

JILL STEIN

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"CSU Channel Islands is very near and dear to my heart," says Jill (Escobar) Stein.

The sentiment is based not only on Stein's own college experience, but also on the fact that CI is "near and dear" to those closest to her heart.

She and her husband, Justin, met at CI while obtaining their undergraduate degrees. He completed his master's degree at CI, and she is currently enrolled in the University's dual-degree M.B.A. and M.S. in Biotechnology program. Both of her siblings graduated from CI.

"We are, literally, a CI family," she says.

However, the sense of family Stein associates with the University goes beyond familial ties. "CI's smaller student population enables students, faculty and staff to develop relationships on a deeper level," she says. "This provided the foundation for my strong affiliation with CI."

Stein currently works as the Human Resources Supervisor for iPayment, a financial services company located in Westlake Village. She is a recent graduate of the company's first Leadership Development program. Participants, who are hand-selected by department vice presidents, are identified as those with the highest potential to fulfill future leadership roles.

"I love what I do and the people I get to work with," says Stein. "I'm grateful for the confidence placed in me, and that my hard work and long hours are recognized. As a millennial, this is important. Millennials need to know that there is opportunity to grow and advance."

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