

The School of Physical Sciences presents

Anteater Spotlight

Tina Geller

Meet Tina Geller, a fifth year Earth System Science and Psychology & Social Behavior double major, with a minor in Global Sustainability. Tina's involvement at UCI and her numerous accomplishments, are why she has been selected our Anteater Spotlight student.

Tina is from Studio City, California. When she came to UCI as a first year, she was Undergraduate/Undeclared. Because she didn't have a particular career pursuit in mind, she was trying to find something that she was passionate about that could hopefully guide her future plans. She took a Psychology class in her first year and loved everything about it, so she decided to pick it up as a major.. Then, during fall quarter of her second year, she took an Earth System Science course and although she wasn't planning to double major, she really loved the class and realized that was something that she would want to pursue.

This fall quarter, Tina is going to be joining Professor Jefferson Moore's lab in the Earth System Science department. She will be helping research nutrient input to oceans by major rivers and how that affects ocean biogeochemistry using a model. She is certainly

When it comes to getting involved at UCI, Tina has some suggestions for new students. She suggests checking out a bunch of different club meetings and seeing which clubs are of most interest to you. Going with a friend is even better so that it's less intimidating. She claims that joining clubs helps combat homesickness if you're away from home, helping you find your home at UCI if you may be living off-campus or commuting. Moreover, in order to be successful, Tina recommends seeing professors and TAs during their office hours. By doing this, she has noticed that Professors and TAs aren't as intimidating as they originally seem. One time when she went to a Professor's office hours, they talked about cats for 30 minutes! Tina also advocates the importance of self-care so that you can become as successful as possible.

Tina is thinking about pursuing a career in higher education in her future. When she graduates, she wants to take a gap year before applying to grad school. During this time, she'd like to get an internship, do some research, and narrow down her future plans.

Congratulations Tina! We know that you will accomplish everything you put your mind to!



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