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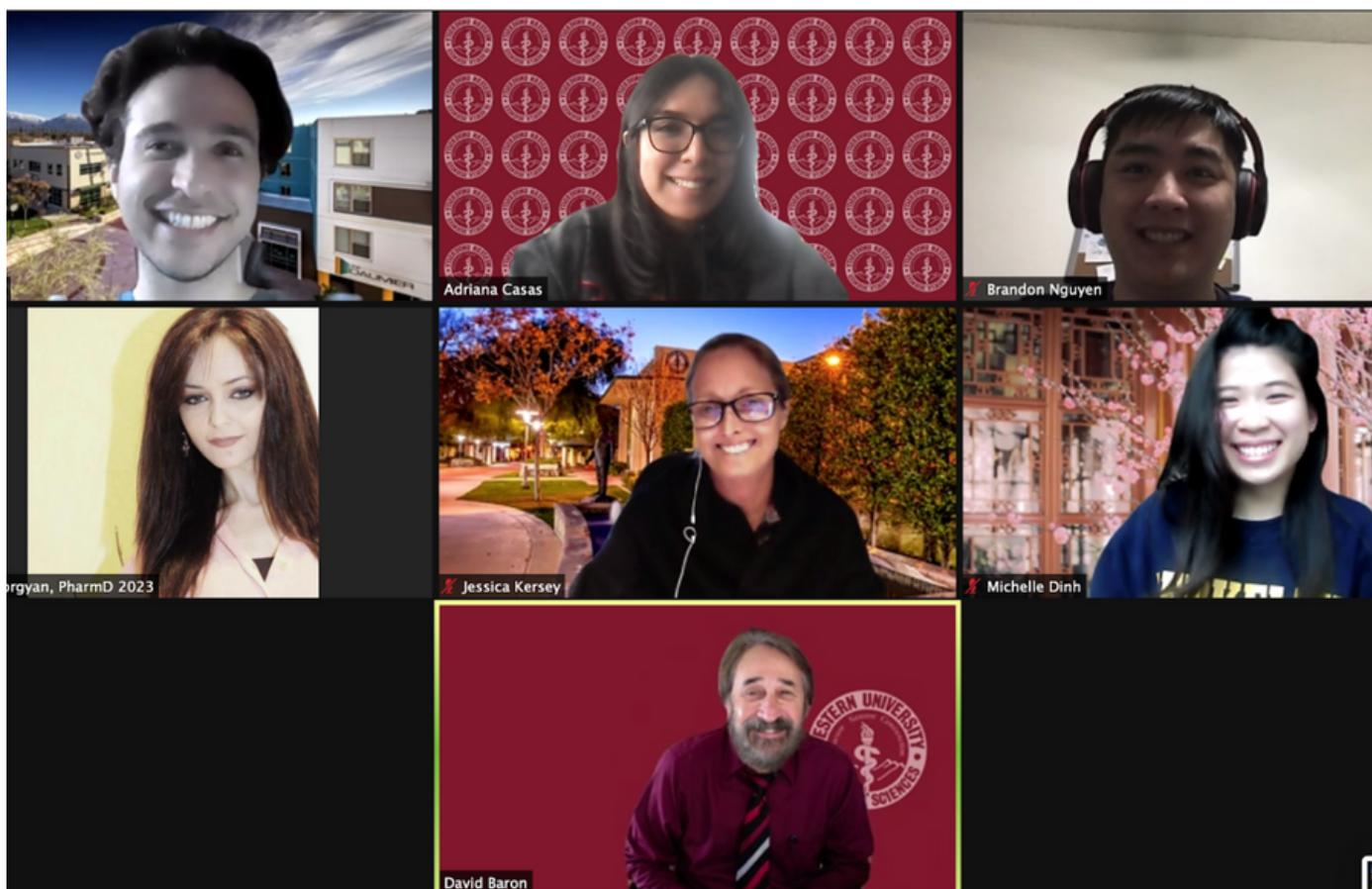
HAPPY MARCH 2021, FELLOW STUDENTS!

Good luck to all students on course exams, projects, board examinations and clinical assessments. As we get closer to May, or graduation month, we want to wish everyone success!

February was a short and quick month. New club officers were elected, COVID vaccines became available on the Pomona campus, and another group of WesternU students (COMP and CPM) returned to hands-on curriculum training. Even though much remains to be done, things are looking more positive than at this time 1 year ago.

As we arrive at the 1-year anniversary of the WHO announcing the COVID-19 pandemic and 1 year since we closed down on-campus learning, it is important to acknowledge the challenges this year brought as well as reflect on your achievements in the past year. Please make sure to let those who have been with you, in one way or another, know that they made a difference in your life.

It has been an honor to serve as your Executive SGA Officers during this year. We have been inspired by the actions of students that continued to provide services in communities and support each other. To the SGA Senators, Clubs and Organizations, thank you. You have supported your classes and the WesternU community as a whole! The pandemic has shown that WesternU students are capable of extraordinary resilience and service in the face of adversity.



MARCH PROVOST MEETING

Every first Wednesday of the month, Executive SGA meets with Provost Baron to address any concerns brought up by students. Please find our meeting summary below:

- **What information have you heard from the Dean’s Council about the changes in educational delivery?**
 - It is a work in progress and they are considering what is the new “normal” for the future.
 - The Deans and Dr. Baron would like feedback from students and open lines of communication in planning the new “normal”. They would like to know what courses are better online.
 - **Number one goal:** They do not want to compromise the quality of education.
- **Updates from LA County regarding opening anatomy lab, study rooms, and other on-campus curriculum / study rooms?**
 - California is expecting a gradual re-opening.
 - Safety of students is the number one concern.
 - As vaccination rates increase and no new variant presents a problem, we can expect to begin to slowly be back to normal in Fall 2021. The Coronavirus Response Team (CRT) is meeting regularly to discuss this possibility.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

- The search committee includes a representative from each WesternU constituent group (e.g. dean, faculty, students, administration)
- Our Student Representative is **Mario Gaddini, DO-Lebanon 2022**
- Mario was introduced at the Senate Meeting in March and looks forward to receiving feedback from students. He will provide updates to the Executive SGA board for senate meetings.

SHARED GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- **Executive SGA Member:** Michelle Dinh
- Next meeting in April
- Discussed the definition of "trust," "communication," and "consultation"

WSCUC WASC SENIOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COMMISSION STEERING COMMITTEE

- **Executive SGA Member:** Ashley Levanduski & Michelle Dinh
- WASC Senior College and University Commission will be visiting WesternU remotely for an accreditation visit on April 8-9. Results from the visit will be shared when they become available

HUMANISM SPG HUMANISM STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP COMMITTEE

- **Executive SGA Member:** Adriana Casas
- Next meeting: March 19, 2021
- Quarterly Progress Report was finalized in January 2021
- HEART officer job description has been approved

Welcome to

PRESIDENT | DOUGLAS WENG, DPM 2024

VP – POMONA | ANTHONY MCCOLGAN, DPM 2024

VP – LEBANON | SAAKSHI DULANI, DO 2024

TREASURER | PIERRE TRAN, DO 2024

SECRETARY | ALEXIS LLANERAS, DPM 2024

CLUB COORDINATOR | ELIKA SALIMI, DO 2024

the 2021-2022 Executive Board

Please join us in welcoming the newly elected members of the Executive SGA for the 2021-2022 term! This board has been an incredible experience for the current members and we wish the same excitement, opportunities for growth, and sense of accomplishment to the incoming leaders. These students will be your voice to University leadership. Their actions affect your time at WesternU greatly. Please tell them what you want to see continue or change, challenge their thought processes, and ask questions often. The Executive SGA is here to serve you.

Thank you for a great year!

WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

WC4BL

UNIVERSITY-WIDE TOWN HALL

You are cordially invited to the WC4BL Town Hall. The goal of the town hall is to allow **all students, faculty, staff, and administrators** to collaborate on change initiatives following the release of the first WC4BL Quarterly Progress Report. In this progress report, WesternU decision-makers provided details on health sciences-specific action items addressing **racial and social justice** on campus. The goal is to foster **transparency, accountability, and collaboration** as we work to make WesternU more **anti-racist and anti-biased** together! Please join us. **Your voice matters!**

THURSDAY | APRIL 1, 2021
4:00PM - 6:00PM PT | ZOOM

Zoom Meeting ID: 975 7403 3543
Passcode: 530081

check out the
MSMS newsletter

The Exec SGA newsletters released this academic year were intended to provide quick updates on our committee activities and to reflect our goal of transparency as we represented the student body. For our board's final newsletter, we are proud to highlight another newsletter that was shared with us by the MSMS 2021 program. The MSMS SGA board did an outstanding job incorporating cultural diversity (e.g. Lunar New Year and Black History Month), highlighting birthdays and spotlighting fellow students and local businesses into their February 2021 newsletter. Please see the newsletter attached in the email. We encourage all SGAs to find methods of communication that work for your respective classes and share your thoughts and creations with the student senate.