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# SISTERS Annual Report



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# Message From the Co-Leads

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Welcome to the SISTERS Annual Report! SISTERS stands for Success in Science and Technology: Engagement with Role-models. Our organization aims to facilitate group meetings using a role-model approach to encourage middle school girls within the Riverside Unified School District to attend college and pursue careers in STEM. Our meetings are led by the female Science Ambassadors to ensure that our SISTERS have strong female role models in STEM.

Our role models also include STEM professionals who champion interactive and demonstrative mentorship across all disciplines and offer insight into their careers, education, and the hardships they overcame to get to where they are now.

All of our information including social media, website, and calendar can be found at this linktree: [inktr.ee/cnassisters](https://inktr.ee/cnassisters).

Thank you for your support and for reading.

# SISTERS Events & Activities

Our Project held meetings bimonthly on alternating Wednesdays and we were able to participate in and host four in-person events this year.

**10/25/2023**

Virtual: SISTERS x BROTHERS Leadership Introductory Panel

**11/08/2023**

Virtual: UCR Graduate Student Panel with Ph.D. students Jenny Wong (Evolution, Ecology, & Organismal Biology) & Jane Zheng (Chemical & Environmental Engineering)

**11/16/2023**

In-Person: Fall 2023 RUSD Ignite Her Mind

**11/29/2023**

Virtual: Learning the Basics of Coding with Sakshi Nikte (UCR undergraduate student, Data Science)

**01/31/2024**

Virtual: Career in Pharmaceuticals with Pharmacy student Marilyn Carrasco (Western University of Health Sciences) & UCR Mini Medical School presentation on Vaccines

**02/07/2023**

Virtual: Coins and Algorithms with Dr. Sarah Yeakel (UCR Assistant Professor, Mathematics)

**02/21/23**

Virtual: Learn About Biochemistry with Dr. Stephanie Dingwall (UCR Associate Professor, Biochemistry)

**03/14/2023**

In-Person: Spring 2024 RUDS Ignite Her Mind

**04/22/2023**

In-Person: Arlington High School Biomedical Sciences Student Day

**05/06/2023**

In-Person: Madison Elementary School STEAM Day

# Attendance Summary

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**Total Number of Hours Worked by  
SISTERS Leadership**

**150 hours**

**Total Number of CNAS Science  
Ambassadors Involved**

**23 students**

**Total Number of RUSD Student  
Involved**

**92 students**

# **Faculty/Staff/RUSD Collaboration**

## **2 RUSD Schools Collaborated With:**

Madison Elementary School  
Arlington High School



SISTERS worked with Ms. Julia Smith, the RUSD Science Coordinator, for communication with RUSD, sending out teacher and student interest forms, emailing event flyers created, and coordinating our in-person and virtual meetings.

The Co-Leads served as liaisons between SISTERS and RUSD to maintain and ensure the coordination and communication of meetings and events.

# Financial Summary



This year marks the second year that SISTERS has been an active student organization on the UCR campus and received funding from the ASUCR office. This funding was kept in our ASUCR account and managed by the SISTERS Co-Lead Anastasia Farronan. In addition to this funding, SISTERS receives support from our incredible donors and supporters who believe in our organization's mission.

In previous years, we did not use any of our funding for meetings and events. This year, we allocated all our ASUCR funds for tabling materials for various CNAS events and for the two in-person events held in Spring 2024. The total spending amounted to approximately \$1,100.

# **New Developments**

**Provided non-Science Ambassadors the opportunity to become members of SISTERS.**

**Hosted two in-person events.**

**Increased interactive activities for students to learn about diversity within STEM in a hands-on manner.**

**Collaborated with UCR student organizations.**

**Started planning to collaborate with schools outside RUSD and various CNAS departments.**



# Additional Project Information

This year, SISTERS continued our new media outreach initiatives via Instagram, reaching over 300 followers. The account has grown by more than 100 followers since last year. We also actively participated in various tabling events on campus, including the CNAS R'STEM Fair and ASUCR Womxn in Unity.

Our LinkTree organized all of our media and communications initiatives seamlessly and helped SISTERS gain more prevalence this year.

Under the SISTERS Co-Lead Sakshi Nikte, monthly newsletters were reinstated highlighting women in STEM with aesthetic UI/UX design. Our newsletters reached an audience of 150+ readers.



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# Future Directions

- ◆ **Use SISTERS bank account funds for take-home science projects.**
- ◆ **Increase number of in-person events.**
- ◆ **Get more RUSD students involved.**
- ◆ **Coordinate more outreach and in-person presentations on SISTERS at the RUSD schools.**



# Thank You



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