

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SPOTLIGHT



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Before this job, I was rejected from the Wellness Peer Educator Program. I felt discouraged because if I couldn't get a position that was related closely to my major—I wondered if I was even meant to go into psychology. But this experience led me to try other things, such as the Warren Peer Mentorship Program and working at the CSE Department! Through these I learned I loved mentoring and talking about the college experience. And I love sharing my passion for higher education with other students.

Q: What do you do and what makes your job unique? **A:** I work as an Academic Peer Advisor for the Computer Science and Engineering Department. My job is unique because I get to interact with such a wide variety of people. In the office we have undergraduates, graduates, international, transfer, and prospective students. It's amazing to see such a variety of people come into the CSE Student Affairs office. As well, my coworkers make the most stressful times fun. The people I work with are amazing and I feel very fortunate to witness their successes.

Q: Is this job in line with your long-term career goals? **A:** At first, I was interested in going into student affairs so working as an advisor originally fit into my long-term career goals. Since working with the CSE department, I've grown a lot and my career goals have changed, but I've still learned a lot of valuable lessons along the way. That being said, I initially took this position because I was working at Pines as a Lead and I felt like I had outgrown that position. Through working at the CSE department I felt I could learn a lot and develop different aspects of my personality.

Q: How did you find out about your current job? **A:** I actually found it through Port Triton. I was looking for a job where I could develop my professional skills and I happened to come across this one. I had previously worked at Pines and my supervisor knew the CSE Director of Student Affairs. He put in a good word for me and here I am two years later!

Final advice? Don't get discouraged while looking for a job. The job search can be as easy as applying to one job or as difficult as sending your resume to ten places and not hearing back from one. No matter what, keep sending out your resume. Use Port Triton as it's the easiest way to find a variety of jobs hiring UC San Diego students. Work on your resume. Even if you don't have experience you can add projects from class or past volunteer work. Finally, if you aren't sure of the field you want to go into, try a variety of things you are interested in. Even if you end up not liking something, at least you are one step closer to finding out what you do want to do. College is all about exploring your interests in order to figure out what you want to do in the future.

Do you have an awesome on-campus job? Do you love what you do and want to share your experiences with other students? If so, [contact us](#) and you may be spotlighted in future newsletters!