



# Engaging students for Extra-curricular Participation and Community-building

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# Who cares?

- ❖ You should!
- ❖ Student participation CAN have a direct, but certainly has an indirect impact on YOUR...
  - ❖ Research
    - ❖ Recruitment of Students
    - ❖ Small-scale funding
  - ❖ Teaching
    - ❖ Field trips
    - ❖ Informal feedback
    - ❖ Advising – group communication and getting to know your students (Recommendation letters?)
  - ❖ Service
    - ❖ Their service is often YOUR service

# What does “participation” mean?

- ❖ Showing up!
- ❖ Volunteering and Outreach
- ❖ Peer mentoring
  - ❖ Formal
  - ❖ Informal → “Hanging out”
- ❖ Research and Presentation
- ❖ Professional development
- ❖ ALL OF THESE ARE ACTIVE!!
  - ❖ Students must WANT to do this!

# Why DO students participate?

- ❖ Social reasons
  - ❖ Meet people
  - ❖ Stay involved
- ❖ Resume building
  - ❖ Professional Development
- ❖ Travel and Field Trips
- ❖ Because they like it!



# Why DON'T students participate?

- ❖ Time availability
  - ❖ Work and family obligations
  - ❖ Class schedules and Studying
  - ❖ Other extra-curricular interests
- ❖ Is it nerdy?
- ❖ Don't know what is available or how to get involved
- ❖ They don't recognize the benefits
- ❖ They simply don't want to!

# CalU Geology Club

## ❖ Stats

- ❖ Spring '07: Suspended → No budget
- ❖ 2007-08: \$500, 6 members
- ❖ 2011-12: \$10K, 47 members
- ❖ 2014-15: \$4500, 48 members

## ❖ How did we do it?

- ❖ You have to be the model
- ❖ Activities
  - ❖ Field Trips
  - ❖ Outreach - On-campus and off
  - ❖ Student support for travel and research
- ❖ Make it relevant: Resume-building, Social, Academic

# Extra-Curricular Benefits

- ❖ Community in your program
- ❖ Resume items
  - ❖ Field experience
  - ❖ Volunteerism
  - ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Professional development
  - ❖ Society Memberships, meetings
- ❖ Travel and Experience
  - ❖ Local and Regional
  - ❖ National (International?)
  - ❖ Potential Graduate Schools
  - ❖ Conference attendance/presentations



# Questions, Please!