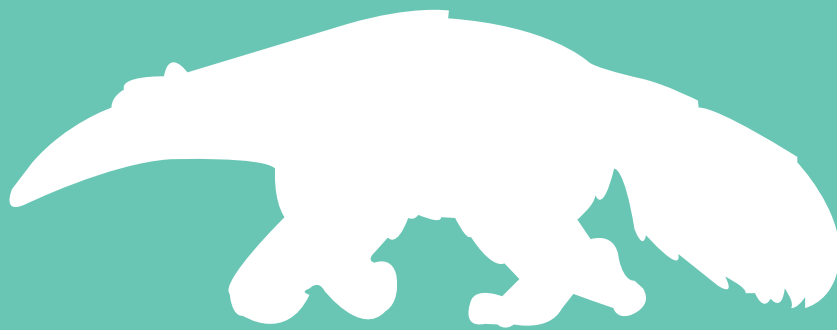


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# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

## THE NEWEST MEMBER

BY CINDY CHEN



Hi! My name is Cindy Chen and I'm excited to be a new intern at UCI PowerSave Campus. I am currently a second year majoring in Informatics, and I really enjoy nature, hiking, and spending time outdoors. I'm very passionate about global sustainability and I can't wait to work with PowerSave to promote energy efficiency and create a greener campus at UCI.

I am from San Jose, CA and it's nice to see the city putting more effort into creating a greener environment, from encouraging recycling to banning plastic bags at grocery stores. During high school, I worked with the Santa Clara Valley Water District as a youth commissioner to create programs and promote water conservation amongst the youth, which really stemmed my interest in sustainability, including energy efficiency.

I really look forward to working with the PowerSave Campus team here at UCI and hope to create a more sustainable campus!

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## SUSTAINING OUR FUTURE

BY JAENNA WESSLING

This quarter, the PowerSave Campus team hosted “Your Sustainable Future,” a Spring networking night that connected 20 students and professionals who shared a similar passion for sustainability! The night was filled with fun and delicious food funded by The Green Initiative Fund.

Students participated in a “speed-dating” style of networking, rotating between UC Irvine professionals and stakeholders from organizations around Orange County every fifteen to twenty minutes. Our professional participants were Heather Cieslak from Newport Bay Conservancy, Tyson Monagle from UCI Hospitality and Dining, Dr. Jessica Pratt, a professor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Global Sustainability, Melissa Falkenstien from UCI Student Housing, and



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Tera Dornfeld, a graduate student in Public, Policy and Design. Our group of student attendees also came from all different majors: Earth System Science, Urban Studies, Biology, Public Health, Psychology and Social Behavior, Philosophy, and Engineering

With the diversity of participants, the ultimate goal of this event was for everyone to feel comfortable and gain encouragement for the future. Students were able to gain advice from successful professionals to pave their own sustainable pathways. We hope that students may share their experiences from this event across the campus, and to their organizations, internships and peers.



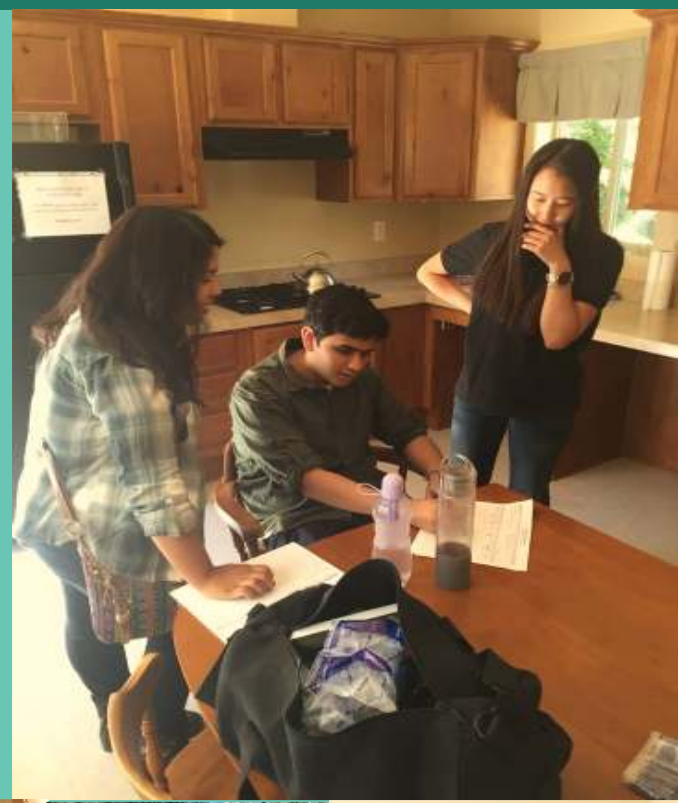
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Hope Pollard, a passionate associate of the Alliance to Save Energy and masters student at UC Irvine, is trying to help the University of California meet the carbon neutrality 2025 goal. With Hope's guidance, our PowerSave Campus team went to James San Jacinto Mountain Reserves for one weekend. This reserve is part of the UC Natural Reserve System and is located in Riverside County. There, the PowerSavers stayed overnight in the Trailfinders Lodge before beginning their audit the next morning. Up in the mountains, the team went from room to room, surveying the water, HVAC, plug loads, and lighting of each building.

# Reserves

BY BRIJ PATEL

Overall, the reserve seemed to be a well-constructed place with few changes to be made. The team found only a couple of potential modifications to improve the reserve's efficiency. An interesting fact about the reserve is that it is completely self-sustaining through the use of solar panels around the area.



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## STUDENT PANELS FOR POWERSAVE SCHOOLS

BY JANET ORTEGA

The UCI PowerSave team had the pleasure of being a part of a sustainable career panel for Henry T. Gage Middle School in Huntington Park, in collaboration with PowerSave Schools! Team manager Janet Ortega and PSC Alumni Jaimie Wan spoke to 6th, 7th, and 8th

graders about the college application process and the various opportunities in green careers. Along with the college discussion, the students took a brief pre-survey pertaining to college statistics. It was no surprise that these students knew so much about college already!

At the end of the panel, students had the opportunity to win swag items such as organic lollipops, PSC T-shirts, and an LED lamp. The Team had a great time interacting with the students, and cannot wait to participate in more student panels!

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## ECO-COUTURE

BY JACQUELINE KHA



Earlier in the quarter, Jacqueline partnered with community programmers Kate and Tiffany from the Residential Education Board (REB) to host Eco-Couture. The REB works within the housing communities on campus to develop a variety of educational programs. Our event was focused on informing residents of our housing communities the importance of repurposing household items. Such items can range from plastic bottles to T-shirts, as we demonstrated in our presentation.



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For example, a plastic water bottle can be turned into a piggy bank or a planter, which effectively cuts down on waste.

Eco-Couture instructed residents on how to transform an old T-shirt into a bag, which could then be used to carry groceries or other items. We had a number of artistic students show off their creativity skills, with end products featuring a banana and another with a Pikachu. This program showed that repurposing materials can be fun and being more eco-minded can be easy!



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