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PRESS RELEASE

San Diego State University student reveals findings on income disparities and race

SAN DIEGO — White alumni have higher income than alumni of color in the San Diego State University School of Journalism & Media Studies — but why? Could it be differences in major, experience or other factors?

Kelly Lee, an undergraduate public relations senior, will present her interesting findings at the ninth annual Student Research Symposium on March 4-5. She is one of the 551 students who will showcase research, scholarship and creative activities to the SDSU community.

“It’s so important for future generations, especially those growing up in low socioeconomic areas, to learn about what types of careers and the diversity conditions are out there,” Lee said. “My research will bring attention to ethnic diversity in the field of journalism and media studies, as well as making students more aware of their career choices.”

Lee is also involved in extracurricular on campus such as serving as Vice President of Public Affairs for SDSU Professional Studies and Fine Arts College Council, Kappa Delta Sorority and is Director of Internal Affairs in the Public Relations Student Society of America chapter at SDSU. She is expected to graduate in May.

Her findings reveal that white alumni tend to major more in public relations, which is also the major with the highest income compared to other majors in the department.

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Alumni of color tend to major in media studies, which is the major reporting the lowest income rates. On average, alumni of color have fewer years of professional experience.

As the number one small-research university in the nation, SDSU students will step up their research game by recognizing the outstanding scholarly achievements of both SDSU undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. This two-day forum will be held at the Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union at SDSU.

To receive more information regarding the SRS, please visit srs.sdsu.edu.

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About Student Research Symposium

The Student Research Symposium is a two-day forum recognizing the outstanding scholarly accomplishments of SDSU students. The SRS provides a public forum where SDSU students present their research, scholarship or creative activities. Presentations, whether oral, poster, exhibit or performance, are organized by academic disciplines with divisions for undergraduate, master's and doctoral students.