunity to live in New York City and do hands-on work with agencies or diplomatic missions. Malcolm spent a semester interning at the United Kingdom mission, “which is quite unthinkable for an undergraduate,” he says. Before that he was active in both the African Students Association and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship on campus, and a club liaison as part of the student-run Diversity and Equity Board. “Occidental has enabled me to become more confident in myself,” says Malcolm, who hails from Ghana and hopes to work for an NGO on development issues in Africa. “That’s quite relevant in the world we live in—to be able to learn new things and take on new challenges.”
Global Explorations

Looking for perspective, experience and skills to become a leader in an interconnected world? More than 40 percent of all Oxy students study abroad for a full semester, typically during their junior year. With international partners on six continents, Oxy offers multiple routes to global leadership. Our extensive study abroad and research programs foster intensive cross-cultural learning and collaboration through language and cultural immersion, independent fieldwork and community-based learning projects. Get your passport ready to become a “Global Tiger!”

IAN VAN DUSEN
Geology major
Olympia, Washington

Ian has found it “surprisingly easy” to get his hands dirty studying ecosystem and climate change: He’s taken two Oxy-funded research trips to Iceland alongside Assistant Professor of Geology Darren Larsen. Digging around the clock for 10 days, the team sampled mud from an ancient lake that covered the last 12,000 years of time.
HANNAH HOEFS  
Marine Biology major  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Joining the Vantuna Research Group — Oxy’s marine lab — prompted Hannah to start earning her diving certifications. She has studied five key species of macroinvertebrates that live in the rocky reefs and kelp forests of Southern California. She also surveyed coral reef growth and recovery in Jamaica with Assistant Professor of Biology Amber Stubler.

NATALIA GUERRA  
Critical Theory and Social Justice major  
Chicago

Natalia has explored social justice dimensions in both the Netherlands and Mexico, making the most of Oxy’s opportunities to learn about the world in an active, global context. She joined Associate Professor of History Alexandra Puerto in Chiapas for an interdisciplinary research project exploring autonomous education in indigenous communities, work that was rooted in archival research and oral history.
Why I Teach

Oxy’s faculty come from all over the map, both geographically and intellectually. Our faculty are committed teachers, dedicated mentors and engaged scholars. Our 9:1 student/faculty ratio means that students get to know professors well during their time here, in many cases engaging in graduate-level research and creative endeavors. Faculty members serve as academic advisers, career mentors and lunch companions.

“What we really do is we foster a student/professor collaboration in terms of research and scholarship, both in the classroom and in the laboratory. And it allows student to pursue their own ideas. And I think this is unique at the undergraduate level. It’s not uncommon for a student to find their own research question, and pursue that from very early in their career, all the way through their majors and their comprehensive exams. I tell all my students: You’ll never be a number at Oxy.”

Kerry Thompson
Professor of Biology

NO EASY A’S
Barack Obama ’83 fondly remembers his undergraduate days at Oxy (he spent two years at the College)—even if his favorite professor, Roger Boesche, gave him a B in his political theory course. (The two reunited at the White House in 2009.)
“Having been a first-generation college student myself, the mentorship I received from my professors was pivotal to my academic and personal development. When I first visited Oxy, one of the first things that made me feel connected to the values of the campus was the importance that was placed on mentorship.”

Patricia Cabral
Assistant Professor of Psychology
Student Experiences
“Oxy students are utterly idiosyncratic. They have this crazy constellation of interests and abilities—like a student who plays the violin, majors in biology and saves the world through baking challah bread. There’s no making this up.”

Clair Morrissey
Associate Professor of Philosophy
My Oxy Experience

“Occidental has taught me to think both critically and unconventionally to create ethically based solutions. This kind of thinking will allow me to successfully pursue a career in marketing, despite the obstacles that may come my way.”

ANDREA DEVRIES
French Studies and Media Arts and Culture double major
Medford, Oregon

THE CLASS THAT CHANGED ME
“Transnational Cinemas: Borders, Walls, Difference was one of the most eye-opening courses I have taken. Throughout the course we grappled with topics stemming from transnationality and worked to dissect the ways in which we perceive the term ‘borders.’ This class challenged me and encouraged a deep level of self-reflexivity.”

MY STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE
“My study abroad experience—a fully immersive Media Theory program in Paris—was incredible and challenging. I was consistently pushed out of my comfort zone and grew more tenacious and independent. I had the opportunity to learn about media through an international lens, which paved a path for both a Global Crossroads Young Student Grant project and my senior comp in French Studies. I still keep in contact with my host mom and friends in Paris!”

WHAT I’LL MISS THE MOST AFTER OXY
“The energy in the classroom. My classes were very collaborative. Students pushed each other to think critically while still leaving space to engage with one another in a respectful way. I hope to bring this energy into my future endeavors.”
My Room

Julia d’Amours majored in Diplomacy and World Affairs at Oxy and is now attending law school at the George Washington University. Here’s a glimpse inside her world from her room in Berkus Hall.

1. Julia interned in NYC with the Guatemala mission through Oxy’s U.N. Program.
2. Julia traveled to Santiago, Chile, as a Young Initiative Grant recipient.
3. Neighboring Highland Park is an audiophile’s dream, with some of the nation’s premier vinyl record stores.
4. Julia co-hosted a weekly show as a DJ for radio station KOXY.
5. “La blouse romaine,” painted in 1940 by Henri Matisse. L.A. is home to a number of world-class art museums and galleries.
First-Year Living Options and Amenities

**BELL-YOUNG**
Close to Hameetman Science Center and Library.

**BRAUN**
Close to Sycamore Glen and Anderson Environmental Science Center. Includes compost bins to encourage sustainability at Oxy.

**CHILCOTT**
Close to Weingart Hall and Campus Dining. Includes even more compost bins.

**PAULEY MULTICULTURAL HALL**
Home to MLK Lounge (which hosts numerous clubs and activities) and Lavender Lounge (a space for students who identify as LGBTQIA+). Open to students all four years. Close to Sycamore Glen, HSC and Library.

**STEWART-CLELAND (“STEWIE”)**
Large patio with a great view of Los Angeles. Close to HSC and Library.
A blooming biologist from an early age,” Diego Zapata spent many hours exploring the ecosystems among the bluffs of the nearby Arroyo Seco: “I saw my neighborhood as an oasis with all these beautiful animals and plants.”

Diego became Oxy’s first director of the **Food, Energy and Sustainability Team (FEAST)**, which he expanded from a club to a student service with a mission of plurality, community and sustainability. The centerpiece is an organic garden, where produce is grown and chickens are raised by 13 dedicated students. FEAST has shown Diego that he can do biology but also organizing work. “I’ve learned a lot about gentrification and its impact on access to housing, green spaces for low-income individuals and other broader systemic processes. It has inspired me to work to change things for the better. If I had the opportunity to restart my undergraduate career,” he adds, “I would still choose Oxy.”
Know Your Oxy

SLICE
The Office of Student Leadership, Involvement & Community Engagement (SLICE) offers opportunities that center on identity construction, intercultural communication and community engagement; programming with purpose.

ICC
The Intercultural Community Center (ICC) is a student-centered space intended to spark dialogue, facilitate programming and enhance a sense of community at Oxy.

CULTURE OF CARE
Culture of Care is a College-wide support network that identifies and assists students who are struggling to cope with the challenges of college life. Oxy strives to be a community in which all faculty, staff and administrators work collectively to support our students.

DEB
Diversity and Equity Board (DEB) supports student- and faculty-led initiatives that foster a campus climate of inclusivity. This student-led branch of ASOC holds the College to its mission of diversity and equity.

Working closely with Gretchen North, the John W. McMenamin Endowed Chair in Biology, Diego researched the polyphagous shot hole borer, an invasive beetle that attacks many common native and landscape trees. After graduation, he is considering graduate studies, more community organizing work in Northeast L.A. or even running for City Council.
ZANDER GRANATH
Sociology major with an emphasis on Gender Studies
Salt Lake City, Utah

Zander Granath was captain of his high school swim team, but he wasn’t set on being a student-athlete at Oxy. When he walked on to the swimming and diving team as a first-year, “I was thinking, ‘Maybe one year,’” says Zander, who grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah. But he ended up loving the team culture and the novelty of swimming outside in winter. By his senior year, Zander was team captain and broke two school records as a member of the 800 and 200 free relay teams. For his senior comps project in sociology, he interviewed more than 20 gay men in Los Angeles in a study of queer and hyper-masculinity in online spaces. Zander ultimately hopes to work in social policy or foundations, using qualitative processes and data science to optimize social programs. With the discipline he honed at Oxy, he has a strong foundation to pursue his goals.

“It’s really cool to be part of the athletics family, and I’m definitely a better student when I swim.”
“Everyone has their greatest games but the moments I will miss the most is the feeling of playing with your friends.”

Nolan McCarthy
Baseball | Economics major
Portland, Oregon

Occidental competes at the NCAA Division III level as a charter member of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC). Oxy’s student-athletes participate in 21 intercollegiate sports (10 for men, 11 for women) and numerous club and intramural sports.
DISCOVER YOUR PASSION

Whether you’re a social activist with a few hours to spare, a dancer waiting to show the world your moves or a budding birdwatcher, there’s something for you on campus. With more than 100 active student organizations on campus, you’re bound to get inspired. But why stop at what you already are? Consider what you can become — and the beauty of Oxy is that if it doesn’t exist yet, anyone can create something new.

Tour guide Jordan Walker talks up Oxy to prospective families. An Economics major from Jamaica, New York, Jordan also participates in the Blyth Fund, a six-figure, student-managed investment portfolio.

Each spring in Keck Theater, Oxy’s New Play Festival brings working professionals (many of them alumni) in to work with student playwrights in staging their one-act plays. All students, regardless of their major, are encouraged to submit their original works.
TATIANA RAMOS-GALLARDO
Group Language major
Ashland, Oregon

Tati Ramos-Gallardo moved from Mexico to Oregon with her mother when she was 5. She didn’t speak any English at first and was regularly pulled out of her classrooms for ESL tutoring — an experience that left her feeling “different” and isolated from her peers. Those memories motivated her desire to empower others through communication.

While at Oxy, Tati co-founded Comparte, a student organization that offers English language workshops to local day laborers and College employees. “We are founded on a belief in popular education — we’re guided by what the workers need and want,” she says. Workshops place an emphasis on conversational skills that support imminent needs, such as negotiating wages and building job skills.

Now Tati is pursuing a career as a speech pathologist, focusing on children with communicative disorders. “I want to empower others to be able to communicate their needs,” she says, “because I know what it’s like to not be able to.”
Careers
“I first visited the Career Center as a first-year. Little did I know that I was beginning a four-year relationship with a family of mentors who would guide me over the course of my college career.”

William Huang
Economics major
Westminster, California
RUBY FEREHAWK
Mathematics major
Urban and Environmental Policy minor
Los Angeles

After venturing to the Midwest for her first year of college, Ruby Ferehawk returned to her hometown of Los Angeles to continue her academic career. She quickly came to appreciate Oxy’s smaller, more supportive campus community. “Whether I need to study for my midterm or I don’t understand a topic, my professors have open office hours for me, so I go and they answer my questions. I get to hang out, and sometimes there’s cake!”

DOUBLE DUTY
As a tour guide and Orientation Team leader for fellow transfer students, Ruby was already familiar with the Hameetman Career Center’s offerings. This familiarity, coupled with her enthusiasm for setting up meetings on campus, gave Ruby—who proclaims herself the “resume queen”—a head start in building her career skills.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT
InternLA “is the mother lode of what you can get out of the Career Center,” Ruby says. “They have 40 to 60 organizations that have pledged to have an Oxy intern for the summer. Then the Career Center gives you all the training you need to apply, including resume and interview workshops.”

BRAVE NEW WORLD
Ruby didn’t want her internship experience to center around math, so she took a position at Brave New Films, a social justice film nonprofit, where she was a development intern providing foundational and donor research. (Her math skills came in handy anyway organizing the database, “which is basically data science.”)
BESHAR ASHOURI
Cognitive Science major
San Dimas, California

Growing up in Syria, Besher Ashouri was eager to attend medical school in the United States—but he had to go to college first. “Initially, this seemed like a burden, but soon I developed a great appreciation for American undergraduate education,” he says. “It made sense that I should grow as a person and widen my perspectives before trying to help others. I learned much that is applicable to medicine from every course, even art history.”

Professors in Oxy’s Cognitive Science Department and Oxy’s pre-health adviser helped prepare him for applying to med school, and now he’s a student at Stanford University School of Medicine.

“Coming in I didn’t know about the plethora of services available to us as students,” he says. “The med school application cycle and the MCAT can be very time-consuming and stressful, but Oxy has the right resources to guide every student through the process.”

29%
Students with languages other than English spoken at home

17%
Students who are international or dual citizens
Alumni Excellence

Oxy encourages our students to see the world as an endless set of possibilities. Our faculty and curriculum prepare you to be a global citizen in the 21st century—someone who feels at ease crossing boundaries and borders, and approaches life’s questions with a strong moral and ethical compass.

72% were employed full-time
14% were enrolled in graduate school
93% of the Class of 2019 had secured a postgraduate opportunity within nine months after graduation

Bombas co-founder and CFO/COO Andrew Heath ’04, who majored in Economics, talks to Oxy students about the success of his premium sock company. Since its founding in 2013, Bombas has sold over 35 million pairs of socks and given away 35 million more.
Marissa Chan was taking a public health class at Oxy when she first encountered studies showing that Black women are the most overexposed and underprotected group when it comes to harmful chemicals in personal care products. She would later focus her senior comps research on the links between personal care product use and reproductive and developmental health outcomes, she says, “because it’s incredibly important to have Black women scientists doing work that impacts us.”

After she graduated from Oxy, the South L.A. nonprofit Black Women for Wellness hired Marissa as its environmental research and policy manager, and she is currently working toward a master’s in environmental health at Harvard. She intends to become an environmental epidemiologist once she gets her Ph.D. Marissa credits Oxy’s liberal arts approach with allowing her to develop not only as a student, but as a person who is able to give back to society.

“Professor Shamasunder really pushed me throughout my four years at Oxy. She expects a lot from her students, but I appreciated her high standards because it set me up well for my career.”
Careers at a Glance

It’s never too soon to start thinking about life after Oxy. The College’s Hameetman Career Center connects classroom learning to postgraduate opportunities. From individual career counseling to job-shadowing programs and internships, Oxy’s expert advisers help clarify academic and professional goals and develop strategies to achieve them. By the time you graduate, you’ll be ready for any challenge.

INTERNSHIPS

InternLA is a unique summer internship program that funds over 35 students to intern in Los Angeles-based organizations and companies in six broad sectors: business, policy, media, research, advocacy and the arts.

INTERNLA PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

- Downtown Women’s Center
- NBC Universal Media
- PIMCO
- Salesforce
- Warner Music Group

An Economics major from Cupertino, California, Phillip Wong served as a summer intern at the Data Science Federation — working with the Information Technology Agency for the city of Los Angeles — through InternLA.
Success Stories

A couple of jobs while at Oxy — working for an agent for commercial directors and an internship with a TV and film production company — led Rachel Goldfinger, a Media Arts and Culture major from Chicago, to a full-time gig as a development coordinator for DBP Donut, a branded entertainment production house founded by indie filmmakers Mark and Jay Duplass in Highland Park. “Regardless of their major, Oxy encourages students to be malleable and diverse in interests,” she says. “It arms you with this vocabulary to talk to people who may come from a different focus or industry. You just have to ask the right questions to learn.”

First-generation college graduate Stephanie Angulo, a Computer Science major from Sonoma, California, strives to promote inclusivity within the tech space. She created a tech blog on Instagram (#stephcodes) to bring awareness of intersectional diversity issues in tech, in addition to giving 6,000 followers resources to different technology- and diversity-related programs and events. As a computer science major at Oxy, she’s now a software engineer at VSCO (the creative content channel with more than 2 million users), working on the engagement team for iOS. Having interned with several tech industry giants — including Google, Facebook and Twitter — she says, “I just thought I would start off my career [where] I can make the most impact.”

WHO HIRES OXY GRADS?
Cambridge Associates
CBRE
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Cisco
City of Hope
Deloitte
Geffen Playhouse
Goldman Sachs
L.A. County Public Defender
L.A. Dodgers
Lockheed Martin
Microsoft
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
National Geographic
Netflix
Nielsen
Palo Alto Networks
Peace Corps
Stanford Law School
Westmount Asset Management

TOP 6 INDUSTRIES WHERE GRADS WORK
1. Banking and Investment
2. Technology
3. K-12/Higher Education
4. Research
5. Legal Services
6. Nonprofit/NGO
“Make and remake the world and you will make and remake yourself without even trying. You’ve got this. And we’re counting on you.”

Diplomacy and World Affairs alumna **Sara El-Amine ’07**, national director of training for President Obama’s 2012 reelection campaign
EVERY END IS A NEW BEGINNING