**Student Support and Advocacy**

**PMA STUDENT PROGRAMS OFFICE**

Nam K. Ung: Director of Student Programs, namung@caltech.edu  
Mika Walton: Graduate Affairs Coordinator, mika.walton@caltech.edu  
Belen Maria: UG Affairs & Course Coordinator, belenmh@caltech.edu

The SPO provides overall student support and advocacy for the Division. We put on programs, facilitate your funding and payroll, track and support your academic progress, assist with petitions and leaves, consult on challenging situations, help you navigate sensitive conversations with faculty, etc. If you need support in these areas, or are unsure about who to seek out, contact us.

**Department Concerns**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Astronomy: Andrew Howard, ahoward@caltech.edu  
Math: Tom Graber, graber@caltech.edu  
Physics: David Hsieh, dhsieh@caltech.edu

The Executive Officer oversees the administration and affairs of your department. You may seek EOs out for individual support and for option-wide concerns.

**Academic Support**

**GRADUATE OPTION REPRESENTATIVES**

Astronomy: Lynne Hillenbrand, lwh@astro.caltech.edu  
Math: David Conlon, dconlon@caltech.edu  
Physics: Ryan Patterson, rbpatter@caltech.edu

Your first point of contact for academic advising is your academic (Physics G1s) and/or research adviser (those who have one). Those without an adviser may seek the Graduate Option Rep for academic support. The Graduate Option Rep also provides guidance on questions or exceptions on policy, academic milestones, and petitions.

**Discrimination and Harassment**

**EQUITY AND TITLE IX OFFICE**

https://titleix.caltech.edu/

Hima Vatti: Title IX Coordinator, hima.vatti@caltech.edu

Equity & Title IX addresses issues of unlawful discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and other individual characteristics protected by federal and state law. Unlawful discrimination and harassment encompass racial harassment, sexual and gender-based harassment, and sexual misconduct. You may always go to Nam Ung or your EO for confidential guidance.

**Peer Support and Involvement**

Graduate Student Advisory Board: Nam & Mika  
TA Fellow for Math TA support: Elliott Gesteau, egesteau@caltech.edu  
TA Fellow for Physics & Astro TA support: Maria Derda, mderda@caltech.edu  
Gender Minorities and Women in PMA (GWIPMA): Ivey Davis (idavis@astro.caltech.edu) & Samantha Wu (scwu@astro.caltech.edu)

PMA houses a number of student organizations that provide programming, education, and engagement.

Are you still unsure? Contact a member of the Student Programs Office listed above.