

Nicole (Niki) / JP Collaborative MIT- Rio Blog # 4

It was great to hear from a local student today who has made her way to MIT - The Massachusetts Institute of Technology - a world class university and seat of science on the planet. From Oxnard to Boston, this blog connects a superintendent of the Rio School District to a freshman (1st year woman student) at MIT who reached out to the District to help in these coronavirus times. Here is the second edition of the Q&A post;

Q10: What's been happening with your CovEd project since last time we talked?

Since we last talked, we have completely gone virtual! Through our online platform, we have already had 3378 mentors sign up from 275 different colleges as well as 1896 mentees. Students with their parents/guardians are able to register then sift through our mentor pool and directly request a mentor of their liking.

Here is how mentors can register:

Mentor Registration

FOR THE COVED WEB APP

1. Go to www.coved.org/register

2. In the "Role" dropdown, select "I'm a college student signing up to be a mentor."

3. Once you submit the form, your profile is set up. To make changes to your profile: sign in, click on "Profile" and click "Edit".

4. If a mentee requests you, you will receive an email with more information.

5. Before scheduling your first meeting, be sure to read the mentor guidelines, which can be found at coved.org/mentorguidelines.

Note: Once you are matched with a mentee, you can edit your profile and uncheck the box "List as an available mentor".

Here is our mentees can register:

CovEd has also partnered with local organizations, schools, and other non-profits to improve the learning experience of K-12 students as we continue to expand our platform.

For instance, we have partnered up with 6FTCloser. Through their partnership, we're starting a CovEd Gratitude Challenge to give our thanks to essential workers who are working around the clock to help people across the country during these times. Our goal is to reach 300 thank you videos by the end of this month!

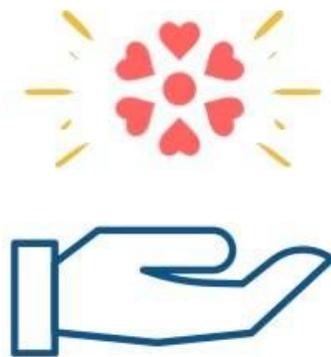
To thank an essential worker on behalf of CovEd, go to 6ftcloser.com/organizations and use our code EDU! You'll be assigned someone to give thanks to and be given instructions on how to submit your video.

We'll also be featured on 6FTCloser's instagram page! If you'd like your video to be in the post, please fill out the form bit.ly/coved6ft!

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Gratitude Challenge

We're so thankful for all our CovEd mentors who have helped continue students' education during these months! We wanted to take some time to thank essential workers who have not only also helped allow us to continue all of our education, but also many of the things we rely on on a daily basis.

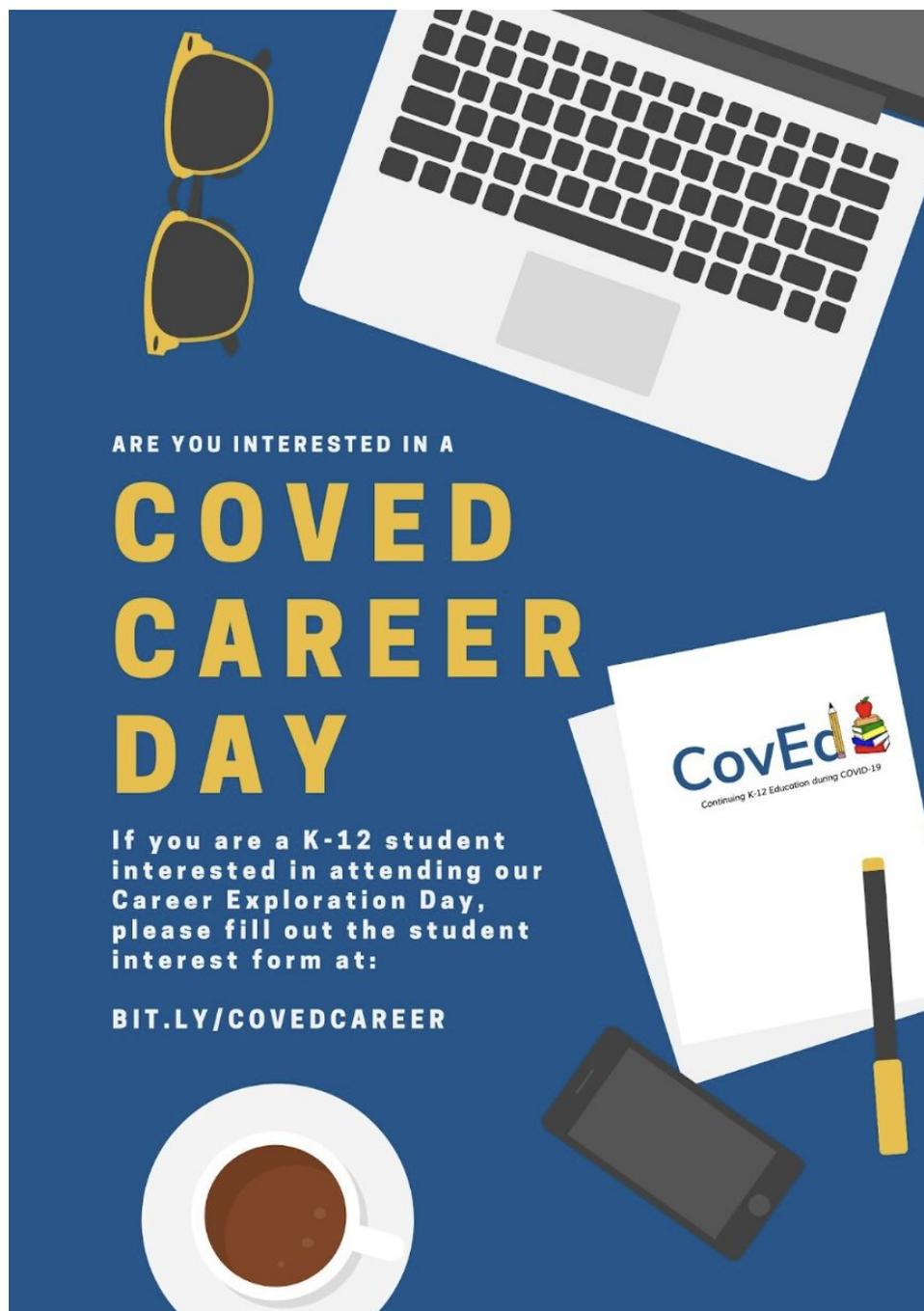


WE'RE PROUD TO PARTNER WITH 6FTCLOSER: A PLATFORM TO ENABLE ANYBODY TO **SEND A 1:1 PERSONALIZED THANK YOU VIDEO** TO A FRONT LINE WORKER WHO IS HELPING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19.

OUR GOAL IS TO REACH AT LEAST **300** THANK YOU VIDEOS BY THE END OF THIS MONTH! YOU CAN MAKE THE VIDEO BY YOURSELF OR WITH YOUR MENTEE BY SCREEN RECORDING DURING A MENTORING SESSION AFTER RECEIVING PARENTAL CONSENT TO DO SO.

PARTICIPATING IS SIMPLE, FREE AND TREMENDOUSLY IMPACTFUL. ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU MAKE A QUICK 45-SECOND VIDEO AND UPLOAD IT TO **6FTCLOSER.COM/ORGANIZATIONS** WITH THE COVED CODE IN THE FORM:
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We have also started a Speaker Series for students who are interested in learning more about future opportunities. For example, we had a virtual career fair that was very successful (so stay tuned for the details on the next!). We had over 160 undergraduates from over 75+ colleges speak to over 500 high school seniors about their college experiences. We also had panels on Financing College, Pre-Law, Pre-Medicine, Engineering, Diversity, and Liberal Arts Colleges.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A

COVED CAREER DAY

If you are a K-12 student interested in attending our Career Exploration Day, please fill out the student interest form at:

[BIT.LY/COVEDCAREER](https://bit.ly/covedcareer)

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We have also had a Speaker Series event on public speaking and other necessary skills for a transition to adult life.

Furthermore, our next event is a career day for all ages! It's this upcoming weekend (May 23-24). This event will feature seven panels with professionals offering their insight and experience to CovEd students. Panel topics include:

- STEM
- Medicine and Healthcare
- Economics, Law, and Politics
- Arts and Humanities
- Non-profit/Advocacy
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Education

To register to attend our upcoming Career Day (May 23-24), click [here](#)

And checkout our [facebook event page!](#)

Can't make the event? Don't worry! We'll have more events in the future!
(<https://www.coved.org/event>)

CovEd Virtual Career Exploration Day

SAT, MAY 23RD 11 - 5 P.M. ET

- Advocacy/Global Health/Non-profit Panel, 11-1 P.M.
- STEM Panel 1-3 P.M.
- Medicine and Healthcare Panel 3-5 P.M.

SUN, MAY 24TH 11 - 5 P.M. ET

- Diversity and Inclusion Panel 11-1 P.M.
- Education Panel 1-2 P.M.
- Arts and Humanities Panel 2-4 P.M.
- Economics, Laws and Politics Panel 3-5 P.M.

**REGISTER
AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/Y9AG3CA4](https://tinyurl.com/y9ag3ca4)
AND VISIT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/Y7V7US4L](https://tinyurl.com/y7v7us4l)
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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The CovEd Speaker Series Presents

Career Exploration Day

May 23rd & 24th

Advocacy and Non-Profit

May 23rd
11PM-1PM EST/
8AM-10AM PST

Lauren Borrill- *Camp Kesem*
Aparna Kachoria- *Red Cross*
Vincent Lin - *Partners in Health*
Kimberly Newman- *Murdock Charitable Trust*
Ben Shea- *Rotaract/Rotary International*
Tony Shu- *Breaktime*
Diep Vuong- *Pacific Links Foundation*

STEM

May 23rd
1PM-3PM EST/
10AM-12PM PST

Sade Abraham, M.Ed *Neuroscience/ Education*
Mami Iwamoto, MD- *Ophthalmology/Surgeon*
Talia Hatkovich, PhD- *Geneticist, PGMed*
Jazzy Quinabo- *Construction/Civil Engineer*
Aimee San Jose- *Biomedical Engineering*
Xu Simon, PhD- *Scientist*
Brigette Wallace- *Tech Startup: Dudley Visions SkyLab and G|Code*

Medicine and Health Care

May 23rd
3PM-5PM EST/
12PM-2PM PST

Edward Brown, MD- *Dentist*
James Burns, MD- *Otolaryngeal (Throat) Surgeon*
Tamryn Gray, PhD, RN- *Cancer Outcomes Researcher*
Latrice Landry, MD- *Precision Medicine Doctor*
Anh T. Nguyen, MD- *OB-GYN*
Michael Payne, MD- *Gastroenterologist*
Sarah Pitts, MD- *Pediatrician*
Eve Wittenberg, PhD, MPH- *Public Health Decision Scientist*
Barbara Wu, MD- *Dentist*

Sign up here →

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Diversity and Inclusion

May 24th
11AM-1PM EST/
8AM-10AM PST

Sade Abraham- *First Gen/ Women in STEM*
Joan Hunter, MD- *Medicine/Leadership*
Sheila M. Nutt, Dr.Ed- *Education/Women in STEM*
Jessica Sanon- *Women in STEM/ syStemic flow*

Education

May 24th
1PM-2PM EST/
10AM-11AM PST

Dr. Jeffrey Grossman- *Materials Science*
Leah Hinkle- *Education Specialist*
Amy Reed- *High School IB Head/English Teacher*
June Tener- *High School Teacher*

Arts and Humanities

May 24th
2PM-4PM EST/
11AM-1PM PST

Dr. Genevieve Dempsey- *Ethnomusicology*
Whitney Henion- *Architect*
Lisa Rosowsky- *Visual Art and Design*
Jasmine Shao- *Youtube*
Najya Williams- *Writer*
Cat Zhang- *Journalist*

Economics, Law, Politics

May 23rd
3PM-5PM EST/
12PM-2PM PST

Rosa Baum- *JD/MPP Dual Degree Student*
Adam Bonin- *Lawyer*
Susan Carney Lynch- *Counsel for Elder Justice*
Jiacheng Feng- *Economics PhD Student*
Sarah Powazek- *Political Intern*
Lisa Tucker- *Law Professor*

Also, from our numbers, you can see that we have so many more mentors than mentee. Therefore, our main focus right now is reaching out to as many communities who would benefit as much as we can. But also, we are working on brainstorming ideas to help students in rural areas without devices, such as converting online educational resources to those that could be printed out or accessed with less stable Internet.

Finally, we had originally set June 30 as the date for which to pause our matching services. However, we decided to continue due to high demand from K-12 students. (We are currently assessing the number of mentors who would be willing to volunteer over the summer).

Q11: What's your advice for promoting 8th graders and graduating high school students as they complete this strange 2019- 2020 school year?

Dear graduates of middle and high school,

2020 has been very odd with many unpleasant events occurring, one after the other. But, as cheesy as it may sound, there is always a bright side to things! You're living through a historical event. Take this not as a setback or barrier to plans you had made but rather as an opportunity to explore new skills within your household or reflecting on betterment of yourselves in any way! Also, what other class can say that they had a virtual graduation or promotion because of a worldwide pandemic?

Q12: Can you share something about a teacher or teachers who made a difference in your life?

Dr. Sidhu was my teacher at Rio Mesa for AP Biology and two years of IB Chemistry HL. She wasn't just mine and my classmate's favorite teacher. She cared so deeply about each and every one of us that she was our Mom. She made us feel very welcome in her classroom. She always wants the best for us, back then and even now. She never hesitated to let us know that she's here for us. She always went above and beyond to help us academically and emotionally. I know that everyone who has ever had her can agree that they miss randomly wandering into Room 11 to even just say *Hi* to her. She also immersed us in the Indian culture! We would watch hilarious yet deep Indian movies like *Three Idiots* and bond over it during our holiday potlucks. To give us good luck during exams, she would bring us mixed nuts that she used in her prayers at the temple and let us know when to wear yellow (Education Goddess). When my class graduated, she framed a reference from *Three Idiots* for us to take to college. With Dr. Sidhu by our side, we can be rest assured that *Aal Izz Well*.