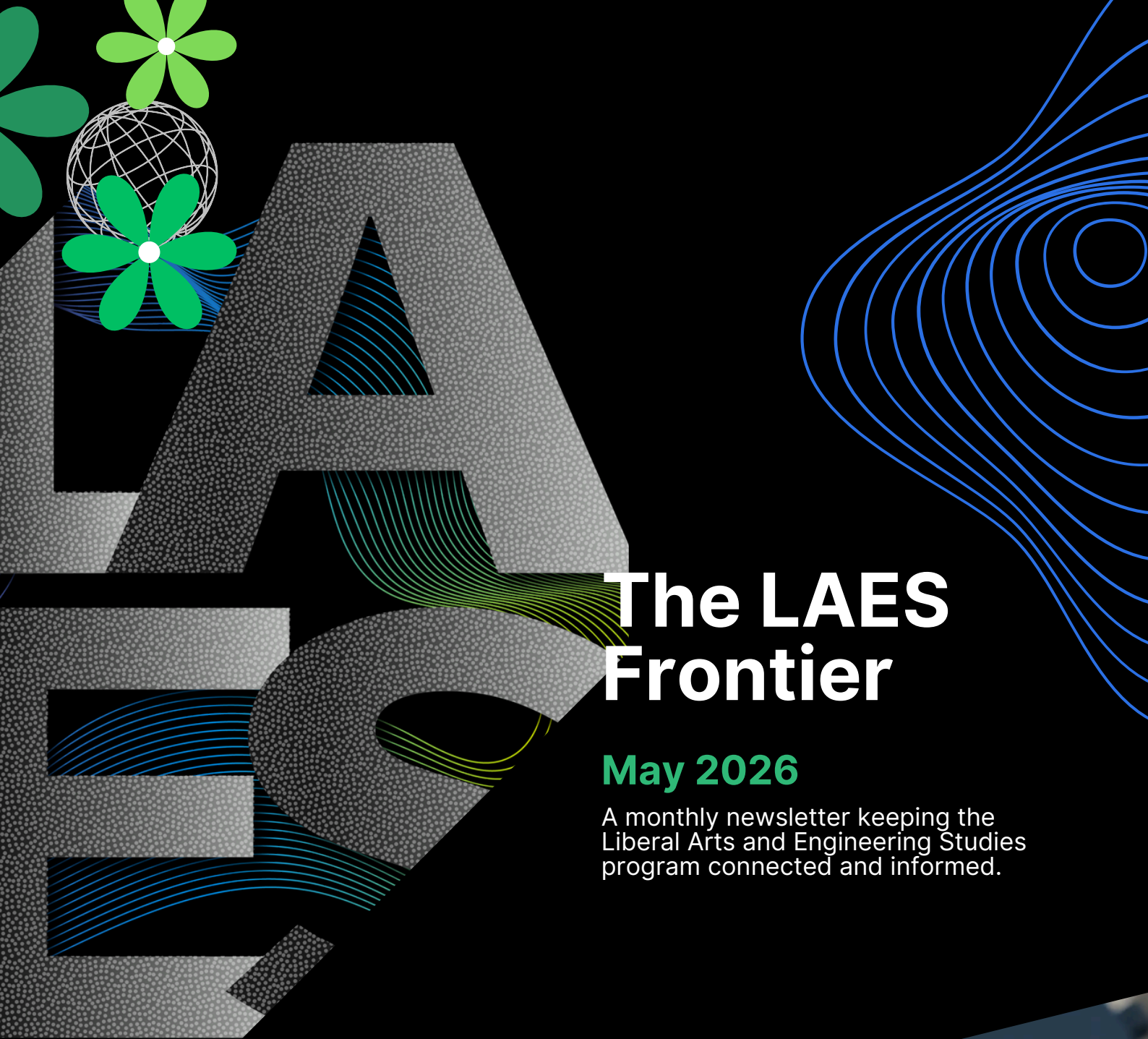




The LAES Frontier

May 2026

A monthly newsletter keeping the Liberal Arts and Engineering Studies program connected and informed.

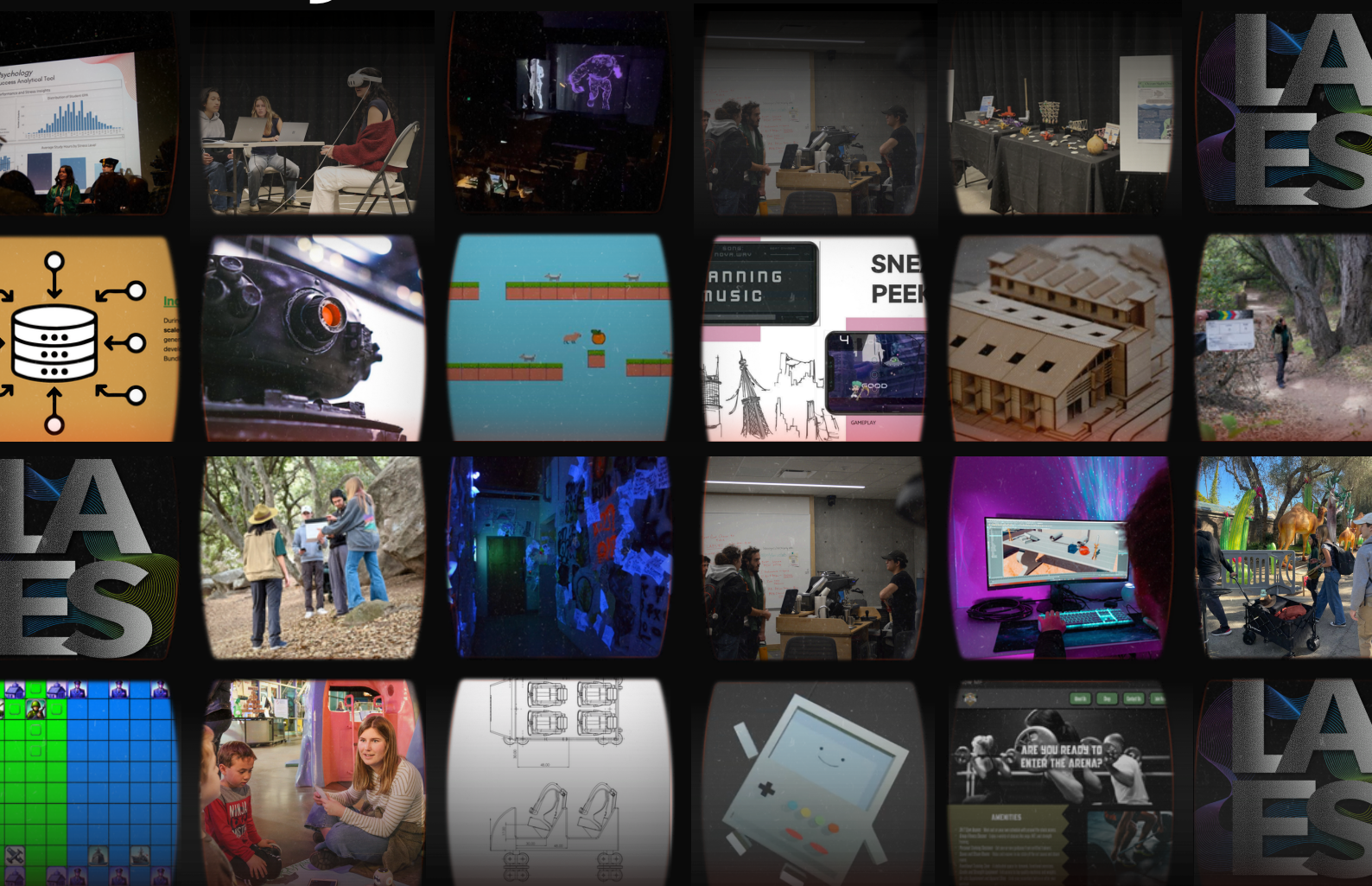
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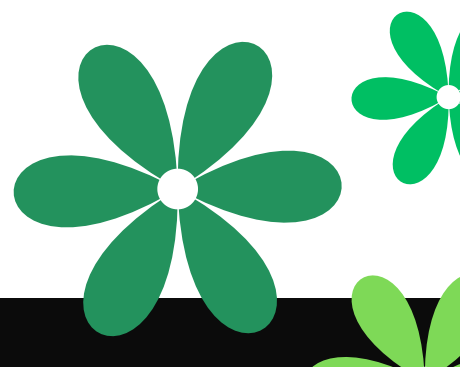
International Collaboration

During the first week of spring quarter, LAES seniors Camila Yeremin and Lori Gavia travelled to Brimingham City University in the UK to help facilitate a 4-day international design charrette between twenty LAES/Cal Poly students and 35+ BCU students. Students created ideas and new approaches for two projects that are in continuing development in the LAES program:

- Developing more immersive educational spaces and activities for the Santa Barbara Zoo
- Developing interactive storytelling and media components for a live demonstration of the Cal poly Expressive Technology Studios

This charrette was also the first event to arise from the newly approved and signed MOU between BCU and Cal Poly. Check out this 90-second video BCU released about the results of this collaboration.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXILo2ViWGw>



Upcoming Events

May 4th, 10:15am

LAES Guest Speaker: Matt Schnittker, Senior Manager of Technology at Walt Disney Animation Studios

- Frost Center LAES Lab (181-101)
- Matt, a Cal Poly alum, has had an accomplished career at Walt Disney Studios and is eager to connect and share real-world, industry perspectives. He was a software developer for 15 years before a transition to project management. He is particularly interested in LAES and excited to engage.
- Learn more about Matt [here](#)

May 21st, 4-5pm

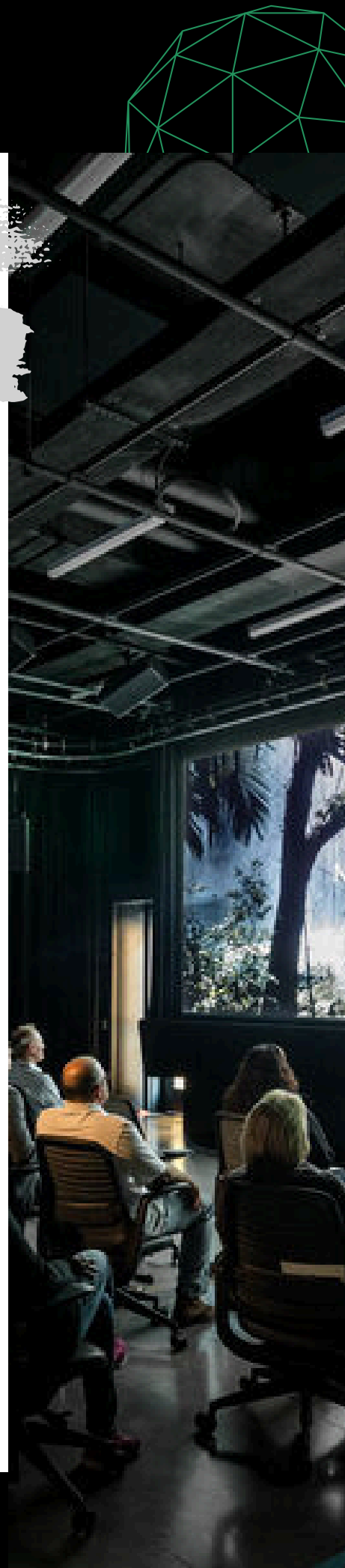
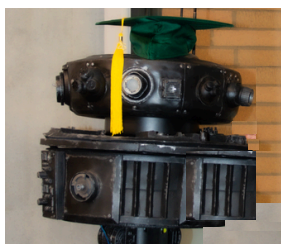
Rafael Montero Presents "Arete Guasu" (Fiesta Grande)

- A free participatory vocal performance accompanied by electronic sounds and videos
- Frost Center Expressive Technology Studios (181-104)
- Learn more about the event and the artist [here](#)

June 13th, 3-5pm

LAES Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony

- Frost Center Expressive Technology Studios (181-104)



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Commencement Ceremony Survey

Graduating Seniors - help us celebrate you!

Please let us know details for LAES commencement such as number of guests, a photo of you, and information about your senior project via this form: [LAES Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony – Fill out form](#)

Portfolio Builder

On the internship or job hunt? Make sure your portfolio is ready!

Use [Site Crafter Studio](#) for a step for step guide that will help you stand out in the job market! Created by 2023 LAES graduate Nicole Arcolino.

More Alumni Needed for Newsletter Spotlights

Help us build our LAES community

LAES Alumni, we need your help! Please [Complete this brief form](#) so we can spotlight you. Thank you for your time and support of the program.

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